

10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Papakura Local Board

1. Purpose

This report summarises feedback relating to the Papakura Local Board received through the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation. This includes:

- Feedback on the Papakura Local Board priorities for 2018/19.
- Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 from people or organisations based in the Papakura Local Board area.

The feedback received will inform the Papakura Local Board decisions on allocation of its local budgets in its Local Board Agreement 2018/2019. It will also inform the Papakura Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at its business meeting on 9 May and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 16 and 17 May.

2. Executive Summary

This report summarises consultation feedback on the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 (including local board priorities for 2018/19) and the Auckland Plan 2050.

Council received feedback through a number of ways:

- in person at community engagement events,
- through written forms (including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters), and
- through social media.

Feedback on Papakura Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The local board consulted on the following 5 priorities:

- **Priority 1:** Advocate to the Governing Body to fund the \$2.5 million shortfall to build a multi-storey park and ride facility at the Papakura train station, which will provide for an additional 300 parking spaces
- **Priority 2:** Work together with Papakura businesses, community groups, the Police and the Papakura Business Association to address perceptions of safety of the Papakura Town Centre. We will further implement the recommendations that have come out of town centre safety review, which may include an upgrade of the CCTV system
- **Priority 3:** Funding a comprehensive programme for mangrove removal, including ongoing maintenance of the affected areas
- **Priority 4:** Preserving our heritage by working with mana whenua and the Papakura Museum to identify wahi tapu (sacred places), taonga (treasures) and heritage buildings and start the development of a Papakura heritage trail
- **Priority 5:** Investing in solar panels and a cover for the Massey Park Pool to extend the swimming season and usage of the Massey Park external pool.

Priority results:

- 45 percent of respondents partially support the local board's priorities
- 35 percent support local board's priorities
- 20 percent do not support local board's priorities.

Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 from the Papakura local board area

Issue 1: Transport

Most respondents (56 percent) do not support the proposed regional fuel tax, 37 percent support it, and 8 percent selected other.

Issue 2: Natural Environment

The majority of respondents (53 percent) support a water quality targeted rate, with 34 percent opposed and 11 percent selecting other.

48 percent of respondents support the introduction of a natural environment targeted rate with both rate options receiving equal support. 38 percent of respondents do not support and 11 percent selected other.

Issue 3: Rates and charges

47 percent of respondents do not support the proposed general rates increases, 42 percent support and 11 percent selected other.

A strong majority (69 percent) of respondents support the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate, 25 percent do not support and 6 percent selected other.

Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

The majority of other feedback received on the 10 year budget focussed on improving transport infrastructure.

Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from the Papakura local board area

Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation

48 percent of respondents support the focus areas proposed, 33 percent partially support, and 18 percent do not support them.

Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing

38 percent of respondents do not support the focus areas proposed, 35 percent support, and 27 percent partially support them.

Outcome area 3: Homes and places

39 percent of respondents partially support the focus areas proposed, 37 percent support and 24 percent do not support them.

Outcome area 4: Transport and access

53 percent of respondents support the focus areas proposed, 27 percent partially support, and 20 percent do not support them.

Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage

60 percent of respondents support the focus areas proposed, 25 percent partially support, and 14 percent do not support them.

Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity

49 per cent of respondents support the focus areas proposed, 31 percent partially support, and 20 percent do not support them.

Shaping our growth

45 percent of respondents support the proposed approach, 34 percent partially support, and 22 percent do not support it.

3. Context

Auckland Council consulted on its 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and the Auckland Plan 2050 between 28 February and 28 March 2018.

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out council's priorities and how it's going to pay for them. The Auckland Plan 2050 sets council's long-term direction and looks at the important challenges it needs to address.

The 10-year Budget also includes information on each local board's priorities for 2018/19. These priorities have been informed by in the development of the Papakura Local Board Plan 2017.

Auckland Council also consulted on the Regional Pest Management Strategy and the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy at the same time. The feedback received to these plans will be presented at a later date.

Types of feedback

Overall Auckland Council received feedback through the following channels:

- Written feedback – 26,556 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
- In person – council interacted with a total of 5,374 people through 39 have your say events and 61 community events.
- Social media – 114 comments were received through Facebook and Twitter.

4. Feedback received on Papakura Local Board priorities for 2018/19

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Key themes across all feedback received (through written, event and social media channels) were:

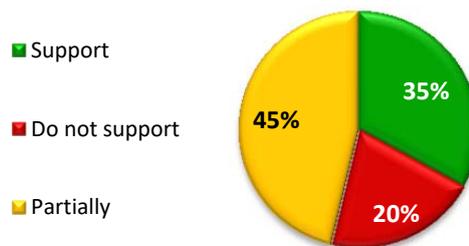
- Local Planning
- Transport
- Safety

A summary of the feedback received through each channel is provided below.

Feedback received through written submissions

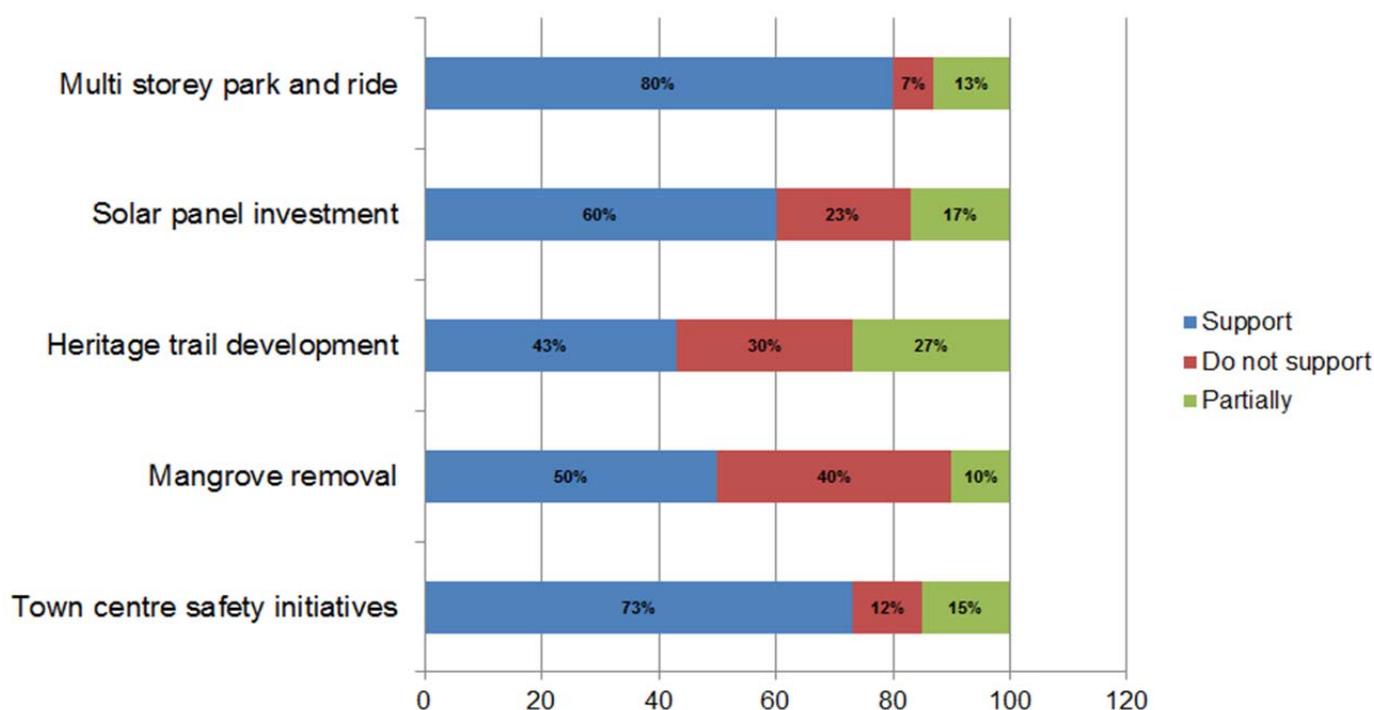
554 submissions were received on Papakura local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people partially support (45%) the local board's priorities as per the graph below.

Graph 1: General response to all priorities



- Results show that the majority of submitters partially supported the local board's priorities.
- 35% of respondents supported the board's priorities and a further 20% did not support the board's priorities.
- Transport was the key theme raised from the 45% of submitters who partially supported.
- Most comments received from the 35% of submitters who supported the board's priorities referred to improving the park and ride at Papakura Train Station and Papakura Town Centre upgrades.
- Of the 20% of submitters who did not support the local board's key priorities transport was also the key theme mentioned.

Graph 2 below highlights submitters' support of the board's key priorities. Submitters were asked whether or not they supported the priorities.

Graph 2: Overall support for the board's key priorities

- The graph above indicates submitters' support for each priority with 'multi storey park and ride' receiving the most support (80%).
- Table 1 below shows the number of comments received for each priority.

Table 1: number of comments received against each priority

Priority	Support	Do not support	Partially	Total number of comments received
Multi storey park and ride	154	19	31	204
Solar panel investment	68	40	35	143
Heritage trail development	48	51	28	127
Mangrove removal	44	62	13	119
Town centre safety initiatives	88	24	33	145

- **Multi storey park and ride**
 - Most comments from submitters who did not support this priority mentioned alternative park and ride locations and improving bus services.
 - The majority of respondents who partially supported made comments against user pays and around investing in active forms of transportation.

Solar panel investment

- The majority of the comments received from respondents who did not support this priority commented on other issues such as walking and cycling infrastructure that were more important.
- Most submitters who partially supported this priority were not sure about the return on investment and also commented on other local issues that were more of a priority.
- **Heritage trail development**
 - Comments received from submitters who did not support this priority viewed this as non-essential mentioned other pressing issues that need to be addressed.
 - Respondents who indicated partial support also viewed this priority as non-essential and one that should be driven by other organisations.
- **Mangrove removal**
 - Key comments from submitters who were against this priority mentioned the negative impact on the ecosystem
 - Those who partially supported highlighted other priorities such transport and safety that were more important
- **Town centre safety initiatives**
 - The majority of respondents who did not support this priority identified this is as a private sector expense that is outside the remit of ratepayer-funded activities.
 - Comments received from submitters who partially supported were generally around upgrading the town centre.

Feedback received through events

The Papakura Local Board held 1 have your say events and 2 community events where people could provide feedback in person. These were:

- Drop in – Saturday 3 March, Takanini Village
- Drop in – Friday 16 March, Uenuku room, Sir Edmund Hillary Library
- Have your say – Wednesday 28 March, Papakura Local Board.

Table 2 below displays the number of comments received against each topic across the 3 events.

Table 2: number of comments received against each priority

Topics	Number of comments received
Homelessness	1
Waste management	1
Transport	7
Safety	2

Topics	Number of comments received
Local planning	4
Walking and cycling	2
Local priorities	11
Economic development	3

- The top 3 topics that received the most feedback were 'local priorities' (11 comments), 'transport' (7) and 'local planning' (4).
- Most comments under 'local priorities' highlighted support for mangrove removal.
- Under the topic 'transport' people commented on public transport and traffic congestion.
- Town centre upgrades were the key comments raised under 'local planning'.

Mana whenua feedback

Three mana whenua authorities submitted on Papakura local board's priorities (table 3).

Table 3: Mana whenua support for Papakura local board's key priorities

Priority	Ngati Tamaoho	Ngati Paoa	Waikato-Tainui
Multi storey park and ride	Yes	Other	Not stated
Solar panel investment	Yes	Other	Not stated
Mangrove removal	Yes	Other	Not stated
Heritage trail development	Yes	Other	Yes
Town centre safety initiatives	Yes	Other	Not stated

No comments relating to the local board's priorities were received.

Feedback received through social media channels

One comment was received from Facebook, which related to local planning.

Information on submitters

The tables and graphs below indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

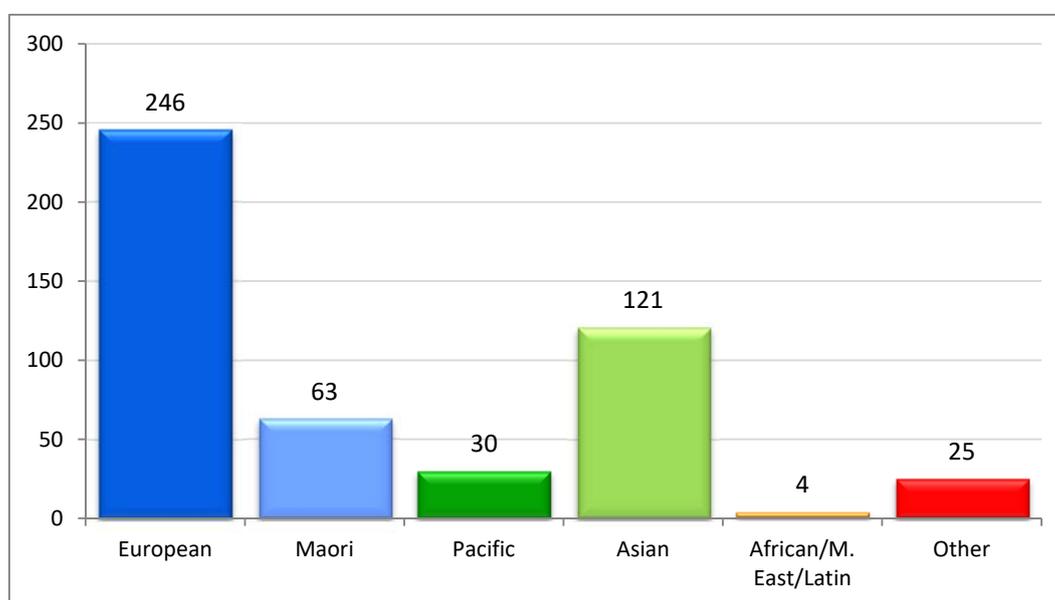
Of the 421 of people who provided demographic information displayed in table 3, 231 were male, 186 were female and 4 were gender diverse. Table 4 shows 146 people were between the ages of 15 and 34, reflecting an increase in the number of younger people having a say. Graph 3 illustrates that 246 identified as European followed by Asian (121), Maori (63), Pacific (30), other (25) and African, Middle Eastern/Latin (4).

Table 3: Gender demographics

Gender	Number	%
Male	231	55%
Female	186	44%
Gender diverse	4	1%
Total	421	100%

Table 4: Submitter demographics

Age	Male	Female	Gender Diverse	Total	% of feedback
14 or younger	5	6	0	11	3%
15-24	26	13	0	40	9%
25-34	64	38	2	106	25%
35-44	33	38	1	76	18%
45-54	29	35	0	67	16%
55-64	31	28	0	63	15%
65-74	26	18	0	45	10%
75 or older	13	8	0	21	5%
Total	227	184	3	429	100%

Graph 3: Ethnic group submitters identified with

5. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Papakura Local Board area

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out council's priorities and how it's going to pay for them. The regional consultation on the proposed 10-year Budget focused on four key issues:

- Issue 1: Transport
- Issue 2: Natural Environment
- Issue 3: Rates and charges
- Issue 4: Other changes and budget information.

The written submissions received from the Papakura Local Board area on these key issues is summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

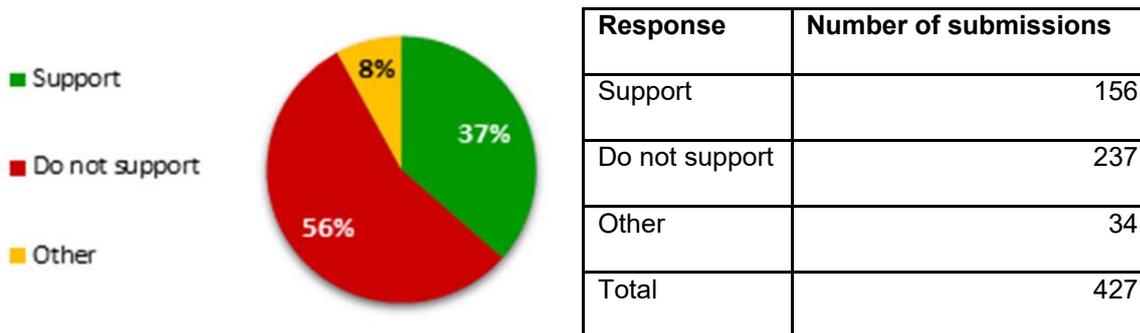
Issue 1: Transport

Aucklanders were asked their opinion on whether they would support a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system.

Question 1: We want to improve our transport system. As the population grows, congestion (and the pollution it creates) is getting worse, safety is declining and businesses are struggling to move freight and people. We are proposing that a regional fuel tax of 10 cents per litre (plus GST) be used to raise more funding for transport projects and services.

What is your opinion on the proposal to introduce a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



A clear majority of respondents do not support the proposed regional fuel tax, with the most common concern raised being unaffordability/equity impacts for lower income residents. Many respondents felt fuel taxes are already high and noted a lack of decent alternatives to private vehicle travel. Instead of a fuel tax, respondents proposed reallocation of existing Council funding which some perceived to be wasteful or inefficient, while others supported toll roads or the Government paying.

Respondents who supported (37%) the regional fuel tax did so providing the revenue raised should go towards improving public transport and road infrastructure, particularly in South Auckland. Those who responded 'other' commented about the unaffordability impacts for lower income families, compared to residents in central suburbs who might have less distances to travel.

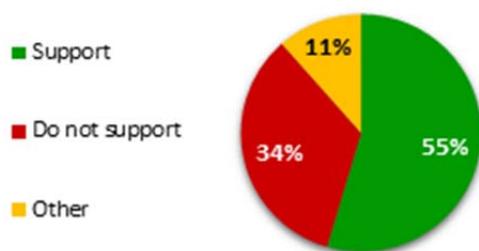
Issue 2: Natural environment

Aucklanders were asked whether they would support a water quality targeted rate

Question 2: Our harbours, beaches and streams are being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems that can't cope with heavy rainfall and from contaminants washed into natural waterways. We want to improve our infrastructure to address this problem. Under current budgets this would take 30 years to achieve. We propose to introduce a new targeted rate to increase our funding of water infrastructure and speed up delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams to 10 years. Our proposed targeted rate would cost the average residential ratepayer \$66 per year (\$1.30 per week), although this will vary based on your property value.

What is your opinion on this proposed targeted rate to speed up the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	214
Do not support	133
Other	45
Total	392

A majority of respondents support a water quality targeted rate and feel the cost of the rate is reasonable given the importance of improving environmental outcomes now and in the future. Some expressed frustration this issue hadn't been addressed earlier.

The 34 percent who do not support the rate thought council should fund this work through more efficient allocation of existing funding before introducing new rates, felt those who contribute more to the issue should pay more (referencing developers), or that they already pay enough rates and an increase would be unaffordable.

11 percent of respondents selected 'other', with comments focussing on a view that all residents should pay equally instead of the rate varying based on property value, a feeling those who contribute more to the issue should pay more (particularly new developments), while rural residents shouldn't be rated, concern that the rate will be unaffordable for some, and a desire for the council to pay for the work through reallocation of existing funding levels, instead of introducing another rate.

People were also asked if they supported a natural environment targeted rate. Two options (A and B) were provided for the natural environment targeted rate.

Question 3: Auckland's rapid growth is putting pressure on the environment, as is the spread of pests, weeds and diseases that are threatening many of our native species. Approximately two-thirds of Auckland's local native species are under threat of extinction.

Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

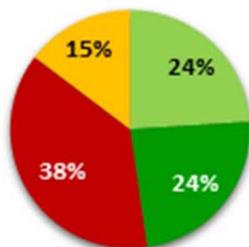
Option A – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$21 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to make limited improvements to environmental protection, mainly focusing on kauri dieback disease.

Option B – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$47 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to spend more on tackling kauri dieback disease, and allow us to better protect our native species and ecosystems.

What is your opinion on a proposed targeted rate to invest more to protect our environment?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.

- Option A - (\$21 p.a.)
- Option B - (\$47 p.a.)
- Do not support
- Other option



Response	Number of submissions
Option A - (\$21 p.a.)	95
Option B - (\$47 p.a.)	94
Do not support	149
Other option	58
Total	396

Almost half of respondents (48%) support introduction of a natural environment targeted rate, with an even split between those supporting the \$21 p.a. and \$47 p.a. options. Supporters of both felt the issue is important and requires funding, however those who opted for the \$21 p.a. option felt it was more financially manageable, while those who supported the \$47 option felt more support is necessary to adequately address the issue.

The 38 percent who oppose the targeted rate do so because either they feel its unaffordable for lower income residents, should be paid for through existing council funding or by the Government, or the Kauri dieback issue is too far gone, and attempting to address it would be a waste of money.

The 15 percent who selected 'other' proposed a range of alternative ways to address the issue, wanted more details about the proposal and/or transparency about how the revenue would be spent, thought the targeted rate is unaffordable, or supported Government paying for it.

Issue 3: Rates and charges

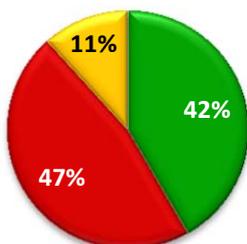
People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent for years three to 10.

Question 4: For this 10-year Budget we are proposing an average general rates increase of 2.5 per cent for the first two years and then 3.5 per cent for years three to 10. This will be used to fund our growing city. Without this level of rate increase, we would have to reduce existing service levels and defer or cut some currently planned projects.

What is your opinion on this proposed rates increase?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.

- Support
- Do not support
- Other



Response	Number of submissions
Support	161
Do not support	180
Other	45

The majority of submitters who did not support (47%) felt they were already paying high rates and was not sustainable with the cost of living especially for low income families. There were also concerns regarding the lack of visible benefits for Papakura as some respondents also commented on the need for more investment in South Auckland.

Those who supported rates increases (42%) did so provided the proceeds are spent on 'core' business such transport infrastructure and parks maintenance. Respondents also supported incremental increases, as long as it is not greater than the rate of inflation.

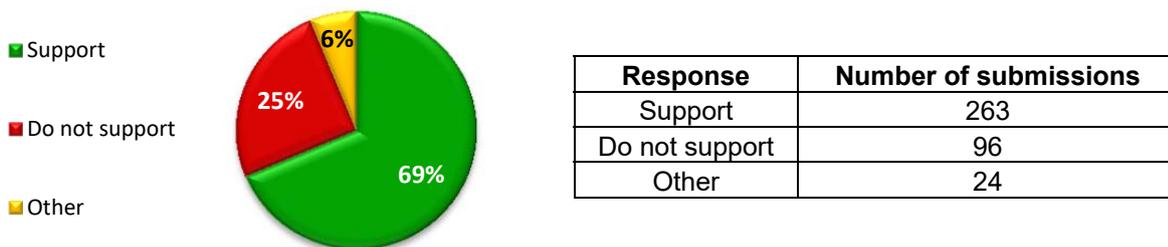
Comments from the 11% of respondents who selected 'other' emphasised the need for more information on what the increase in rates would be spent on, and requests for council to utilise existing assets and investments to fund projects outside of 'core' business.

Secondly people were asked about whether online accommodation providers that meet particular thresholds should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Question 5: We are proposing that online accommodation providers (e.g. Airbnb properties) who let out their whole property (not just a room) for a certain number of days per year should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (if the property is within a certain zone). This would mean they are treated the same way as other accommodation providers.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



A vast majority of respondents support this proposal and feel that 'all accommodation providers should be treated equally' and therefore contribute to the costs of running Auckland.

The 25% of submitters who opposed the proposal did so because they felt it would drive accommodation providers like AirBnB out of the market as they don't operate to the same commercial degree as traditional accommodation providers. Furthermore, submitters viewed this merely as another way of meddling in non-council affairs to make revenue off those already paying rates.

Those who responded 'other' thought the costs to monitor and implement would outweigh the actual benefits and that there should be a tax threshold for people operating Airbnb if they earn a certain amount.

Issue 4: other changes and budget information

Aucklanders were asked if they had any other feedback on matters in the consultation document.

Question 7: Please provide any other feedback on other matters in the consultation document or supporting information, such as changes to waste service charges (targeted rate to fund food waste collection service and standardisation of user-pays refuse collection), Tūpuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan or the proposal to disestablish Auckland Council Investments Limited.

The vast majority of feedback received under question 7 was in relation to transport and parks, sport and recreation. Many respondents emphasised the need to improve transport infrastructure and public transport, as well as more investment sport and recreation facilities in Papakura.

6. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Papakura Local Board area

The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need to address in the following outcome areas:

- Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation
- Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing
- Outcome area 3: Homes and places
- Outcome area 4: Transport and access
- Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage
- Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity.

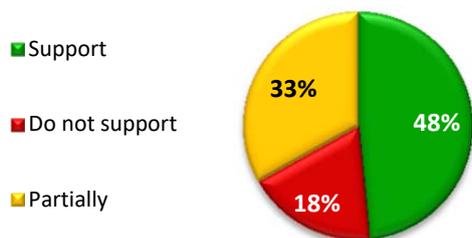
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Papakura Local Board area is set out under each question.

Question 1: An inclusive Auckland

In a fast-growing city of increasing diversity and social change, people may or may not feel included or enjoy positive life experiences. The Auckland Plan proposes an inclusive Auckland where people live together with trust and mutual respect and everyone has the opportunity to participate to their full potential

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Belonging and Participation will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	158
Do not support	60
Partially	108

Overall, the majority of submitters (48%) supported the focus areas identified and acknowledged the diversity of Auckland city, and many comments were received for more events that celebrated cultural diversity.

Those who responded ‘partially’ generally supported most of the focus areas but indicated a lack of support for focus area 4 (“Recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi as the bicultural foundation for a multicultural Auckland), as respondents felt emphasising a bicultural Auckland

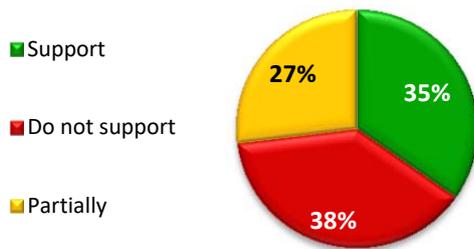
marginalises other cultural groups. The 14 per cent of who did not support had similar views as above, disagreeing with recognising Treaty of Waitangi as the bicultural foundation for a multicultural Auckland.

Question 2: Advance Māori well-being

The strengths and contributions Māori bring to Auckland will fuel economic growth and advance Māori well-being. With nearly a third of all Māori in Auckland aged under 15 years old, the Auckland Plan proposes investing more in tamariki and rangatahi to advance Māori well-being.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Māori Well-being and Identity will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	116
Do not support	128
Partially	90

A slight majority of respondents did not support (38%) the focus areas, commenting on the need to recognise all cultures and less emphasis on Maori. Similar comments were received from the 27 per cent of submitters who partially supported, and that council should focus more on core services and infrastructure.

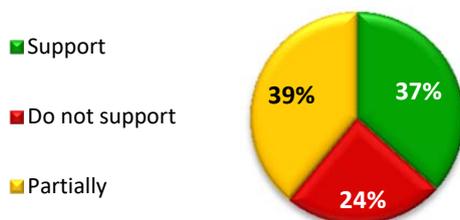
Comments received from the 35 per cent who did support this acknowledged the need to contribute to the recognition of Maori culture but also highlighted the importance of advancing all cultures for an inclusive society.

Question 3: Affordable homes

Lack of affordable housing is creating stress for many Aucklanders. It is driving some key workers out of Auckland and limiting our ability to attract and retain talent. The Auckland Plan proposes that all Aucklanders deserve healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure in well-designed places, whether they own or rent their homes.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	137
Do not support	91
Partially	146

Most submitters (39%) partially supported the proposed focus areas, with many commenting on the need to ensure provision of quality spaces and community facilities and the need to build prioritise road and public transport infrastructure first to support housing growth. Many respondents also disagreed with focus area 4 (“Invest in and support Māori to meet their specific housing aspirations”), and felt there should be decent housing for all cultures.

Those who supported the focus areas provided commentary around housing affordability and prioritising adequate infrastructure as well.

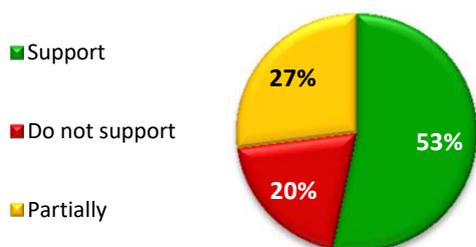
The 24 per cent of respondents who did not support the focus areas felt there was too much emphasis on Maori instead of all cultures, expressed the importance of having the appropriate infrastructure in place and commented on preventing the influx of migrants settling in Auckland.

Question 4: Moving easily around Auckland

People lack choice in how they get around and it can take a long time to get where they need to go. To better connect people and places, the Auckland Plan proposes an integrated transport system that accelerates progress on walking, cycling and public transport and makes better use of existing networks.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Transport and Access will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	181
Do not support	67
Partially	92

Just over half of respondents support the proposed focus areas, with many comments targeted towards improving public transport services and affordability.

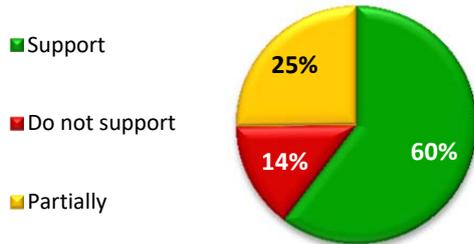
Those who partially supported (27%) felt public transport was too expensive and other comments criticised the underutilised cycle lanes in Papakura. Similarly, respondents who did not support expressed concerns around the viability of cycling infrastructure and thought better planning was needed, such as creating dedicated cycle lanes separate from the roads.

Question 5: Protecting and enhancing our environment

Unprecedented growth has required Auckland to provide for essential development, which has had an impact on our environment and cultural heritage. The Auckland Plan proposes utilising every opportunity to protect and enhance Auckland's environment as growth and development happens.

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Environment and Cultural Heritage will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	196
Do not support	47
Partially	82

There is strong support for the proposed focus areas with widespread acknowledgement of more education initiatives required for communities.

The quarter of respondents who partially support expressed their views for more waste and recycling initiatives and felt more investment is needed in clean energy.

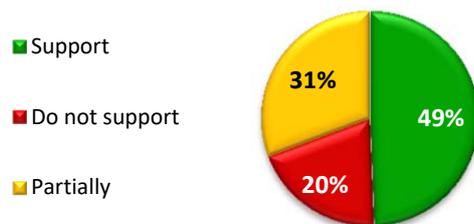
Those who did not support stated concerns around the growth and expansion of Auckland having an adverse impact on the environment and encouraged fellow residents to become stewards of the environment.

Question 6: Equipping people for future jobs

Rapid technology advances will create challenges, opportunities and change across many industries and jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes Aucklanders will need to adapt to the coming changes by investing in education, training and skills development for all.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	159
Do not support	64
Partially	99

The majority of submitters support the focus areas proposed, particularly improving educational outcomes for young people.

Many respondents who partially supported had mixed views towards focus area 3 (“Advance Māori employment and enable Māori business and iwi organisations to be significant drivers of Auckland’s economy”), stating their views of support for all cultures, not just Maori.

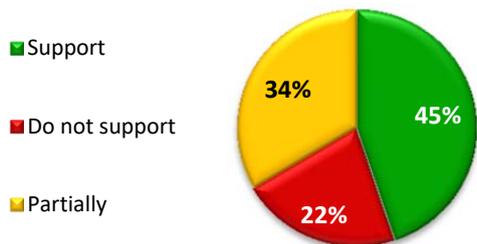
Those who did not support also disagreed with focus area 3, and felt there should be ‘no special treatment for Maori’, and thought this work is not ‘core’ council business.

Question 7: Shaping our growth

Auckland has to provide for around 740,000 more people in the next 30 years, which would mean another 320,000 dwellings and up to 270,000 extra jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes to manage long-term population growth by prioritising development in existing urban areas and establishing new communities and new business land in future urban areas. Investment in Auckland’s infrastructure will need to keep up with the pace and scale of growth.

Do you think the proposed approach for enabling growth will effectively provide for Auckland's future?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Papakura Local Board area.



Response	Number of submissions
Support	147
Do not support	71
Partially	110

Many comments received from the 45 per cent of submitters who support the approach focussed on the need to improve public transport infrastructure and high quality urban densification.

Correspondingly, the majority of respondents who indicated partial support suggested council focus on densification and ensure that adequate infrastructure is in place first. Some people also thought there was not enough investment in sport and recreation facilities to coincide with growth.

The 22 percent who do not support the approach thought population growth should either be halted while infrastructure catches up, or directed elsewhere in the country.