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

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 88 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented four per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

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

Submitters also included comments on themes such as the food scraps collection, the waste levy, Māori priorities and a range of other issues.

Context

This report is provided to the local board summarising the consultation feedback received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from their area. The report covers the key consultation topics raised, primarily, through feedback form.

This report only covers formal submissions received by 28 March 2018. Late or informal submissions have not been included in the analysis due to time constraints.

Waste-related feedback given through the Long-term Plan consultation process is not described in this report. This is covered in attachment A which summarises all feedback received from the board area on the long-term plan, including on waste issues.

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

The final plan will then be approved by Environment and Community Committee on 12 June 2018.

Overview of Submissions

At the close of the submission period on 28 March 2018, 6,758 submissions had been received online and in hard copy form. 96 submissions were provided by video and drawings.

4,605 of the submissions received were pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance. These did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. They are therefore not included in the statistics for the local board below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below. 88 of these (four per cent) were from the Whau Local Board area.

Table 1: Submitters by Local Board Area

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Albert-Eden Local Board	172	8%
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	97	5%
Franklin Local Board	57	3%
Great Barrier Local Board	7	0%
Henderson-Massey Local Board	99	5%
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	114	5%
Howick Local Board	173	8%
Kaipātiki Local Board	97	5%
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board	51	2%
Manurewa Local Board	112	5%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board	100	5%
Ōrākei Local Board	85	4%
Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board	50	2%
Papakura Local Board	68	3%
Puketāpapa Local Board	35	2%
Rodney Local Board	190	9%
Upper Harbour Local Board	57	3%
Waiheke Local Board	75	3%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Waitākere Ranges Local Board	96	4%
Waitematā Local Board	130	6%
Whau Local Board	88	4%
Regional	1	0%
Not Supplied (non ARA)	174	8%
Outside Auckland	25	1%
*Not Supplied ARA	4,605	

Breakdown by submission type

As shown in Tables 2 and 3 below, submissions were received in various forms, including on the feedback form (on-line and written), long-form submissions, pro forma submissions and informal submissions including videos and drawings.

Table 2. Regional Breakdown by Formal Submission Type

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2023

Table 3. Types of Informal Submissions

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1,478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2,023

Support for 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 for Board Residents

Question	Response	% submissions local board	% submissions regional
1. Auckland Council is responsible for managing and minimising waste across the region. When we make decisions about waste, which outcomes are most important to you. (Please select up to 3 options.)	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	13%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	26%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	29%	26%
	Tidy public places	11%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	10 %	9%
	Other	2%	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 priorities were reliability of collection services and creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

Table 5. Local and Regional Support for Key Directions in Draft Plan

Question	Response	% submissions Local board	% submissions regional
2. In the last plan, we focused mostly on our services to households, which handle around 20 per cent of the waste that goes to landfill. Now 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?	Strongly agree	66%	57%
	Agree	23%	27%
	Neutral	9%	5%
	Disagree	0%	2%
	Strongly disagree	1%	5%
	Don't know	0%	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	71%	60%
	Agree	23%	27%
	Neutral	5%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	0%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%

<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 Community Recycling Centres are up and running and we have plans to provide seven more by 2024.</p> <p>What do you think of this approach and why?</p>	Strongly agree	69%	59%
	Agree	19%	27%
	Neutral	8%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	3%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	74%	61%
	Agree	17%	23%
	Neutral	4%	4%
	Disagree	4%	2%
	Strongly disagree	1%	8%
	Don't know	0%	2%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	43%	27%
	Agree	20%	24%
	Neutral	11%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	0%	4%
	Don't know	26%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

Some of the key themes from submissions in the Whau Local Board area are highlighted below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

Very surprised that the food waste collection outlined in the first plan has not yet appeared. Although, theoretically, householders should all compost and deal with their food waste on site, this simply is not practical. The 30% of food waste in bags/bins is such a wasted opportunity and a cost. Strongly encourage action to start soon. The rationale for this collection still holds.

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 support a food waste collection in Auckland.

I already compost my food waste so don't want to pay extra for a new food waste service that I don't need.

I don't want to pay extra to get organic collection service as I do my part of compost and recycle etc.

I support investment into decentralised community composting hubs as the primary way to manage food waste in Auckland, with community garden facilitators funded to support composting.

Waste Levy

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

Increase waste levy

Māori Priorities

Prioritize Maori action plans!

Implementation of Mana whenua and Mataawaka priorities are paramount to the success of diversion from Papatuanuku (landfill). The Action Plan defines specific outcomes for Maori communities, these should be given the highest status of support. Organic kerbside pick up services are key vehicles for diversion of vital resources for a wide range of community members who do not have the initiative/infrastructure to compost.

Other comments

Encourage more recycling of soft plastics that reduced our own household waste heaps.

(We already compost and try to buy items with the minimum of packaging already)

Encourage businesses to minimise packaging for retail items

A means of putting soft plastics out for kerbside recycling needs to be considered: making things convenient is the first rule. Why can't these go in the mixed recycling bin so long as they are contained in a single bag?

Campaigns to get people thinking and acting on recycling, upcycling, refusing plastic bags, reminder that we only have one planet!! We need to look after it!

Information needs to be given proactively, not just passively (e.g. updating the website so that very interested people can find information).

Council needs to give more thought to building a new ethos so that residents, visitors, businesses, new immigrants, institutions, kids and councils all accept that minimising waste is a basic part of being an Aucklander – or a New Zealander. This needs to be aspirational and attractive – and unequivocal.