

Attachment A:

10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Waitākere Ranges Local Board: DRAFT

1. Purpose

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

- Feedback on the Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges local board area.

The feedback received will inform Waitākere Ranges Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2018/2019. It will also inform Waitākere Ranges Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at its business meeting on 10 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.

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.

A total of 932 submissions were received from people living in Waitākere Ranges local board area / or concerning Waitākere Ranges Local Board local proposals.

Submitters were able to comment on all or some of the questions and items asked within the consultation framework. Not everyone who made a submission will have answered all questions. They may also have made more than one separate point in relation to any one question.

This means that the total responses made to individual questions may not equal 932, and that any percentages expressed are in relation to the total number of responses received to an individual question.

Feedback on Waitākere Ranges Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The local board consulted on the following priorities:

- One Local Initiative: Advocating for the Glen Eden Urban Design Framework and Implementation Plan to be fully funded in the 10-year Budget.
- Priority 1: Continuing advocacy to seek an increased level of funding to be made available for heritage area programmes under the local board's decision making control.
- Priority 2: Finalising a Waitākere Ranges 'greenways' plan', that will identify a network of local walking and cycling connections, and prioritising investment areas for improving these opportunities to get around without a car.

- Priority 3: Making improvements, such park benches, to some of our small Glen Eden parks so that they are more user-friendly.

In total 820 written submissions were received which related to Waitākere Ranges local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either partially support (41%) or support (38%) the local board's priorities.

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

Out of the 26,556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 932 were from people living in the Waitākere Ranges local board area.

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.

Support	520	59%
Do not support	294	34%
Other	63	7%
Total response (out of 932)	877	

Issue 2: Natural Environment

Aucklanders were asked whether they would support a water quality targeted rate.

Support	673	76%
Do not support	156	18%
Other	49	6%
Total response (out of 932)	878	

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.

Option A - (\$21 p.a.)	157	24%
Option B - (\$47 p.a.)	326	50%
Do not support	161	25%
Other option	247	38%
Total response (out of 932)	891	

Issue 3: Rates and charges

People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent for years three to 10.

Support	489	58%
Do not support	253	31%
Other	97	11%
Total response (out of 932)	839	

Secondly people were asked about whether online accommodation providers that meet particular thresholds should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Support	503	71%
Do not support	165	23%
Other	42	6%
Total response (out of 932)	710	

Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Waitākere Ranges local board area

Out of the 26,556 submissions received on the Auckland Plan 2050, 932 submissions were from people living in Waitākere Ranges local board area.

Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation

Support	336	52%
Do not support	85	13%
Partially	220	34%
Total response (out of 932)	641	

Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing

Support	299	48%
Do not support	140	22%
Partially	184	30%
Total response (out of 932)	623	

Outcome area 3: Homes and places

Support	259	40%
Do not support	119	18%
Partially	267	41%
Total response (out of 932)	645	

Outcome area 4: Transport and access

Support	335	52%
Do not support	79	12%
Partially	235	36%
Total response (out of 932)	649	

Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage

Support	371	56%
Do not support	62	9%
Partially	226	34%

Total response (out of 932)	659	
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Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity

Support	288	48%
Do not support	79	13%
Partially	233	39%
Total response (out of 932)	600	

Shaping our growth

Support	267	43%
Do not support	105	17%
Partially	243	40%
Total response (out of 932)	615	

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 Waitākere Ranges 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.

4. Feedback received on Waitākere Ranges Local Board priorities for 2018/19

The local board consulted on the following:

Priority 1: Continuing advocacy to seek an increased level of funding to be made available for heritage area programmes under the local board's decision-making control.

Responses	Count	% of count	% of Local board submissions
Yes	505	67%	54%
No	137	18%	15%
Partially	115	15%	12%
Other comments	2		0%

Priority 2: Finalising a Waitākere Ranges 'greenways' plan', that will identify a network of local walking and cycling connections, and prioritising investment areas for improving these opportunities to get around without a car.

	Count	% of count	% of Local board submissions
Responses	428		46%

Priority 3: Making improvements, such park benches, to some of our small Glen Eden parks so that they are more user-friendly.

	Count	% of count	% of Local board submissions
Responses	448		48%

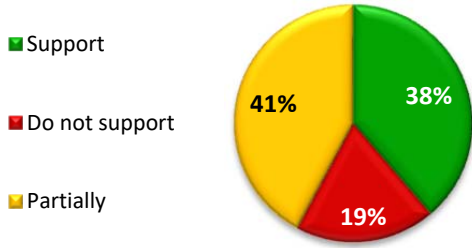
Advocacy Priority: For the Glen Eden Urban Design Framework and Implementation Plan to be fully funded in the 10-year Budget (One Local Initiative)

The consultation stated that 'This year, we have advocated for the Glen Eden Urban Design Framework and Implementation Plan to be fully funded in the 10-year Budget.' 143 separate comments were made in relation to this, the majority of which were supportive.

Separately there were 244 'likes' on Facebook in response to the question, 'we want to improve Glen Eden town centre – should this be a priority', with over 70 pieces of commentary, the majority of which were in favour of change. Note that this is not considered 'formal' feedback as it was not received via an official submission.

Do you support the local board's priorities?

In total 820 written submissions were received which related to Waitākere Ranges local board priorities for 2018/19. Responses showed that most people either partially support (41%) or support (38%) the local board's priorities.



Support	312	38%
Do not support	153	19%
Partially	340	41%
Other comment	15	2%
Total response (out of 932)	820	

Feedback channels

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

Feedback received through events

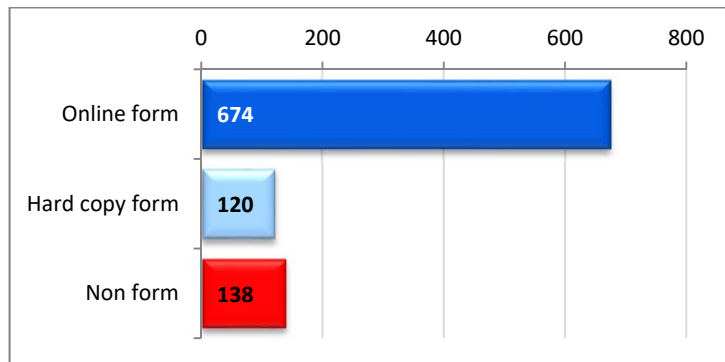
The Waitākere Ranges Local Board held 1 ‘have your say’ event and 1 community event.

Feedback received through social media channels

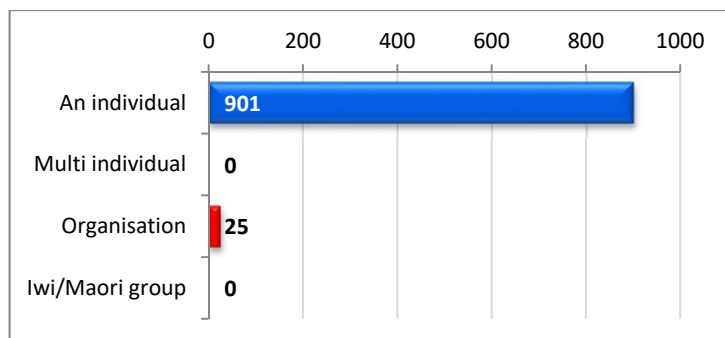
Feedback was received from the following social media channels: 244 ‘likes’ on Facebook in response to the question, ‘we want to improve Glen Eden town centre – should this be a priority’, with over 70 pieces of commentary, the majority of which were in favour of change.

How feedback was received

By submission type from 932 submissions. Note that ‘non form’ is largely emailed submissions.



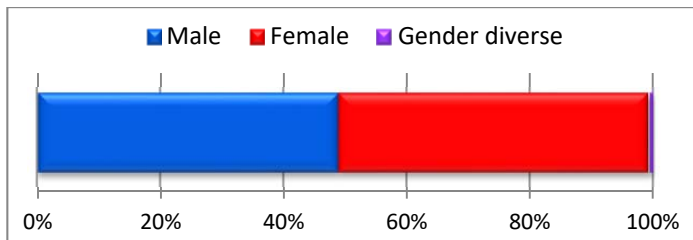
By submitter type from 926 submissions:



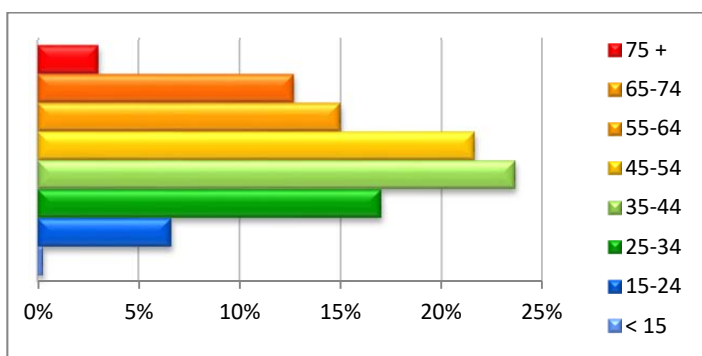
Information on submitters

The tables and graphs below indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

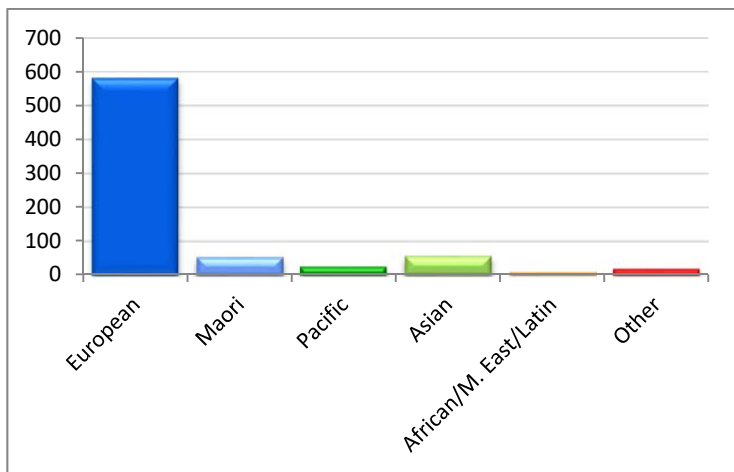
By gender from 691 submissions:



By age from 693 submissions:



By ethnicity from 753 submissions:



5. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges 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.

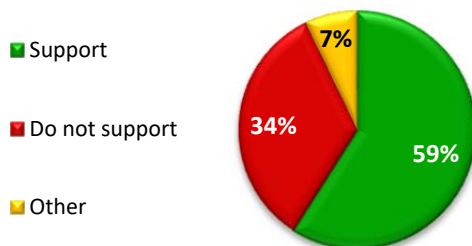
Issue 1: Transport

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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



Support	520	59%
Do not support	298	34%
Other	63	7%
Total response (out of 932)	881	

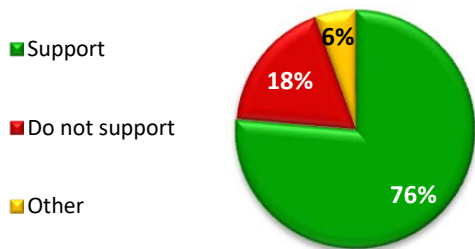
Issue 2: Natural environment

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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



Support	673	76%
Do not support	159	18%
Other	49	6%
Total response (out of 932)	881	

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.

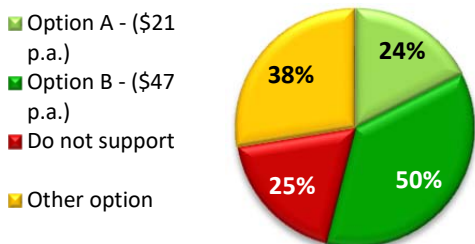
Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



Option A - (\$21 p.a.)	157	24%
Option B - (\$47 p.a.)	326	50%
Do not support	165	25%
Other option	247	38%
Total response (out of 932)		

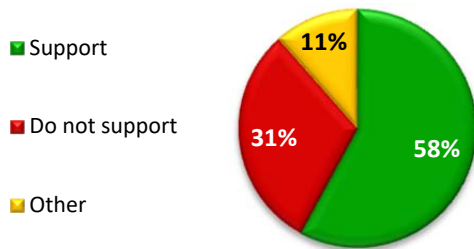
Issue 3: Rates and charges

People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent 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 graph below gives an overview of the responses from Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



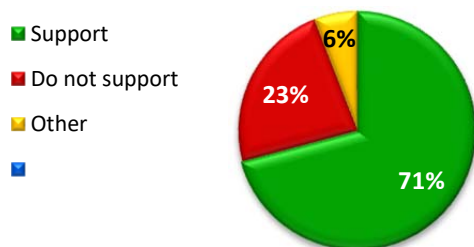
Support	489	58%
Do not support	258	31%
Other	97	11%
Total response (out of 932)	844	

They were also 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



Support	503	71%
Do not support	165	23%

Other	42	6%
Total response (out of 932)	710	

Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

Feedback was received from the local board area on other regional proposals, in the following areas.

Theme	Count
Roads and footpaths	71
Public transport and travel demand management	347
Transport key projects	14
Water supply	10
Waste water treatment and disposal	12
Storm water management	23
Regional planning	58
Regulatory services	11
Solid waste and environmental services	295
Regional community services	120
Auckland emergency management	0
Regional governance	40
Organisational support	1
Rating and funding	379
Tūpuna Maunga	0
Council Controlled Services	80
General comments	33

6. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Waitākere Ranges 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.

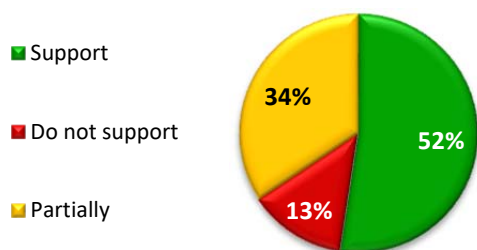
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area is set out under each question.

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 graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



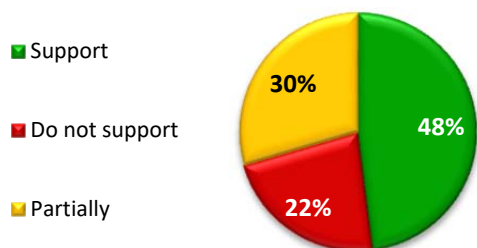
Support	336	52%
Do not support	85	13%
Partially	220	34%
Total response (out of 932)	641	

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?

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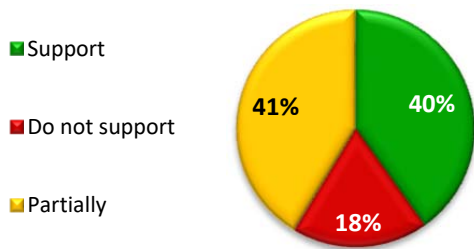
Support	299	48%
Do not support	140	22%
Partially	184	30%
Total response (out of 932)		

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?

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



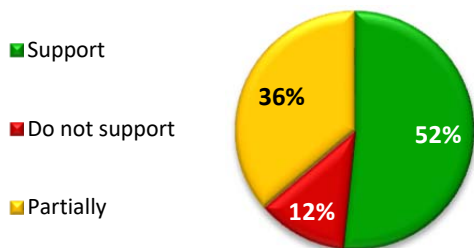
Support	259	40%
Do not support	119	18%
Partially	267	41%
Total response (out of 932)	645	

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?

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



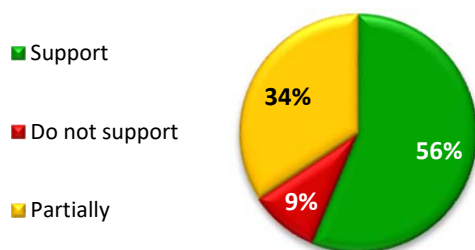
Support	335	52%
Do not support	79	12%
Partially	235	36%
Total response (out of 932)	649	

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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.



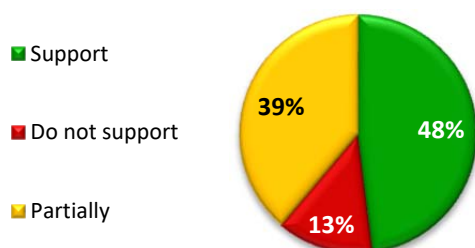
Support	371	56%
Do not support	62	9%
Partially	226	34%
Total response (out of 932)	659	

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?

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



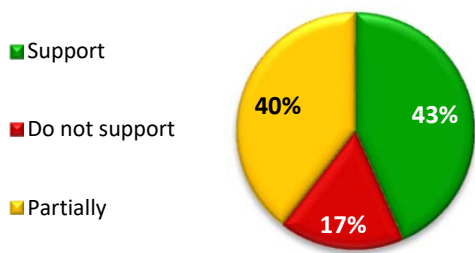
Support	288	48%
Do not support	79	13%
Partially	233	39%
Total response (out of 932)		

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?

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



Support	267	43%
Do not support	105	17%
Partially	243	40%
Total response (out of 932)	615	

7. Feedback received from mana whenua and mataawaka on regional priorities

Mana whenua and maataawaka from across Auckland made submissions at a regional level, with presentations made to the Governing Body on 15 March 2018. These submissions will be responded to via the regional process. However, there were some points of interest specific to the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area. These related to:

- The Te Kawerau a Maki Waitākere Rahui.
- Kauri dieback and ecological protection
- Water quality improvement
- Development of Te Henga Marae.
- Waitakere ranges forum (establishment of co-governance and co-management steering groups / Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008).