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

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, 190 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the local board area. This represented nine per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

- 90 per cent supporting expanding council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 91 per cent supporting working with businesses to reduce construction and demolition, plastic and organic waste
- 92 per cent supporting the expansion of the council's network of Community Recycling Centres
- 89 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, the waste levy, community recycling centres and council's Zero Waste Vision.

### **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 to the 10 May 2018 agenda report 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 local board area is shown below. 190 of these (nine per cent) were from the Rodney 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%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Upper Harbour Local Board	57	3%
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2023</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023</b>

## Support for Key Directions in Draft Plan

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, <b>which outcomes are most important to you.</b> (Please select up to 3 options.)	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	12%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	8%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	27%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	27%	26%
	Tidy public places	13%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	11%	9%
	Other	2%	3%

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the local 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 <b>we want to expand our waste minimisation efforts to include the 80 per cent of waste that comes from businesses and commercial activities.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	67%	57%
	Agree	23%	27%
	Neutral	5%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	2%	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	Strongly agree	67%	60%
	Agree	24%	27%
	Neutral	0%	4%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	6%	7%

waste). <b>We want to work with businesses to try new approaches to reduce this waste.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?	Don't know	2%	1%
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 <b>Community Recycling Centres</b> 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	71%	59%
	Agree	21%	27%
	Neutral	2%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	3%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%
5. We want to encourage central government to introduce product stewardship schemes. This includes a <b>container deposit scheme</b> 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	67%	61%
	Agree	22%	23%
	Neutral	3%	4%
	Disagree	3%	2%
	Strongly disagree	4%	8%
	Don't know	1%	2%
6. <b>The Hauraki Gulf Islands</b> 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	38%	27%
	Agree	26%	24%
	Neutral	8%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	27%	28%

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

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

#### **Food Scraps Collection**

*For me having a food waste bin is high priority as is government policy banning single use plastics. Education in schools is also important - children are the future caretakers of the earth and we need them to be aware of the impact of waste*

*Think it's important to have a food scraps collection to help address climate change.*

*I support a food waste collection in Auckland.*

*I support a short-term targeted rate to pay for the initial coordination of food waste management, but would like a pay-as-you-throw food waste collection within five years.*

*I do not want an organic waste bin so why should I have to pay for one. We compost our waste.*

*I would hope that my rates do not increase to cover the cost of household food waste collection when I already compost all food waste myself.*

### **Community Recycling Centres**

*We have used the Helensville recycling centre a lot and would encourage Auckland councillors to look closely at what is going on there and reproducing it elsewhere! However the key is to have people who are driven to make change and improve the state of our environment.*

*Warkworth area desperately needs a resource recovery operation urgently. So much goes to landfill due to the costs of "trying to do the right thing" when it should be free to take unwanted items or recyclable / reusable waste in for processing. The environment should not be held to ransom by commercial enterprise and financial contracts. Residents of whole wider Warkworth area need a sensible option for taking unwanted items for processing without the associated costs.*

*Community Recycling centres are a fantastic way to reduce waste whilst giving to others and creating jobs*

### **Waste Levy**

*I want to see a gradual increase in the landfill waste levy from \$10/tonne to \$140/tonne.*

### **Zero Waste**

*I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. Because it is vital for our future. Auckland needs to make changes and we have a responsibility to steward what we have (kaitiakitanga) and an opportunity to make our region a more liveable and sustainable place.*

*I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. New Zealand portrays itself as a green nation leading the way but that's just not true. Auckland (and NZ as a whole) need to seriously up their game to try to maintain the image they project*

### **Other comments**

*There needs to be more policing/surveillance of illegal dumping and harsher fines where perpetrators are identified. There should also be a proper plan on the table as to where clean, managed and landfills are to be sited in the future, taking into account access to these sites, the amenity value compromised by immediate and close proximity neighbours and the long term residual effect of such dumps. I am also a keen supporter of cut and fill where new*

*housing/business developments are taking place, rather than the wholesale removal of entire mountains of earth.*

*Stop dumping soil from sites, use it to contour the land and reduce carbon footprints and destruction of usable land in rural areas and contamination and sedimentation issues in streams which end up in our harbours!*

*This is a very important issue. Move forward with haste*

*We need more inorganics in rural or semi-rural areas. We need better access to recycling services and NZ's "Take it to the dump" attitude needs to be changed. On a purely anecdotal level, the majority of people I'm surrounded by would handle their larger trash items (old printers and computers, couches, mattresses etc) responsibly if it wasn't going to cost them a fortune to use a recycling initiative and if they actually knew who to contact/where to take the item. For a lot of people it's not a matter of money or apathy etc. it's lack of knowledge and education, lack of recycling facilities and no ease of use with the current system. If you can't figure out if pizza boxes go in the recycling then you end up throwing all cardboard in the trash. A website where you can type what you're trying to recycle and get a yes or no answer would be great.*

*We need to be reducing waste overall and living in a semi-rural environment as we do (Dairy Flat) that impacts on us as a community*