
Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing report on feedback received from the Papakura Local Board area

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 68 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented three per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on themes such as the food scraps collection and 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. 68 of these (three per cent) were from the Papakura 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

Local Responses to 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	17%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	24%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	23%	26%
	Tidy public places	17%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	9%	9%
	Other	1%	3%

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the board area were reducing waste to landfill and carbon emission and reducing environmental and marine pollution. The lowest priority was reliability of collection services and creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

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	64%	57%
	Agree	18%	27%
	Neutral	8%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	8%	5%
	Don't know	2%	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 to reduce this waste. What do you	Strongly agree	69%	60%
	Agree	19%	27%
	Neutral	6%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	4%	7%
	Don't know	1%	1%

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	58%	59%
	Agree	21%	27%
	Neutral	10%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	7%	7%
	Don't know	1%	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	70%	61%
	Agree	12%	23%
	Neutral	3%	4%
	Disagree	3%	2%
	Strongly disagree	8%	8%
	Don't know	5%	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	23%	27%
	Agree	14%	24%
	Neutral	23%	16%
	Disagree	2%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	38%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018:

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

Food Scraps Collection

I think that the food waste bins are great but I also think you should introduce soft plastic bins for households as most people I know have more soft plastic to dispose of than food waste.

Our family is very fussy about recycling and composting (which I reuse in the garden). So why should I have to pay \$67 to have a green waste bin I don't need.

Other comments

Inorganic collection needs to have more support for communities that don't have easily available access to internet or phone, to book the collection. Maybe there could be events or public meetings where a council equipment (ie touch screen tablets) are available to book their collection at community centres or libraries? The hotline to call to report illegal dumping is not sufficient to deal with the dumping that is going on in our areas. I called to report illegal dumping and waited on hold for 25mins and eventually gave up and did not report the mess & encountered as I could not waste any more of my time just listening to the music on hold! Working WITH communities to empower them to look after their own people and environment will help to change the perception that the council is expected to do everything.

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. We need to move away from take, make, and waste and start valuing the resources we have. Zero waste has the potential to force both producers and consumers to really think hard about the products that they both make, and consume, and be much smarter about the resources that they use. Sending the right regulatory and price signals is critical to success. It's very important council is sending these signals and supporting a zero waste future for Aucklanders and NZ.

Encourage neighbourhoods to minimize waste i.e. street competitors.

Building waste is huge - plastic wrapping on goods, takeaway foods eaten by workers and too much more

People need to be able to dispose of unwanted items easily AT A REASONABLE PRICE as otherwise they dump their goods in public places which looks revolting – eg: the tyres on Twilight Rd