

## Attachment B: Summary of public feedback: Request to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public and end their private use

- 7,997 people online shared their views online
- Online feedback showed 89 per cent (7,041) in support and 10 per cent (837) opposed
- Online views are summarised in the summary report
- Letters from Room 12 at Birkenhead Primary School
- Four retailers shared their views in person
- All feedback is available on request.

Key themes are below.

**4,821**  
COMMENTS

### Concern about safety of people and animals

*'Fireworks terrify animals and keep me up at night too'*

*'Dangerous to animals, and too many inconsiderate people'*

*'Too many injuries, and very frightening for our animals'*



**2,492**  
COMMENTS

### Concern about the amount of noise

*'Noise nuisance, and danger outweighs benefits''*

*'The noise is ridiculous and harmful to animals'*

*'Noise factor - elderly, workers (sleep) and animals suffer'*



**1,933**  
COMMENTS

### Concern that fireworks are stockpiled and used after Guy Fawkes night without warning

*'Goes on for days. Cruel to animals. Dangerous'*

*'Inappropriate use on nights other than Guy Fawkes'*

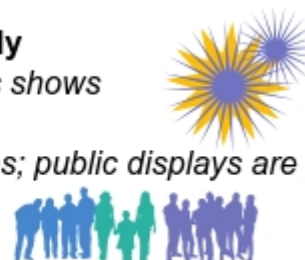


**1,593**  
COMMENTS

### Preference for public displays only

*'It should be left to Public Fire Works shows where it is a lot safer'*

*'Private fireworks cause many injuries; public displays are much better'*



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COMMENTS

**Part of culture / tradition**

*'a happy family time'*

*'great time for families to get together, have a bbq and have fireworks together'*

*'a means of celebration. Chinese New Year, Diwali, New Years, Guy Fawkes, etc'*



**172**

COMMENTS

**Excessively restrictive**

*'Just over the top' 'excessive and unnecessary.'*

*'I don't believe that citizens should have their right to celebrate Guy Fawkes night at home taken away'*



**126**

COMMENTS

**More regulation on use instead of a ban**

*'A more aggressive approach to public education is required'*

*'greater control could be in place regarding their sale'*



RETAILERS

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- fireworks are an important tradition and bring families and communities together
- why penalise everyone when the actions of a few are what causes problems?
- the fireworks they sell adhere to safety requirements set out in legislation
- legislation already limits age and timeframes for purchase
- retail sales help subsidise the high importation costs of professional fireworks used in public displays – these may not be viable otherwise.

**SHARED FEEDBACK**



# NOTICE OF MOTION TO BAN FIREWORKS

## FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

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**TOTAL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED: 7,997**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw feedback period opened 26 October 2018 and closed 5 December 2018.

During this consultation, Council also asked the public for their feedback on the proposed Notice of Motion to ban the sale of firework to the public.

This report relates only to feedback received on the Notice of Motion. Feedback relating to the bylaw is contained in a separate report.

### Feedback

Submitters were asked their opinion on whether to prohibit (ban) the sale of fireworks to the general public for private use.

Most submitters (89%) agreed with this proposal. Comments were received from 7,075 submitters with the most common themes including:

- Concern for the safety of people and animals (68%)
- Concern regarding the amount of noise (35%)
- Concern that fireworks are stockpiled and used after Guy Fawkes night without warning (27%)
- Preference for public displays only (23%).

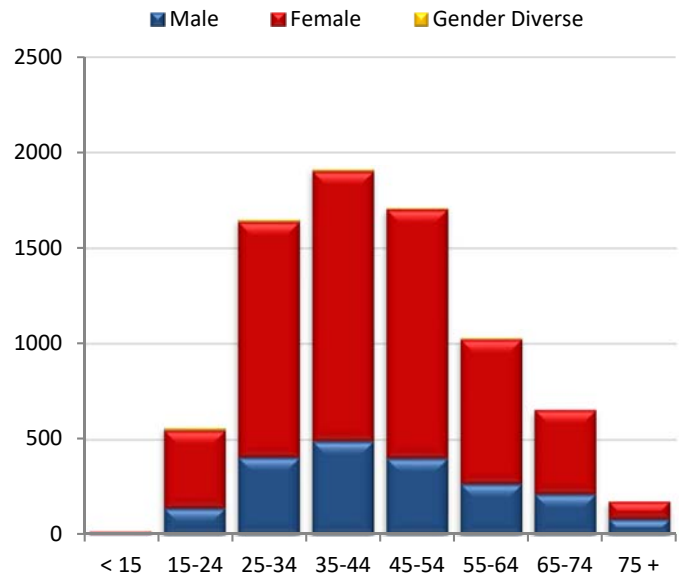
### Informal Feedback

Three drop in sessions held, in the city centre, Manukau and Pakuranga with 18 people attending. The city event was a stakeholder day attended by 4 stakeholder representatives.

## WHO WE HEARD FROM

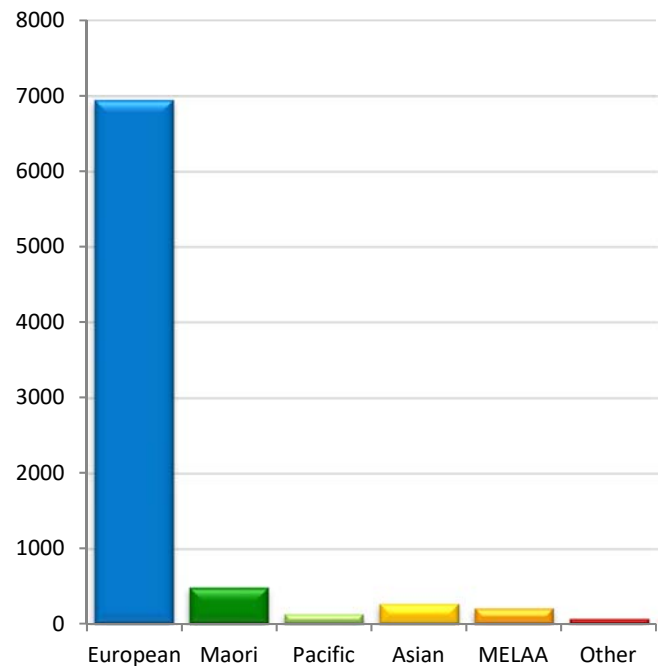
The tables below indicate the demographic information people identified with when provided, i.e. the graphs only include a breakdown of those that provided demographic information.

GENDER		
Male	2,017	26%
Female	5,686	73%
Gender diverse	45	1%
<b>Total submitters providing data</b>	<b>7,748</b>	<b>100%</b>



AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	5	13	0	18	0%
15 – 24	139	410	12	561	7%
25 – 34	406	1,231	10	1,647	21%
35 – 44	491	1,410	10	1,911	25%
45 – 54	401	1,301	6	1,708	22%
55 – 64	267	755	6	1,028	13%
65 – 74	213	443	1	657	9%
75 +	82	94	0	176	2%
<b>Total submitters providing data</b>				<b>7,706</b>	<b>100%</b>

ETHNICITY	#	%
<b>European</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>90%</b>
Pakeha/NZ European	6,547	85%
Other European	403	5%
<b>Maori</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2%</b>
Samoaan	69	1%
Tongan	38	<1%
Other Pasifika	24	<1%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3%</b>
Chinese	158	2%
Korean	26	<1%
Southeast Asian	65	1%
Indian	5	<1%
Other Asian	14	<1%
<b>Middle Eastern/Latin American/African</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1%</b>
New Zealander/Kiwi	65	1%
Other	2	<1%
<b>Total submitters providing data</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>NA</b>



The table below indicates the total number of submissions received by the local board that submitters live in.

RESIDENT LOCAL BOARD	#	%
Albert-Eden Local Board	547	7%
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	311	4%
Franklin Local Board	619	8%
Great Barrier Local Board	2	<1%
Henderson-Massey Local Board	593	7%
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	489	6%
Howick Local Board	430	5%
Kaipatiki Local Board	394	5%
Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board	155	2%
Manurewa Local Board	204	3%
Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board	465	6%
Orakei Local Board	405	5%
Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board	98	1%
Papakura Local Board	323	4%
Puketapapa Local Board	104	1%
Rodney Local Board	691	9%
Upper Harbour Local Board	315	4%
Waiheke Local Board	87	1%
Waitakere Ranges Local Board	455	6%
Waitemata Local Board	382	5%
Whau Local Board	266	3%
Outside Auckland	554	7%
Not supplied	108	1%

# CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

## Proposal

Prohibit (ban) the sale of fireworks to the general public for private use.

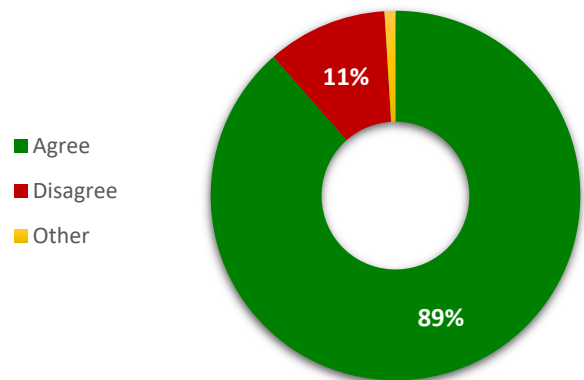
## Reason

Council is concerned about deliberate and unintentional injury and distress to people and animals, damage to property and high demand for council and emergency services relating to the use of fireworks. Council intends to ask government to ban the sale of fireworks to the public to end their private use and only allow public firework displays in New Zealand.

## What is your opinion on this proposal?

Submitters were asked to select one of the following response options.  
(n=7,954 responses)

RESPONSE	TOTAL	%
Agree	7,041	88.5%
Disagree	837	10.5%
Other	76	1.0%



## Tell us why:

(n=7,076 comments; Most common themes below)

### 68% Concerned about safety of people and animals (4,821 comments)



Comments include:

- "Fireworks terrify animals and keep me up at night too"
- "Dangerous to animals, and too many inconsiderate people"
- "To many injuries, and very frightening for our animals"

### 35% Concerned about noise (2,492 comments)



Comments include:

- "Noise nuisance, and danger outweighs benefits"
- "The noise is ridiculous and harmful to animals"
- "Noise factor elderly, workers (sleep) & animals suffer"

### 27% Concerned that fireworks are stockpiled and used without notice (1,933 comments)



Comments include:

- "Goes on for days. Cruel to animals. Dangerous"
- "Inappropriate use on nights other than Guy Fawkes"
- "Sick of them going on for months after"

### 23% Would prefer public displays (1,593 comments)



Comments include:

- "It should be left to Public Fire Works shows where is is a lot safer"
- "Should not be for private use, only public displays"
- "Private fireworks cause many injuries, public displays are much better"

OTHER RESPONSES	TOTAL	%
<i>Safety of people and animals</i>	4,821	68%
Noise	2,492	35%
<i>Stockpiled and used without notice</i>	1,933	27%
<i>Prefer public displays</i>	1,584	22%
Irresponsible users	1,279	18%
Damage to property	978	14%
Waste of emergency services resources	902	13%
Fireworks are dangerous	780	11%
Fire hazard	772	11%
Create waste and litter	483	7%
Harmful to the environment	417	6%
Guy Fawkes not relevant	369	5%
Waste of money	326	5%
Agree with Council reasoning	287	4%
Part of culture/tradition	239	3%
Excessively restrictive	172	2%
More regulation on use instead of a ban	126	2%
Provide better education	80	1%
Council/Government overstepping	71	1%
Never experienced any issues	59	1%
Temporary nuisance only	55	1%
Builds responsibility	36	<1%
Restrict age rather than a ban	33	<1%
Council unable to enforce	24	<1%
Won't make a difference	24	<1%