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

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 57 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:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on key topics of interest to them, such as, the food scraps collection and the goal of Zero Waste by 2040.

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 2012-2028 consultation process is not described in this report. This is covered in the separate report "10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Upper Harbour Local Board" 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 also attached. This will be provided to the Hearings Panel for the draft plan by the end of April 2018 before they hear submissions.

The final Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 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 in the form of videos and drawings.

Of these written submissions, 4,605 were pro formas from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance. The pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. Their responses are, therefore, not included in the statistics for the board shown below.

Submissions by Board Area

The breakdown of submissions by board area is shown below in Table One. 57 of these (three per cent) were from Upper Harbour Local Board area.

Table 1: Breakdown 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%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Rodney Local Board	190	9%
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 - Regional

As Tables Two and Three show, submissions were received in various forms, including 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

Formal submission type	Number of submissions	Percentage of submissions
Council's submission feedback form (online and hard copy)	1,834	27%
Long form submissions	80	1%
Pro forma - Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance	4,605	68%
Pro forma submissions (non-Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance)	239	4%
Total	6,758*	100%

Table 3 – Regional 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

Responses to Consultation Questions for Board Area

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 residents of the board area

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	21%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	25%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	25%	26%
	Tidy public places	15%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	5%	9%
	Other	0%	3%

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

Table Five. 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	Strongly agree	50%	57%
	Agree	30%	27%

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?	Neutral	6%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	11%	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 think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	54%	60%
	Agree	28%	27%
	Neutral	2%	4%
	Disagree	2%	1%
	Strongly disagree	13%	7%
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	46%	59%
	Agree	31%	27%
	Neutral	8%	5%
	Disagree	2%	1%
	Strongly disagree	12%	7%
	Don't know	2%	1%
5. We want to encourage central government to introduce product stewardship schemes. This includes a container deposit scheme where drink containers such as plastic, glass bottles and cans include a refundable deposit when returned for recycling. This would encourage more recycling and help to shift the costs of recovery from council and ratepayers to the producers and consumers of beverages. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	55%	61%
	Agree	21%	23%
	Neutral	4%	4%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	19%	8%
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	22%	27%
	Agree	18%	24%
	Neutral	18%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	41%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

In addition to the responses above, some of the key themes arising from submissions in the Upper Harbour Local Board area are highlighted below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

Go back to basics- stop plastics. Go brown paper bags, glass, compostable. Please bring food waste bins and have a facility to process it and turn into compost 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 believe the intention of a targeted rate for food waste is unfair. Some of us already recycle such through the use of compost or worm farms. We should not have to pay for a collection scheme we do not use. It should be user pays

Auckland Council's Zero Waste by 2040 Goal

I want Auckland to be zero waste by 2040 because we are drowning in our own filth

Every City needs a zero waste plan. Every Citizen needs to be aware of the need to cut waste and why.