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## **Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on feedback received from the Waiheke Local Board Area**

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, seventy five 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:

- 90 per cent supporting expanding the council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 92 per cent supporting working with businesses to reduce construction and demolition, plastic and organic waste
- 91 per cent supporting the expansion of the council's network of Community Recycling Centres
- 86 per cent supporting advocacy for product stewardship and container deposit schemes
- 83 per cent support a separate plan for the Hauraki Gulf Islands

Submitters also included a number of comments on key topics of interest to them, such as local control of the waste stream, a community resource recovery park that deals with the whole waste stream and a zero waste Waiheke.

### **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 2018-2028 consultation process is not described in this report. This feedback is covered in Attachment A which summarises all feedback received from the board area on the long-term plan, including on waste issues.

A report summarising all submissions from across the region to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 is available on the Auckland Council website: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/Hearing-documents.aspx?HearingId=202>. The Waste hearings panel will consider this report when they meet from 30 April – 11 May.

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. Ninety-six submissions were provided by video and drawings.

Of the written submissions, 4,605 were pro forma submissions 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. They are therefore not included in the statistics for responses from the local board shown below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below in Table 1. Seventy five of these (three per cent) were from the Waiheke 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	4605	

### Regional 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 – 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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,758*</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 3 – Types of Informal Submissions - Regional**

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>

### Feedback from Board Area on Key Directions

The consultation feedback form asked respondents to answer seven questions. Responses to each from residents of the board area are summarised below in Tables 4 and 5.

**Table 4. Priority Outcomes**

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	7%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	2%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	31%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	30%	26%
	Tidy public places	5%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	7 %	9%
	Other	18%	3%

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

**Table 5. Responses to Key Directions in the 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</b>	Strongly agree	74%	57%
	Agree	16%	27%
	Neutral	4%	5%
	Disagree	1%	2%
	Strongly disagree	4%	5%

<p><b>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?</p>	Don't know	0%	2%
<p>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). <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?</p>	Strongly agree	36%	60%
	Agree	56%	27%
	Neutral	1%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	7%	7%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	80%	59%
	Agree	11%	27%
	Neutral	3%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	4%	7%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	75%	61%
	Agree	11%	23%
	Neutral	3%	4%
	Disagree	4%	2%
	Strongly disagree	7%	8%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	24%	27%
	Agree	59%	24%
	Neutral	7%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	6%	4%
	Don't know	4%	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 Waiheke Local Board area are provided below with some typical comments:

## **Local Control of the Waste Stream**

*Yes it is unique and it is important to get it right on Waiheke Island or else marine environment becomes even more polluted. 1 - Our situation as island is unique because we have always dealt with the entire waste stream. 2 - we face a natural tariff barrier in freight, which really limits our options. We just have to be smarter with on island solutions. 3 - our community has proven time and time again that it really cares about this issues and wants a satisfactory answer, the thousands of submissions to the Royal Commission on the governance of Auckland demanding local control of our waste stream is evidence of this*

*I support the initiative to give Waiheke Island more local control and say over its waste management and recycling. We have a community with the skills and drive to make a difference. Given the right resources, Waiheke could become a benchmark for sustainability.*

*Looking after our marine environment is essential. Waiheke is unique and had to be smart in the way it deals with waste because of the natural barriers of being an island. Waste from the island needs to be dealt with on the island.*

## **A Community Resource Recovery Park**

*The only sustainable long term solution for the island would be one which gives primacy to waste reduction, a community resource recovery park (RRP). This differs markedly from a community recycling centre; it deals with the entire waste stream not just recycling. This is essential in our circumstance because unlike most of Auckland the Waiheke centre deals with the entire waste stream including commercial waste and construction and demolition waste. Please amend the plan by replacing community recycling centre with community resource recovery park as was determined by the Waiheke Consultation process. Community Recycling Centre (CRC) should be changed to the Resource Recover Park (RRP) model.*

*What Waiheke needs is a resource recovery centre and transfer station that is owned and operated by locals. Having access to the entire waste stream and the contracts associated to those streams is important to keep innovation flowing from rubbish into reduction and reusing spaces.*

## **A Zero Waste Waiheke**

*Engage and educate the Waiheke community, to ensure it has a clear vision for waste on the island which encourages community waste management and embraces a zero waste philosophy, to reduce waste to landfill – Encourage more on island use of waste streams.*

*We can't keep on filling up our precious land with organic waste and plastics. We must adopt a plan to use organic waste as a resource, making compost locally and then growing food in parks, community gardens and in schools. We need to education to help communities grow and share food not more bins and landfills.*

*Promote Waiheke as a zero waste, sustainable community. Promote a pack in pack out policy for visitors.*

## **Informal Pro Forma Submissions**

Approximately 150 informal pro forma submissions were received that stated:

*On Waiheke we have always dealt with the entire waste stream, all the commercial and domestic waste and recycling, come through our local transfer station which is most effectively managed when its done by a local community organisation we trust.*

*I want Waiheke to take control of its waste through community ownership and local management.*

*Waiheke has consulted extensively with the community and have a consensus of a ‘whole of waste stream approach”, which would require a community resource recovery centre not merely a community recycling facility. Only by managing the whole of the waste stream can an integrated system to reduce waste be achieved.*

*I want the Auckland Council to support the development of a Resource Recovery Centre on Waiheke.*