

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

1. Purpose

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

- feedback on the Waiheke 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 Waiheke local board area.

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

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.

Auckland 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 Waiheke Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The local board consulted on the following priorities.

- Progressing plans for a community swimming pool, noting ongoing local budget will be required to offset any debt funding.
- Partnering with our community to develop and begin implementing a Waiheke Island pest-free plan.
- Implementing the Little Oneroa Concept Plan.
- Developing a Housing Strategy and progressing key actions which meet identified housing community needs.
- Creating a youth space in collaboration with our local schools and youth representatives.
- Ensuring Essentially Waiheke is recognised as a core strategic document within any regulatory frameworks.
- Advocating to the Governing Body to fund the implementation of the Matiatia Strategic Plan that is currently being developed.

235 written submissions were received on Waiheke local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority (73 per cent) of people either support (32 per cent) or partially support (41 per cent) the local board's priorities.

Of those submissions that either did not support or partially supported, 40 per cent related to issues outside the local board decision-making responsibility and are current local board advocacy areas to the Governing body.

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

Out of the 26,556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 235 submissions were from people living in the Waiheke local board area.

Issue 1: Transport

- Feedback shows local people generally supported the fuel tax.

Issue 2: Natural Environment

- Feedback shows that local people supported the water quality targeted rate, and the highest targeted rate for natural environment initiatives.

Issue 3: Rates and charges

- Feedback was mixed in regards to the general rates increase 2.5 per cent.

Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

- Feedback was mixed in regards to the accommodation provider targeted rate, but the majority were supportive.

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

Out of the 26,556 submissions received on the Auckland Plan 2050, 235 submissions regarding the outcome areas were from people living in the Waiheke local board area.

- **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**
- **Outcome area 7: Shaping our growth**

Local feedback and support for all outcome areas was mixed.

A summary of common themes is included under section 5.

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 Waiheke 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 on the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy is presented in a separate report. The feedback received on the Regional Pest Management Strategy will be presented later in the year (following decisions on the 10-year Budget).

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.

3. Feedback received on Waiheke Local Board priorities for 2018-2019

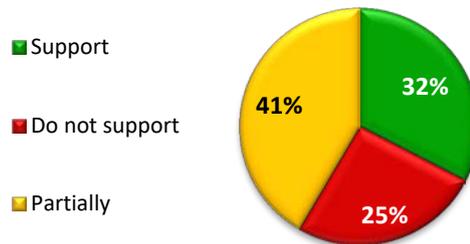
The Waiheke Local Board consulted on the following priorities.

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

Feedback received through written submissions

235 submissions were received on Waiheke Local Board priorities for 2018/2019, showing that the majority of people (73 per cent) either support (32 per cent) or partially support (41 per cent) the local board's priorities.



Analysis of comments within submissions that did not support or partially supported highlighted that 40 per cent of those related to issues outside local board decision-making responsibility and are current local board advocacy areas to the Governing Body.

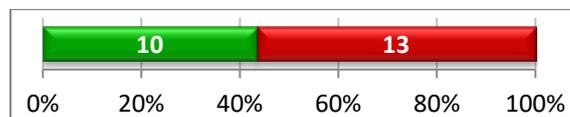
These included:

- more equitable regional funding for the Waiheke Art Gallery
- improved public transport
- opposition to marinas
- opposition to double decker buses
- tourism impact
- roads
- stormwater infrastructure
- ferry fares

Local Priority 1: Community swimming pool

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to progress plans for a community swimming pool, noting ongoing local budget will be required to offset any debt funding.

23 comments were made by submitters, of which 43 per cent were in support and 57 per cent did not support.



Below is an example of comments provided.

- A community swimming pool is not necessary, the school pool is under-utilised, evenings and weekends and school holidays, accountants have proven it to be, too expensive to build, maintain, staff and ticket entry prices will have to be subsidised and the population that would use it is too small.
- Sea is suitable.
- I don't support the funding for a local swimming pool. I think it is unnecessary and its ongoing up keep will be expensive and a poor use of limited water resources on the island.

- A new swimming pool should be located at the high school and be funded by the Ministry of Education. All children who live on an island should learn to swim.

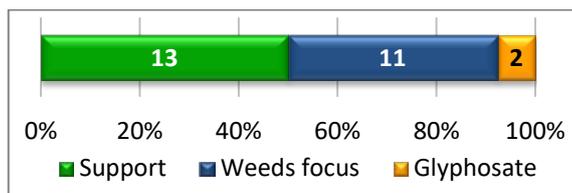
Local Priority 2: Implementing a Waiheke Island pest-free plan

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to partner with our community to develop and begin implementing a Waiheke Island pest-free plan.

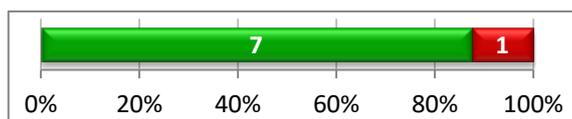
26 comments regarding pest free were made by submitters. All were supportive. Of these 11 comments mentioned management of weeds on the island. Two submissions noted concern around Glyphosate use.

Eight comments were made regarding Predator free, including one which did not support due to over-regulation.

Pest free:



Predator free:



Below is an example of comments provided.

- Kauri Disease prevention is vital and moving forward with a predator/pest free Waiheke. We have a massive weed issue on our Island and this cannot be tackled only manually. We need \$ and careful use of all tools available including sprays
- I feel more needs to be done about Waiheke's predator problem. More automatic poison free Rat/mice bait stations should be installed with a target to be predator free in 10 years.
- Noxious plants like Tobacco plants, mothweed, Agapanthus and creeping vines are all through the bush and spreading - I think that should have more budget as much as Kauri die-back. |
- Believe greater emphasis should be placed on implementing a Waiheke Island pest-free plan and also emphasis on weed free plan

Local Priority 3: Implementing the Little Oneroa Concept Plan

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to progress implementation of the Little Oneroa Concept Plan.

Four comments were made by submitters in support of this priority.

Below is an example of comments provided.

- The desire to implement a Little Oneroa Concept Plan including renewing playground facilities, dune protection, coastal and stream planting and improving access to the reserve would be a case of back to the drawing board after recent high tides had a major impact on our coastline and destroyed most of the previous plantings.

- Don't need a big play ground. It is a beach. Clean up the stream and get houses to stop over flows.

Local Priority 4: Developing a Housing Strategy

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to develop a Housing Strategy and progressing key actions which meet identified housing community needs.

15 comments were made by submitters in support of this priority. One submitter questioned whether housing development was necessary.

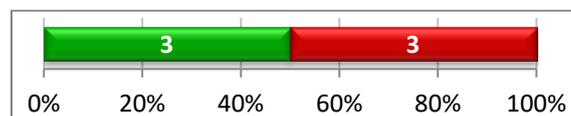
Below is an example of comments provided.

- More security for elders, especially in affordable housing, affordable food and high quality of life.
- Lack of affordable housing should not be driving our young people and established residents off the island.
- Housing on Waiheke is a major problem, with renting houses becoming so expensive and so short term that many families' lives become too stressful. This urgently needs to be alleviated with social housing.
- Board should have more say in terms of the District Plan, including rezoning for low-income people.

Local Priority 5: Creating a Youth Space

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to create a youth space in collaboration with local schools and youth representatives.

Feedback was mixed in support of this priority.



Below is an example of comments provided.

- Youth Centre is not a priority. Suggest instead more funding of community groups such as Rotary and Waiheke Community Art Gallery.
- I like the areas priority has been given to. Particularly swimming pool and youth area.

Local Priority 6: Essentially Waiheke

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to ensure Essentially Waiheke is recognised as a core strategic document within any regulatory frameworks.

5 comments were made by submitters in support of this priority.

Below is an example of comments provided.

- The adherence to the vision of Essentially Waiheke is important to me and my sense is that the local board priorities are in keeping with the Essentially Waiheke.
- Making Essentially Waiheke part of government law is my first priority in order to protect homegrown policies from Council and big developers.

Local Priority 7: Matiatia

Waiheke locals were asked their opinion on the priority to advocate to the Governing Body to fund the implementation of the Matiatia Strategic Plan that is currently being developed.

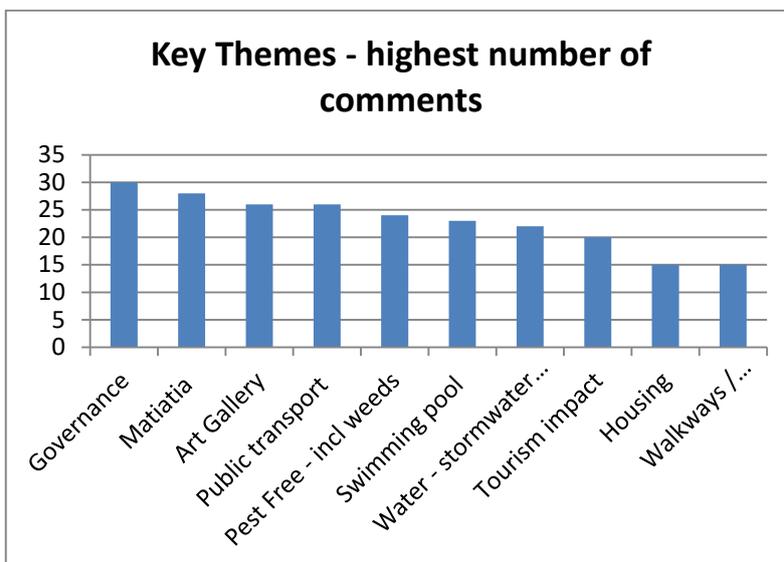
28 comments were made by submitters in regards to this priority. 12 of these noted provision of parking was a high priority.

Below is an example of comments provided.

- Provide visitor services that are easily accessible along with initiatives to enhance and protect the heritage and environmental values our community has for the Matiatia area.
- Spatial planning expertise is required.
- Matiatia Transformation is "Sky in the Pie" at this point. Put your money into transformative simple needs.
- The state and planned activities to remedy the current issues at Matiatia will not fix issues probably make it worse for those who commute to Auckland for work, suggest some further public consultation is required. Consideration for a bike lane to be constructed on the left hand side on the approach down to Matiatia be considered as the road is narrow and so is the footpath for both bike riders and pedestrians.
- Ferry car parking is congested. The board needs to make extra parking a priority for residents.
- Need to address the longstanding and worsening issue of parking at Matiatia. By 10 am on a week day there is no parking. There seems to be a push to force people to use public transport but this isn't always a viable option.

Overall Themes

The following graph provides a summary of local issues that received the most comments.



- **Governance**

Many commented on the importance of the local board having authority to make more local decisions and being provided the money to make projects happen.

- **Matiatia**

Improvements in parking, public transport, and more functional facilities were a common theme.

- **Art Gallery**

The inequity of regional funding for the community art gallery was highlighted, along with its role in making Waiheke a high-quality visitor destination.

- **Public transport**

Public transport, reduced ferry fares for locals, improved roads and footpaths were considered a priority.

- **Pest / Predator Free and weeds**

Managing weeds and reducing pests on Waiheke was a high priority.

- **Swimming pool**

There was a mix of comments on development of a swimming pool including priority, cost and location.

- **Water / stormwater**

Improving stormwater infrastructure to prevent flooding and slips was a high priority, as was preservation of waterways and managing roading run-off.

- **Tourism impact**

Support for sustainable tourism and required infrastructure were key themes.

- **Housing**

There was concern around the availability of affordable housing, increase in holiday homes, and support for sustainable development.

- **Walkways**

Improving footpaths and providing safe walkways and cycleways were highlighted by a number of submitters.

Breakdown of the number of comments received on local issues

Theme	#	Theme	#	Theme	#
Governance	30	Roading - stormwater	6	Marine Reserve support	2
Matiatia	28	Dark Skies support	5	Rangihoua/Onetangi Sports	2
Art Gallery	26	Essentially Waiheke support	5	Park	2
Public transport	26	Facilities	4	Sports and Recreation	2
Pest Free - incl weeds	24	Little Oneroa support	4	Water - wastewater	2
Swimming pool	23	Marina	4	Water - water quality	2
Water - stormwater / roading	22	Parking - general	4	Accommodation tax	1
				Community	1

Theme	#	Theme	#	Theme	#
Tourism impact	20	Elderly support	3	Education	1
Housing	15	Maintenance	3	Electric vehicles	1
Walkways / Footpaths	15	Youth centre - not support	3	Environment - wetlands	1
Double decker buses	12	Youth centre - support	3	Open space - general	1
Waste	10	Boating	2	Open space - Onetangi	1
Cycleways - support	9	Cycleways - not support	2	Parking - disabled	1
Ferry fares	8	Dog control	2	Predator Free - not support	1
Artworks support	7	Environment - general	2	Seachange	1
Predator free - support	7	Glyphosate	2	Volunteers	1
Arts and culture support	6	Golf club extension	2		

Feedback received through events

The Waiheke Local Board held a *Have your say* event on 6 March 2018 and feedback was received from 11 people.

Key themes included.

- Long-term plan - Kauri Dieback funding – concern about reducing focus on other environmental priorities.
- Long-term plan – Water quality and stormwater – impact of agrichemicals and pollutants from roads into marine environment and waterways.
- Regional Pest Management Plan - evaluation of current pest management programmes should be undertaken.
- Auckland Plan – should address carbon neutral targets and priorities. Support for electric vehicles.
- Waste Minimisation and Management Plan – resource recovery focus and commercial waste programmes.

Feedback received through social media channels

Feedback was received from the following social media channels:

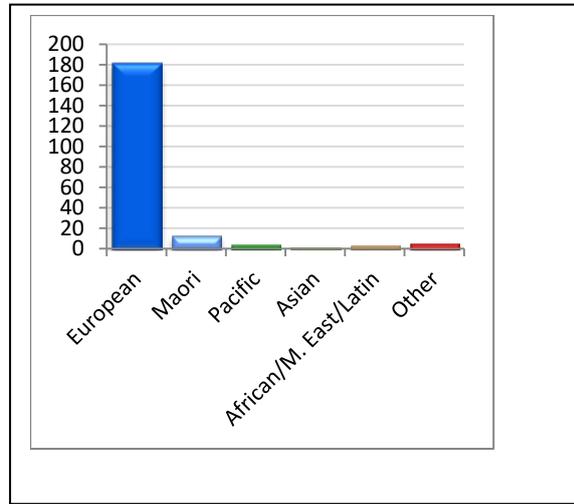
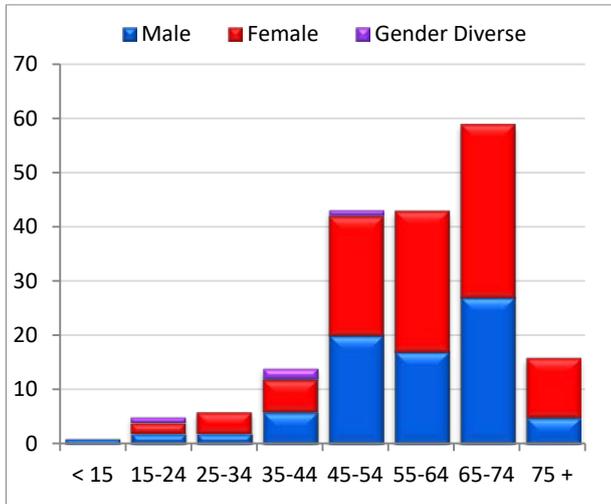
Approximately 40 pieces of informal feedback were captured from the Waiheke Local Board facebook page.

These included.

- Swimming pool - general support.
- Provision of parking at Matiatia.
- The Hauraki Gulf, implementation of Seachange, and improving water quality.
- Tourism.
- Roading problems, e.g. potholes.

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.



4. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Waiheke 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 Waiheke 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.

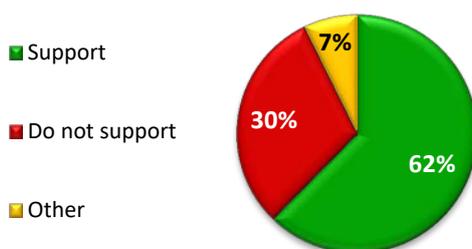
Issue 1: Transport

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?

207 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 62 per cent supported the proposed fuel tax.



The most common themes for not supporting the proposed fuel tax were:

- Already taxed too much/unaffordable for low income workers/pensioners (15 pieces of feedback).
- Waiheke should be exempt as already pay 40 cents more per litre (10 pieces of feedback).

The table below provides an overview of the responses from the Waiheke Local Board area.

Code	Count	%
1.1 Q1 Support	129	62%
1.1.1 Q1 Support Support - user pays	7	3%
1.1.2 Q1 Support Support - get rid of ITL (Interim transport levy)	0	0%
1.1.3 Q1 Support Support - only used for roading	2	1%

1.1.4 Q1 Support Support - improve public transport	33	16%
1.1.5 Q1 Support Support - congestion charge	3	1%
1.1.99 Q1 Support Support - other	30	14%
1.2 Q1 Do not support	63	30%
1.2.1 Q1 Do not support Do not support - Impact on large families, lower income	3	1%
1.2.2 Q1 Do not support Do not support - unaffordable	7	3%
1.2.3 Q1 Do not support Do not support - improve public transport	6	3%
1.2.4 Q1 Do not support Do not support - prefer congestion charge	2	1%
1.2.5 Q1 Do not support Do not support - Unfair impact on rural communities	9	4%
1.2.99 Q1 Do not support Do not support - other	24	12%
1.3 Q1 Other	15	7%
1.3.1 Q1 Other Other - prefer congestion charge	0	0%
1.3.2 Q1 Other Other - only if it reduces congestion	0	0%
1.3.3 Q1 Other Other - improve public transport	6	3%
1.3.99 Q1 Other Other - other reason	4	2%
1.4 Q1 Transport funding - other comments	5	

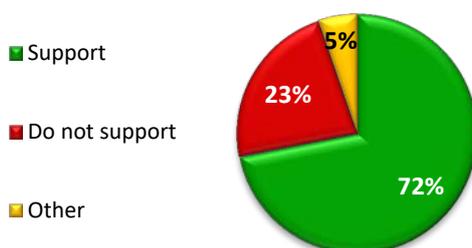
Issue 2: Natural environment

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?

208 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 72 per cent supported the water quality targeted rate.



The most common themes for not supporting the water quality targeted rate were:

- Should be funded with current council revenue through more efficient spending (8 feedback points)

The table below provides an overview of the responses from the Waiheke Local Board area.

Code	Count	%
2.1 Q2 Support	151	73%
2.1.1 Q2 Support Support - environmental benefit	40	19%
2.1.99 Q2 Support Support - other	23	11%
2.2 Q2 Do not support	46	22%
2.2.1 Q2 Do not support Do not support - rates are high enough	11	5%
2.2.2 Q2 Do not support Do not support - no benefit	3	1%
2.2.3 Q2 Do not support Do not support - government should pay	0	0%
2.2.99 Q2 Do not support Do not support - other	18	9%
2.3 Q2 Other	11	5%
2.3.1 Q2 Other Other - fixed charge	0	0%
2.3.2 Q2 Other Other - Impact on lower income	0	0%
2.3.99 Q2 Other Other - other reason	8	4%
2.4 Q2 Water targeted rate - other comments	2	

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.

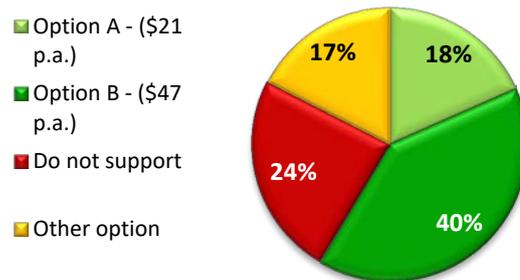
Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

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?

212 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 18 per cent supported an average rate of \$21 p.a. and 40 per cent supported an average rate of \$47 p.a.



Of those that didn't support the targeted rate or proposed another option, the most common themes were:

- Should be funded through other sources (i.e. current rates, more efficient spending, DOC) (17 feedback points).
- Would like a higher targeted rate to support full plan (12 feedback points).

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

Code	Count	%
3.1 Q3 Option A - Average \$21 per year	39	18%
3.2 Q3 Option B - Average \$47 per year	85	40%
3.3 Q3 Do not support	51	24%
3.3.1 Q3 Do not support Do not support - rates are high enough	14	7%
3.3.2 Q3 Do not support Do not support - no benefit	1	0%
3.3.3 Q3 Do not support Do not support - government should pay	2	1%
3.3.99 Q3 Do not support Do not support - other	18	8%
3.4 Q3 Other option	37	17%
3.4.1 Q3 Other option Other option - rates are high enough	0	0%
3.4.2 Q3 Other option Other option - no benefit	2	1%
3.4.3 Q3 Other option Other option - government should pay	1	0%
3.4.99 Q3 Other option Other option - other	8	4%
3.5 Q3 Environmental funding - other comments	2	

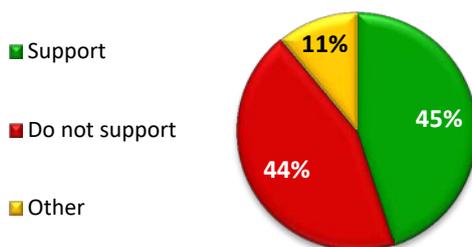
Issue 3: Rates and charges

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?

197 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 45 per cent supported an annual general rates increase of 2.5 per cent.



Of those that didn't support the rate increase, the most common theme was:

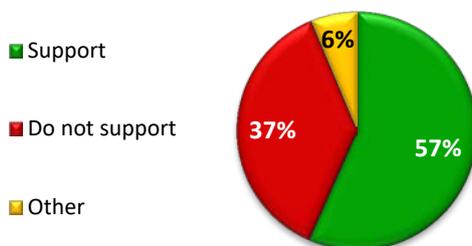
- Spend current rates more efficiently i.e. less bureaucracy, lower wages etc.(21 feedback points)

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?

175 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 57 per cent supported the accommodation provider targeted rate.



The table below provides an overview of the responses from the Waiheke Local Board area.

Code	Count	%
5.1 Q5 Support	99	57%
5.1.1 Q5 Support Support - fair to hotel and motels	6	3%
5.1.2 Q5 Support Support - online accommodation providers are businesses	11	6%
5.1.99 Q5 Support Support - other	19	11%
5.2 Q5 Do not support	65	37%
5.2.1 Q5 Support Do not support - not running as a business	0	0%
5.2.2 Q5 Support Do not support - no benefit from ATEED	0	0%
5.2.3 Q5 Support Do not support - other tourism business should pay	0	0%
5.2.4 Q5 Support Do not support - difficult to implement	0	0%
5.2.99 Q5 Support Do not support - other	0	0%
5.3 Q5 Other	11	6%
5.4 Q5 APTR - other comments	2	

Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

Feedback was received from the Waiheke Local Board area on other regional proposals.

The table below shows the areas covered by this feedback.

Theme	Count
Rating and funding	130
Public transport and travel demand management	89
Solid waste and environmental services	78
Regional community services	64
Council Controlled Services	53
Roads and footpaths	25
Regional planning	13
Regional governance	10
Transport key projects	4
Organisational support	3
Water supply	2
Waste water treatment and disposal	2
Storm water management	2
Regulatory services	1

5. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Waiheke 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.

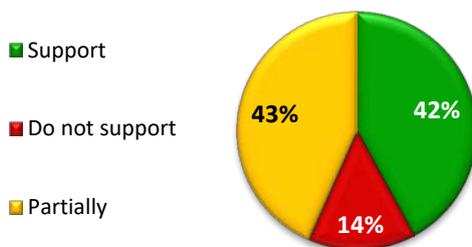
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Waiheke Local Board area is set out under each question.

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?

152 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 42 per cent supported the six focus areas.



Of those that didn't support or provided partially supported, the most common themes were:

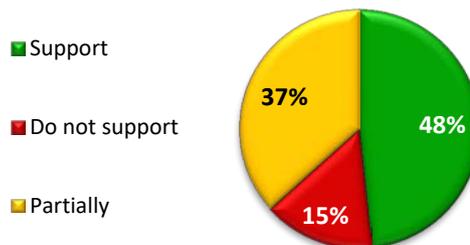
- Social issues should be left to central government. Council should stick to core services
- Feeling of belonging important but Supercity has reduced sense of belonging
- In a multicultural society need to look further than the Treaty of Waitangi
- Need to focus on implementation and action
- Importance of affordable housing as a priority and costs of building
- Move industry and immigration to the provinces
- Need to address isolation of seniors

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?

147 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 48 per cent supported the seven focus areas.



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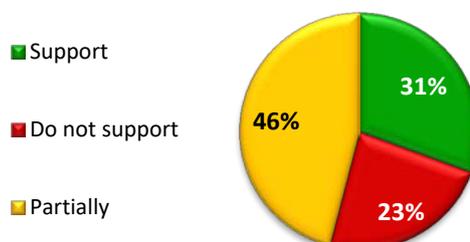
- Support for Te Reo classes and the associated resourcing
- Support for Maori identity of Auckland
- Central government role not the role of council
- Some concern about division being created by support for one ethnic group

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?

163 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 31 per cent supported the five focus areas.



Of those that didn't support or provided partially supported, the most common themes were:

- Quality well-designed affordable rentals should be supported by council

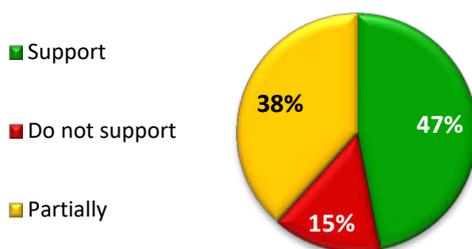
- Costs and bureaucracy of consents a barrier to affordable building
- Some stated not a council role
- Support for first home buyers especially young families
- Acknowledge tiny homes on wheels and create legal sites for them
- Regulate Airbnb
- Greater support for single seniors needed
- Develop housing near transport hubs
- Extend line of credit to community housing providers

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?

164 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 47 per cent supported the seven focus areas.



Of those that didn't support or provided partially supported, the most common themes were:

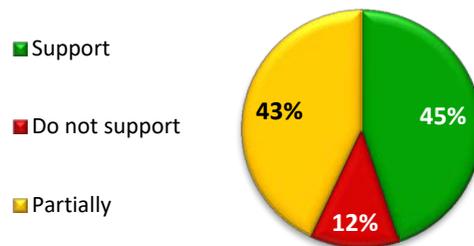
- Promote safe cycling and e-bike infrastructure
- Develop fewer roads and motorways
- Support and encourage work from home
- Need major infrastructure projects to improve traffic flow
- Public Transport should be free
- Smaller more frequent buses
- Open up Waiheke ferry route to competition
- AT needs to listen and consult more on the needs of Aucklanders

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?

158 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 45 per cent supported the six focus areas.



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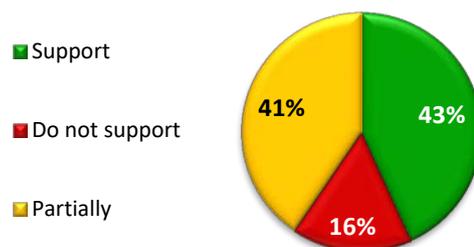
- Focus needed on cleaning up waterways
- Creation of marine reserves and control of overfishing
- Investment required in dealing with stormwater management and sewerage related pollution
- Need programmes to address climate change
- Implementation plan needed for Seachange
- Plans must be actioned
- The Auckland environment can be improved by better funding of arts and culture eg. better gallery funding

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?

148 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 43 per cent supported the five focus areas.



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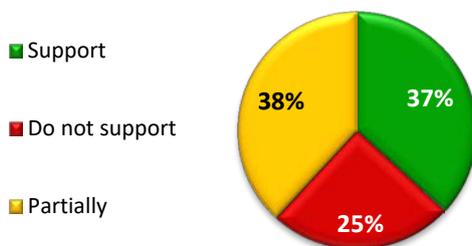
- Employment, apprenticeships and training initiatives should be focused on young people
- Not council role
- Consider promoting industries such as Tourism and IT

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?

148 responses to this question were made by submitters from the Waiheke Local Board area, of which 37 per cent supported proposed approach.



Of those that didn't support or provided partially supported, the most common themes were:

- Control growth in rural areas but allow intensification in urban areas
- Control immigration into Auckland
- Need for more innovative approaches
- Any developments need to protect the environment
- Support work from home initiatives and residences with businesses
- Ensure good transport links to new areas and consider underground rail
- More affordable housing options a priority