
Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on Feedback Received from the Ōrākei Local Board Area

Purpose

To summarise feedback received from residents of the Ōrākei Local Board area on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.

Executive Summary

Overall, 85 submissions were received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented four per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

- 89 per cent supporting expanding council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 92 per cent supporting working with businesses to reduce construction and demolition, plastic and organic waste
- 84 per cent supporting the expansion of the council's network of Community Recycling Centres
- 80 per cent supporting advocacy for product stewardship and container deposit schemes

Submitters also included a number of comments on the food scraps collection and a range of other issues.

Context

This report is provided to the local board summarising the consultation feedback received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from their area. The report covers the key consultation topics raised, primarily, through feedback form.

This report only covers formal submissions received by 28 March 2018. Late or informal submissions have not been included in the analysis due to time constraints.

Waste-related feedback given through the Long-term Plan consultation process is not described in this report. This is covered in attachment A which summarises all feedback received from the board area on the long-term plan, including on waste issues.

A report summarising all submissions from across the region to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 is available on the Auckland Council website: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/Hearing-documents.aspx?HearingId=202>. The Waste Hearings Panel will consider this report when they meet from 30 April to 11 May.

The final plan will then be approved by Environment and Community Committee on 12 June 2018.

Overview of Submissions

At the close of the submission period on 28 March 2018, 6,758 submissions had been received online and in hard copy form. 96 submissions were provided by video and drawings.

4,605 of the submissions received were pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance. These did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. They are therefore not included in the statistics for the local board below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below. 85 (four per cent) were from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Table 1: Number of Submitters by Local Board Area

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Albert-Eden Local Board	172	8%
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	97	5%
Franklin Local Board	57	3%
Great Barrier Local Board	7	0%
Henderson-Massey Local Board	99	5%
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	114	5%
Howick Local Board	173	8%
Kaipātiki Local Board	97	5%
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board	51	2%
Manurewa Local Board	112	5%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board	100	5%
Ōrākei Local Board	85	4%
Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board	50	2%
Papakura Local Board	68	3%
Puketāpapa Local Board	35	2%
Rodney Local Board	190	9%
Upper Harbour Local Board	57	3%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Waiheke Local Board	75	3%
Waitākere Ranges Local Board	96	4%
Waitematā Local Board	130	6%
Whau Local Board	88	4%
Regional	1	0%
Not Supplied (non ARA)	174	8%
Outside Auckland	25	1%
*Not Supplied ARA	4,605	

Breakdown by Submission Type

As shown in Tables 2 and 3 below, submissions were received in various forms, including on the feedback form (on-line and written), long-form submissions, pro forma submissions and informal submissions including videos and drawings.

Table 2. Regional Breakdown by Formal Submission Type

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2023

Table 3. Types of Informal Submissions

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1,478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2,023

Support for Key Directions

The consultation feedback form asked respondents to answer seven questions. Responses to each from residents of the board area are summarised below in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 4. Priority Outcomes for Board Residents

Question	Response	% submissions local board	% submissions regional
1. Auckland Council is responsible for managing and minimising waste across the region. When we make decisions about waste, which outcomes are most important to you. (Please select up to 3 options.)	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	16%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	8%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	28%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	28%	26%
	Tidy public places	14%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	5%	9%
	Other	1%	3%

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the board area were reducing environmental and marine pollution and reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions. The lowest priority was reliability of collection services.

Table 5. Local and Regional Support for Key Directions in Draft Plan

Question	Response	% submissions Local board	% submissions regional
2. In the last plan, we focused mostly on our services to households, which handle around 20 per cent of the waste that goes to landfill. Now we want to expand our waste minimisation efforts to include the 80 per cent of waste that comes from businesses and commercial activities. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	56%	57%
	Agree	33%	27%
	Neutral	1%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	6%	5%
	Don't know	1%	2%
3. The three largest categories of commercial waste going to landfill are construction and demolition waste, plastics, and organic waste (food, green and other types of organic waste). We want to work with businesses to try new approaches	Strongly agree	62%	60%
	Agree	30%	27%
	Neutral	1%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	6%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%

to reduce this waste. What do you think of this approach and why?			
4. We want to make it easy for people to make better choices locally about how they dispose of unwanted items, so those items can be reused or recycled. Five Community Recycling Centres are up and running and we have plans to provide seven more by 2024. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	50%	59%
	Agree	34%	27%
	Neutral	5%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	7%	7%
	Don't know	2%	1%
5. We want to encourage central government to introduce product stewardship schemes. This includes a container deposit scheme where drink containers such as plastic, glass bottles and cans include a refundable deposit when returned for recycling. This would encourage more recycling and help to shift the costs of recovery from council and ratepayers to the producers and consumers of beverages. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	49%	61%
	Agree	31%	23%
	Neutral	4%	4%
	Disagree	6%	2%
	Strongly disagree	9%	8%
	Don't know	1%	2%
6. The Hauraki Gulf Islands have unique waste management and minimisation requirements. The <i>Tikapa-Moana Hauraki Gulf Islands Draft Waste Plan</i> sets a vision and outlines a practical approach to waste management and minimisation for the communities of Waiheke, Aotea Great Barrier, Rakino and Kawau Islands. What do you think about the approach outlined in this plan and why?	Strongly agree	29%	27%
	Agree	21%	24%
	Neutral	19%	16%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	3%	4%
	Don't know	27%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

Some of the key themes from submissions in the Ōrākei Local Board area are provided below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

I support a food waste collection in Auckland.

I support investment into decentralised community composting hubs as the primary way to manage food waste in Auckland, with community garden facilitators funded to support composting.

Support kerbside collection of food waste and supporting/ mandating businesses to use a compost service.

Just don't impose green waste targeted rating on those of us who are already enthusiastically composting. Craziest idea in this entire consultation.

No real incentive to compost if we cannot opt out of the food waste charge by doing so. Consider providing composting needs free to offset the food waste charge. Do something about disposable nappies. Incentives needed to reduce use.

I disagree with the plan, by 2020, that will include Food Waste pickup as an added charge to our rates. We completely! recycle our food waste into compost, which goes onto the garden, so NEVER throw food scraps into the rubbish. I would vote for a use-pay system on food waste, which would encourage others to get a garden and do the same. I think an even better system for use-pay rubbish pickup would be a charge by the weight of the bin. I think if people realize they can save money by recycling/reducing waste, they would have an additional motivation to do so.

Other Comments

To me waste management is the number 1 issue for my auckland and NZ. Trumping the transport system even. The time to act is now. Be bold Auckland Council.

It is essential that our Tamariki and communities continue to be supported with education around the benefits of making these changes. So that they are empowered to adopt a Zero waste lifestyle.

Far too much waste at present especially from the building and food industries.

Better education of businesses will have more positive flow on effects in terms of our environment.

I would like to see plastic bags banned in Auckland by 2020. Fines for littering and dumping of waste should be increased significantly. Single use plastics should also be banned such as plastic straws, utensils and polystyrene food trays and containers. Education in schools should be encouraged to discuss climate change and environmental issues. My kids are 11 and 13, and I am concerned they are not yet tuned in to this hugely significant issue.

Get it implemented asap. And ensure there is excellent monitoring and evaluation feedback loops.