

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

## 1. Purpose

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

- Feedback on the Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour local board area.

The feedback received will inform the Upper Harbour Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2018/2019. It will also inform the Upper Harbour Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at their Community Forum meeting on 3 May 2018 and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 17/18 May 2018.

## 2. Executive Summary

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

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

### Feedback on Upper Harbour Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The local board consulted on the following four priorities:

- Priority 1: Connecting our local parks and reserves through 'street to street' cycling and pedestrian crossings to improve accessibility and user experience.
- Priority 2: Constructing a coastal walkway between Limeburners Reserve and Marina View Drive
- Priority 3: Protecting and conserving Upper Harbour reserves through methods such as restoration planting.
- Priority 4: Seeking funding for the construction of a sub-regional, multi-use, multi-sport indoor facility for the north-west, which could potentially be located in Whenuapai.

Seven-hundred and eight written submissions were received on Upper Harbour local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either partially support (46 per cent) or support (34 per cent) the local board's priorities.

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

Out of the 26,556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 708 submissions were from people living in the Upper Harbour local board area.

#### Issue 1: Transport

A total of 662 submissions were received from Upper Harbour residents. Forty-one per cent supported the proposal for the fuel tax, 52 per cent didn't support it, with 7 per cent commenting on other transport issues. Common issues raised by submitters were:

- affordability and the impact on large families
- what the fuel tax would be spent on
- the need to improve public transport
- preference by some for a congestion charge rather than fuel tax
- the impact on rural communities.

### **Issue 2: Natural Environment**

A total of 670 submissions were received from Upper Harbour residents on the proposed water quality targeted rate. Fifty-eight per cent supported the proposed targeted rate, while 35 per cent opposed it and 7 per cent had other comments. Common issues raised by submitters were:

- the environmental benefit
- opposition to an additional rate
- the impact on lower income households
- a belief that central government should pay.

A total of 680 submissions were received on the proposed environmental targeted rate. Twenty-eight per cent supported Option A - \$21 average per annum, 28 per cent supported Option B - \$47 average per annum and 44 per cent opposed both options.

Common themes in feedback were:

- rates are already high enough
- there is no benefit from the expenditure
- the government should pay.

### **Issue 3: Rates and charges**

A total of 647 submissions were received on general rates increases. Of these submissions, 39 per cent supported the proposed increase, 52 per cent opposed it and there were 8 per cent other comments.

### **Issue 4: Other changes and budget information**

A total of 617 submissions were received relating to the on-line accommodation provider question. Sixty-four per cent supported this proposal, while 29 per cent opposed it, with 8 per cent of other comments. Themes coming through the feedback were:

- it was fair to hotels and motels
- online accommodation providers are businesses
- other tourism related businesses should also pay
- there was no benefit from Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development's (ATEED's) activities.

### **Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from the Upper Harbour local board area**

Out of the 26,556 submissions received on the Auckland Plan 2050, 722 submissions were from people living in Upper Harbour Local Board area.

#### **Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation**

Forty-six per cent fully and 33 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 21 per cent of those who responded opposed it.

**Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing**

Thirty-eight per cent fully and 26 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only thirty-two per cent opposed it.

**Outcome area 3: Homes and places**

Forty per cent fully and 39 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 25 per cent opposed it.

**Outcome area 4: Transport and access**

Fifty-two per cent fully and 36 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 18 per cent opposed it.

**Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage**

Fifty-six per cent fully and 32 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 14 per cent opposed it.

**Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity**

Forty-six per cent fully and 33 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 18 per cent opposed it.

**Shaping our growth**

Forty-seven per cent fully and 35 per cent partially supported this aspect of the proposed Auckland Plan 2050. Only 17 per cent opposed 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 our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need 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 Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour Local Board priorities for 2018/19**

The Upper Harbour Local Board consulted on the following four priorities:

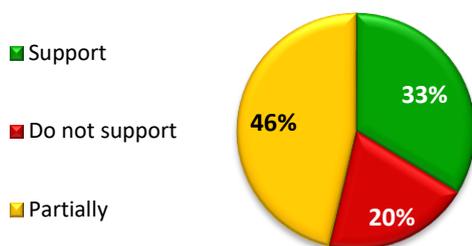
- Priority 1: Do you support locating the sub-regional multi-use, multi-sport indoor facility in Whenuapai to cater to the North West, as opposed to Albany for the North Shore?

- Priority 2: Are there any areas you think the Upper Harbour Local Board should invest in to improve 'street to street' cycling and pedestrian connections through our local parks and reserves?
- Priority 3: Do you support construction of a coastal walkway between Limeburners Reserve and Marina View Drive?
- Priority 4: Do you support a focus on restoration planting to protect Upper Harbour reserves? If so, which areas do you think are of higher priority?

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

### Feedback received through written submissions

Seven-hundred and three submissions were received on Upper Harbour Local Board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either partially support (46 per cent) or support (34 per cent) the local board's priorities.



Code	Count	%
Q6 UH Local priorities	703	
Q6 UH Local priorities UH priorities - yes	203	34%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH priorities - no	120	20%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH priorities - partially	279	46%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH priorities - other comments	11	

The Upper Harbour Local Board had the opportunity of asking a number of questions on the on-line version of the submission form. The high-level responses to those questions were:

- Sub-regional multi-sport facility in Whenuapai. Fifty per cent of those responding supported this. Thirty-six per cent opposed it and 14 per cent partially supported it. There were a wide range of comments made both in support and against the proposal. Concerns were raised about duplication of facilities, access to Whenuapai, the need for facilities in Albany and a small number suggesting that the funding would be better applied to other issues such as transport.



Code	Count	%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Multisport facility in Whenuapai - yes	252	50%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Multisport facility in Whenuapai - no	182	36%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Multisport facility in Whenuapai - partially	73	14%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Multisport facility in Whenuapai - other comments	11	

- 'Street to street' connections. Sixty-six per cent supported and 13 per cent partially supported this proposal, with 21 per cent opposing it. There were a wide range of comments with respondents split between those who support walking and cycling and those who believe that

too much investment goes into cycleways for the numbers using them and that transport investment would be better focused on improving the road network.



Code	Count	%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Connections investment - yes	355	66%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Connections investment - no	115	21%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Connections investment - partially	69	13%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Connections investment - other comments	9	
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Connections investment area - comments	176	

- Coastal walkway. Sixty-three per cent supported and 16 per cent partially supported this idea. Twenty-one per cent opposed it. Support was strongest from that portion of the community living closest to the planned route. There was far less support from further away in the board area and a number of respondents didn't know where Limeburners Bay was.



Code	Count	%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH - Coastal walkway - yes	313	63%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH - Coastal walkway - no	107	21%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH - Coastal walkway - partially	78	16%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH - Coastal walkway - other comments	8	

- Protection of reserves. Seventy-six per cent supported and 13 per cent partially supported the concept. Eleven per cent opposed the idea. A wide range of reserves were suggested as candidates for attention.



Code	Count	%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Protection of reserves - yes	392	76%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Protection of reserves - no	56	11%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Protection of reserves - partially	69	13%
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Protection of reserves - other comments	3	
Q6 UH Local priorities UH Protection of reserves higher priority - comments	125	

### Feedback received through events

The Upper Harbour Local Board held three 'Have Your Say' events and provided collateral for one community event. Feedback was received from 31 people.

Eighty-four per cent supported and 3 per cent partially supported the board's priorities. Six per cent opposed the board's priorities. The issues raised were similar to those in the written submissions.

### Feedback received through social media channels

Eighteen pieces of social media feedback was identified as coming from the Upper Harbour Local Board area. The issues raised were similar to those in the written submissions.

### Feedback on other local topics

A wide range of other comments were received as part of the submissions process. There are no dominant themes arising from this feedback.

## Feedback received from mana whenua

No specific feedback was identified as coming from iwi on the Upper Harbour Local Board priorities. Feedback was, however, received on Auckland Plan questions. Iwi were supportive or partially supportive on all the issues raised in consultation.

## 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.

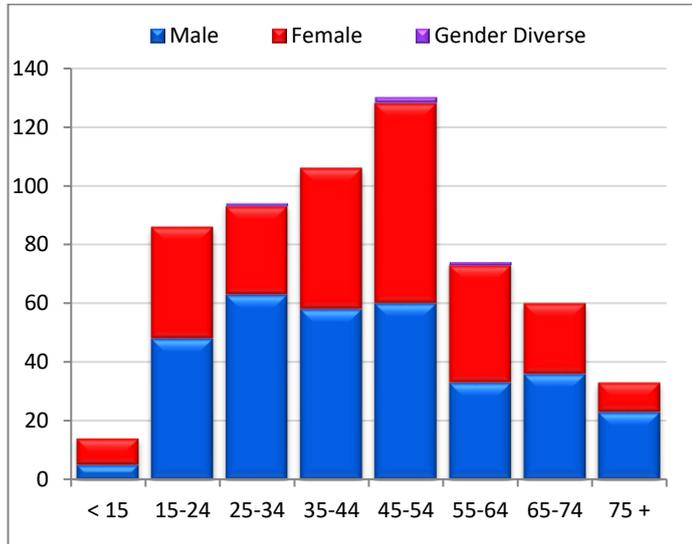


Figure 1 Submitter age / gender analysis

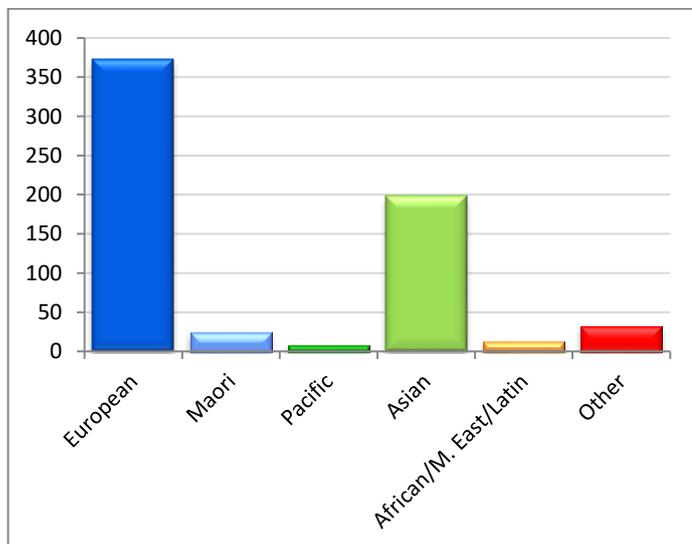


Figure 2 Submitter ethnicity analysis

The age / gender and ethnicity analyses broadly mirror the population characteristics as at the 2013 Census.

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

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out our priorities and how we're 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 Upper Harbour 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.

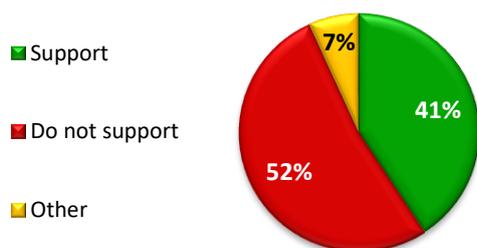
### Issue 1: Transport

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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - The fuel tax would be fine as long as the results are successful and timely.
  - with reservations as this will be collected only from motorists with petrol / diesel vehicles. Something has to be done so that's a start.
  - It will encourage people to use public transport and reduce the number of cars on the road
  - If funds are used to improve road transport too and not only for alternative travel! I can't ride from Hobsonville to the city each morning, so let's be sensible and invest in road widening, express bus lanes and more ferries on the water highway that's totally under-utilised with 2 morning services weekdays and three evening services, build it and they will come!
- In opposition
  - Prefer a toll system
  - With the house prices in Auckland already at a unaffordable state, there are more and more people who seem to be moving out to the fringes of the city. Assuming they will not be the ones benefiting from the transporting improvements (at least in the near future) I view this as unfair for the people who already have to deal with 2 hour commutes
  - This should be NZ wide- not just Auckland. Everyone in NZ has an internet in getting AK moving. The tax should be GST exempt.
  - *Is the proposed Tax ring fenced to ensure proper use?*

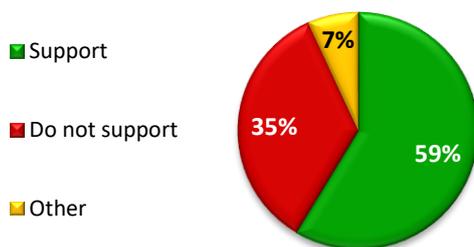
## Issue 2: Natural environment

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 Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - Absolutely essential
  - I support it, but speed up the time line
  - I think the rate is relatively small in proportion of the huge benefit of cleaning our waterways.
  - Absolutely. Do it, good to see something thought through.
- In opposition
  - Cost is way too much. Reduce council spending in other areas and make this top priority.
  - Reduce council salaries rather than charging rate payers.
  - Once infrastructure improvements made the targeted rate should be removed from rates bills

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.*

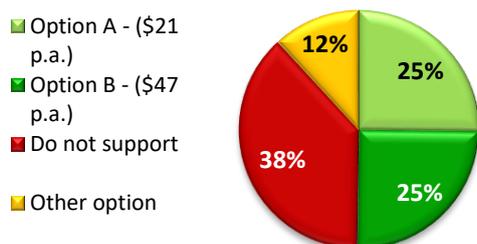
*Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.*

*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 Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support – Option A
  - I support this because we need to pay for the things that we value - but we should also be pushing central government to invest more in this area
  - Again work need to be done but 47 is a handful for some
  - Because it's still helping/protecting the environment but it isn't costing too much that it isn't affordable for most rate payers
- In support – Option B
  - I can see the sense in this proposal
  - Urgent help is needed for our Kauri trees. More action should already have happened. The slower we are to act the worse the situation will be. Kauri trees take hundreds of years to replace.
  - Yes, support, but must be a shift of mindset around how to protect the environment, i.e. wildlife corridors and habitat and increasing overall green space plus the ecosystem health of existing green space (i.e. taking care of the soil)
- In opposition
  - We cannot raise the rates in absurdum. Threatened species needs to be a national initiative and should not be on my rate-ticket. Adding point after point to rates will just make the city more and more unequal and widen the gaps between the have and the have nots.
  - Threatened species needs to be a national initiative and should not be on my rate-ticket.
  - This is a national not a local problem. Again taxation by stealth.

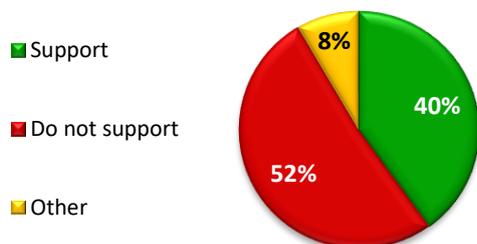
### Issue 3: Rates and charges

People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 per cent for the first two years and 3.5 per cent 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 Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

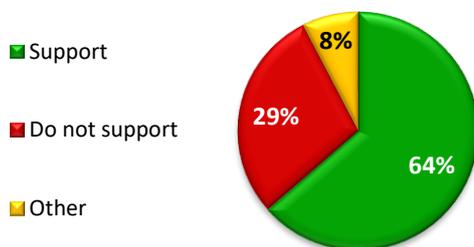
- In support
  - I support this provided the extra money is used efficiently and with transparency. We cannot afford for money to get sucked up into bureaucracy, we need to fix this great city
  - I'd prefer to pay towards a beautiful city rather than live free in a polluted congested dump
  - So long as everything that is promised gets done
  - So long as we can see value in the extra funding you are receiving, I have no problem with paying an extra 3.5 per cent each year.
- In opposition
  - Raise the level of Uniform Annual Charge instead
  - You do not need more money. Reduce your spending on activities and functions that are not required by law. Stop wasting our money on 'nice to haves' and 'sound bites' and you will have plenty of money to spend on growth.
  - Keeps rates to CPL. Add infrastructure from developments charges.

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 graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - Anyone who uses Airbnb is operating a commercial enterprise therefore they should pay the same as others operating a commercial enterprise.
  - These should be equivalent costs to commercial accommodation as using same resources.
  - It is only fair that these parties are treated like other accommodation providers.
  - Provided proof of this use of their property can be verified
- In opposition
  - Leave them alone, they're just trying to get by
  - You will not be able to enforce this. Just kill ATEED.
  - Extra income should be taxed as income tax.
  - Just another rate increase hidden as something else

#### 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.*

A wide range of comments were made under this heading. Comments covered issues such as; sticking to core services, cutting council overheads, changing the council funding system to ensure all of the community contributes – not just property owners, increasing sports facility funding, comment on transport issues and in the main supportive comments on the changes to waste management practices.

### **Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact**

Feedback was received from the Upper Harbour Local Board area on other regional proposals. The majority of this feedback covered three main areas:

- transport, roads, footpaths, public transport, key transport projects and travel demand management
- regional community services
- solid waste and environmental services
- rating and funding issues

## **6. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Upper Harbour 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.

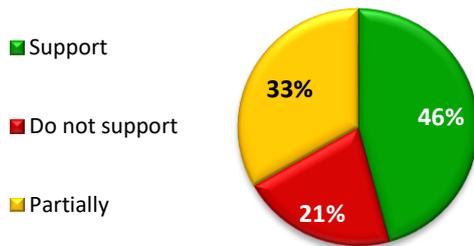
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Upper Harbour Local Board area is set out under each question.

### **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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A relatively few comments (in comparison to the number of submissions) were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

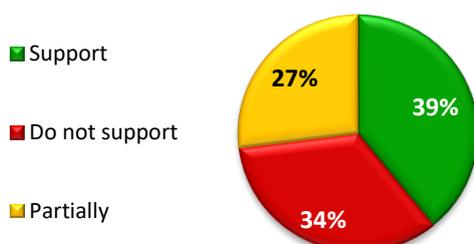
- In support
  - It's a lot of words! I notice that the Arts and Sport are not mentioned in your 10 year plan. surely both of these are hugely important for the welfare of all Aucklanders, no matter their ethnicity.
  - My "Yes" is a qualified one, meaning that I do hope that your so-called focus areas are not simply empty, meaningless "motherhood" statements.
  - We need to have everyone regardless of finance, race, gender, religion, etc feeling as though they can participate and use council services.
  - Good focus areas for becoming inclusive.
- In opposition
  - All of the above except maybe safety, is personal stuff. It is not councils job to make people socially active, leaders, talk up treaty, celebrate cultural differences or heal disparity rifts. If council concentrated on running a decent city (by concentrating on priorities of water quality, transport and design standards) all of the above will happen authentically and genuinely by themselves at a personal level as they should.
  - We want core infrastructure from the Council not social engineering projects
  - The proposed focus areas are not focused but just general sounds-good-feel-good promises that cannot have a KPI assigned.

### 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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



A relatively few comments (in comparison to the number of submissions) were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - Restore cultural involvement can only be a positive move

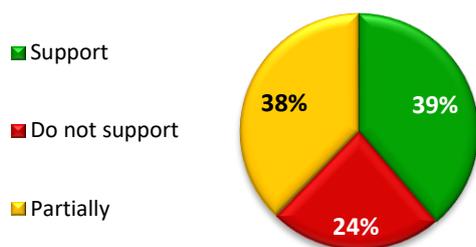
- Less tokenism, more Maori in actual decision-making roles, and/or supported so they are not stretched across multiple roles and areas, and not having to constantly educate everyone on powhiri. Make a real difference please.
- I am not an Indigenous person but as an educator I welcome this proposal.
- In opposition
  - I see why everyone cannot be treated with equality. Identifying a certain group based on demographics is not making everyone equal. In my opinion everyone should be treated in exactly the same way irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender, etc.
  - Treat everyone the same, no matter what race, religion, ethnicity. Why should the Council invest in advancing mana whenua leadership? Shouldn't the Maori community be taking responsibility for that themselves?
  - Again, this is not the role of a city council. This is the role of community groups and Maori organisations.

### 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?*

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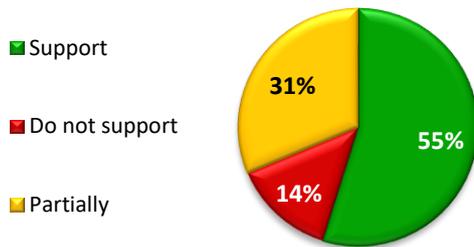
- In support
  - Hopefully house pricing will be lowered
  - Better living environments for renters will allow renters the health required to work towards potential home ownership, which is currently impossible for most. Increased availability of low cost homes is important, especially for those most in need.
  - Accelerating quality development at scale needs to focus explicitly on improving affordability.
- In opposition
  - Release more land and build more roads in rural fringes and let free enterprise reduce housing pressure and cost. The current constraints are artificial because AC restricted expansion. You're not solving a problem but creating another one.
  - The cost of Auckland housing is ridiculous, and is now unaffordable for many that do not already own a property. There is too much profit in owning and building houses.
  - Many families also need financial support to get into the housing market, so this does not address that need.

### 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?*

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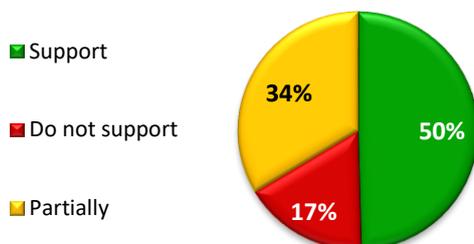
- In support
  - Because Auckland Traffic is just Chaotic. Having lived in Sydney NSW, their traffic runs smoothly even at Peak times!
  - Make public transport more accessible. Excellent progress were made over the past years n enhancing the motorway system but this only solves part of the problem
  - I think it helps having the government fully onside this time. I would like to see Vision Zero explicitly embraced.
  - more parking need for park and ride, or more feeder buses as I found in Germany.
- In opposition
  - Words are cheap. Action costs. Better public transport, needs to be implemented ASAP. Plus cars need to be reduced from all areas. One should achieve the other. Then walking and cycling should be safer. The Auckland car mindset needs to be altered.
  - Public transport can't work in Auckland, The area is too large and population too small. We don't have well defined areas either. Focus on roads and car parks, don't subsidise public transport.
  - Auckland city is not geographically right to have walking, cycling, and public transport as the preferred choice for many. Even our weather is not reliable enough to make public transport our main form of commute.

### 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 Upper Harbour Local Board area.



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- In support

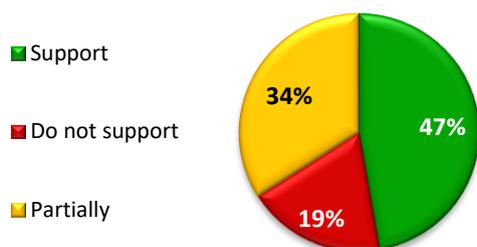
- Aucklanders need more encouraging education on the environment, starting with the younger ones.
- I support this but the costs are high and the gains are difficult to measure. This stuff is of lesser priority to fixing the transport and pipes. I would not want to pay more rates just so you can hire consultants to write reports telling us how to live our lives
- These focus areas, particular #4, are critical.
- Environmental groups are working on small projects. Keep encouraging and funding them
- In opposition
  - Let private people do the job, subsidy does not work
  - The environment has already been ruined. Unless you decide to raze the concrete and replant the forest no point trying to pretend anything can help
  - Is this core business?
  - This is your core role....do it. No fancy words.

### 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?*

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A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - Auckland needs to allow for the expected growth in the number of young people as well
  - Technologies is going to be a game changer for not only Auckland, but also the rest of world given the progress in the area.
  - I also believe the long-term plan needs to think about this in terms of the geographic implications - how do we get businesses out of the CBD, make it more attractive to drive commercial organisations into satellite hubs and funnily enough we might just see congestion (and the need for taxes around this) to go away.
  - As long as it keep people of the doles.
- In opposition
  - Council should stick to core business
  - it's not your area as a council stop trying to compete with the private sector help the elderly more
  - This is a national issue for parliament to deal with.

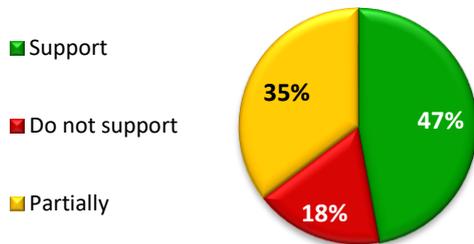
### Question 7: Shaping our growth

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?*

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A wide range of comments were made in support of and against the proposal. Typical comments were:

- In support
  - Sensible balance - well done
  - All good! But your projection of growth is far too low, considering the situation in the world today. My guess is, in 10 years our population doubles to approx. 3 Mio. That is the kind of figure to look at, and all planning should use it. If I am wrong, no harm is really done, but if I am right, and the figure was not used, we will be in a worse position, than we are now.
  - We have to stop the sprawl. Medium density done well (Hobsonville Point Model) is key the future of Auckland intensification.
  - Support intensification over urban sprawl with its problems of car traffic and need for new infrastructure.
- In opposition
  - Before you intensify think of the impact on current road infrastructure. Just how much more traffic do you think the transport network can handle before it just grinds to a halt?
  - Auckland is filled....no more people please so just tell sorry go to Hamilton or somewhere else
  - Increased growth means more rates. More income for council so no need to increase rates.
  - So confused