

Attachment A: Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers consultation feedback report for the Howick Local Board

1. Purpose

This attachment summarises consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 (including on local board priorities for 2019/2020) and proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028.

The feedback will inform:

- Howick Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2019/2020
- Howick Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at the business meeting on 15 April 2019, and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 8 May 2019.

2. Executive Summary

During the consultation period between 17 February and 17 March 2019 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 Howick Local Board priorities for 2019/2020

Eighteen feedback points were received on nine local board priorities for 2019/2020. 72 per cent of the feedback made on local board priorities were in support and 28 per cent were not in support.

The key matters identified in the feedback outside the priorities consulted on included:

- Transport
- Water quality
- The environment
- Community engagement
- Waste management
- Rates.

Feedback on regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020 from the Howick local board area

Of the 2,953 responses received on the regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020, 229 responses were received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area. Feedback was mixed with some proposed changes supported and others not.

Feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020

No responses were received on this topic from people living in or organisations located in the Howick local board area.

Feedback on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers

Of the 2,422 responses received on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers, 257 were from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area. The proposed amendment was generally supported by Howick based submitters. With 53 per cent of the responses received supported the proposal, 27 per cent were in partial support and 17 per cent were unresponsive.

Notes

Data used in this attachment is based on the most current data available at the time of writing and this may differ slightly from the final published data. Several submitters gave feedback on more than one point.

3. Context

Auckland Council consulted on its Annual Budget 2019/2020 and a proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers between 17 February and 17 March 2019.

The Annual Budget 2019/2020 must include a Local Board Agreement for the Howick Local Board which sets out board priorities and how they will be paid for.

Auckland Council also consulted on the Our Water Future discussion document at the same time. The feedback received on this discussion document will be presented at a later date.

Types of feedback

Overall Auckland Council received feedback from 6,530 submitters during the consultation period. This feedback was received the following ways:

- Written feedback – 5,249 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters:
 - Online – 2,423
 - Hard copy council form – 1,113
 - Non-council form – 1,713 (emails, letters, pro formas - 1,456 Franklin pro formas)
- In person feedback – 1,256
- Social media feedback – 12 comments through Facebook and 13 through Twitter.

4. Feedback received on Howick Local Board priorities for 2019/2020

Eighteen feedback points were received on nine local board priorities for 2019/2020. No feedback was received in relation to Priority 3 – to investigate a multi-sport facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park. 72 per cent of the feedback points made on local board priorities were supportive and 28 per cent were unsupportive. Specifically, the board consulted on and received the following feedback points on its nine identified priorities:

- Priority 1: To celebrate cultural diversity (two unsupportive)
- Priority 2: To invest in walking and cycling networks (two in support)
- Priority 3: To investigate a multi-sport facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park (Nil)
- Priority 4: To commence the implementation of the Howick Village Centre Plan and the Howick Heritage Plan (two in support)
- Priority 5: To improve the seawall at Cockle Bay (one in support)
- Priority 6: To continue to invest in weed and pest control (four in support)
- Priority 7: To continue to maintain community assets (three in support)
- Priority 8: To develop dedicated dog exercise areas (one in support and one unsupportive)
- Priority 9: To advocate to the Governing Body to bring forward development of the multi-use community facility and library and the aquatic centre at Flat Bush (two in support).

Feedback on other local topics

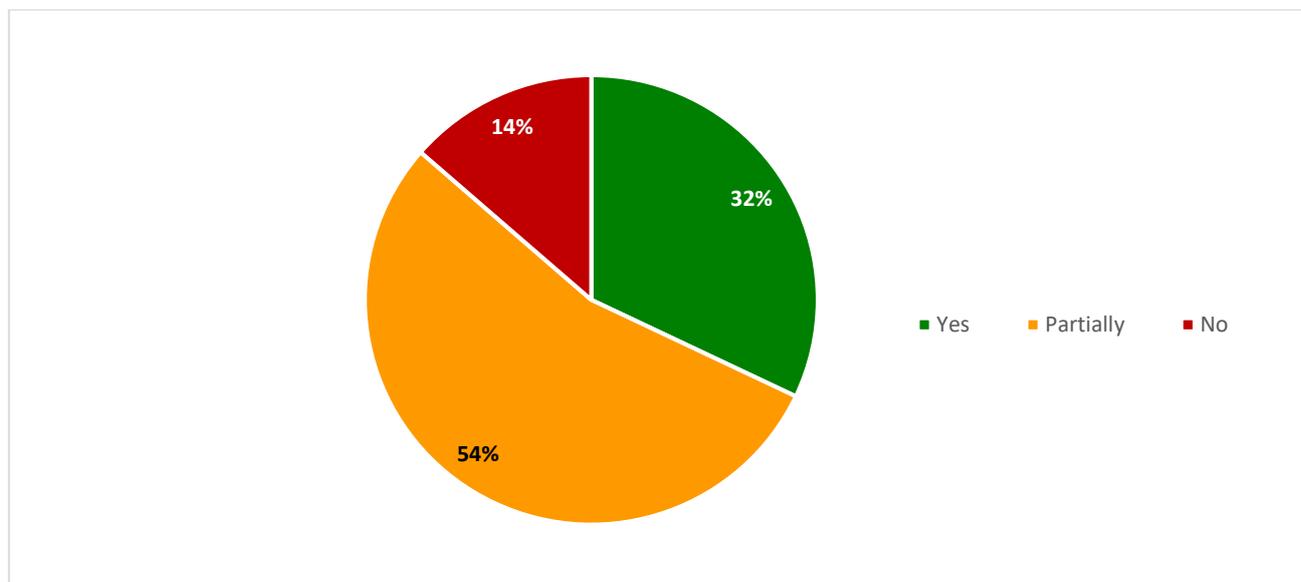
The key topics identified in the feedback outside the nine priorities consulted on were:

- Transport (fifteen feedback points received - with the main themes to increase provision of public transport, traffic congestion, advocating for the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit link and to increase spending in this topic)
- Water quality (nine feedback points received – with clear feedback on the community’s desire to increase water quality in streams and at beaches)
- The environment (eight feedback points received – with the main themes to increase emphasis on activities that enhance the environment and several specific suggestions for specific locations in the Howick area)
- Community engagement (seven feedback points received – with the key focus that the community is not aware of what the local board priorities are and that more engagement with the board would be beneficial)
- Waste management (seven feedback points received – which focused on the need to prevent illegal dumping and for the system generally to keep up with growth)
- Rates (six feedback points received – which were critical of the level of the rates and the value for money they represented)
- AMET1 (six feedback points received – which were evenly split in support of AMET1 and critical of an aspect of it, such as the proposed T2 lane on the Pakuranga Highway)
- Community safety (five feedback points received – with all the submissions suggesting more emphasis be placed on this issue)

- Equity across the Howick local board area (five feedback points received – most of the submissions on this issue suggested that Pakuranga was not getting a fair share of the local board budget)
- Local Board Plan (five feedback points received – with some submitters complementing its balanced approach and others providing critical feedback that it was difficult to work out where the budget is spent)
- Stockade Hill views (four feedback points received – with all wanting the views from Stockade Hill to be maintained)
- Coastal erosion; (three feedback points received – with two highlighting beaches other than Cockle Bay that need attention and one suggesting the building of the seawall is too late)
- The Pakuranga Plaza (three feedback points received – with submitters interested in its development).

Feedback received through written submissions

Feedback was mixed on the question “is the board on the right track with its priorities?” There were 184 responses to this question with the proportion of responses that were yes, partially and no are shown in the following graph.



Feedback received through events

The Howick Local Board held one *have your say* event where feedback was received from four people.

Requests for local funding

Requests for local funding where appropriate have been forward onto the relevant council operational department for advice. That advice will inform the development of the boards 2019 / 2020 work programme.

Information on submitters

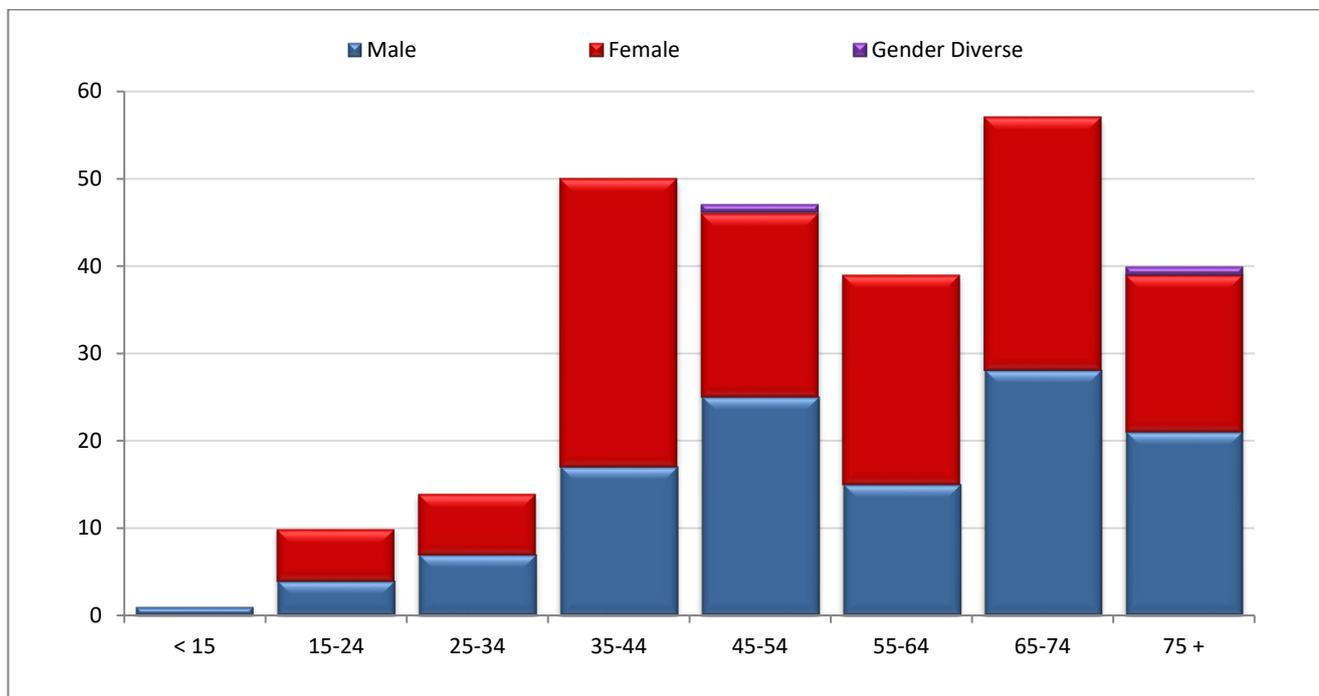
308 people or organisations based in the Howick local board area made a submission.

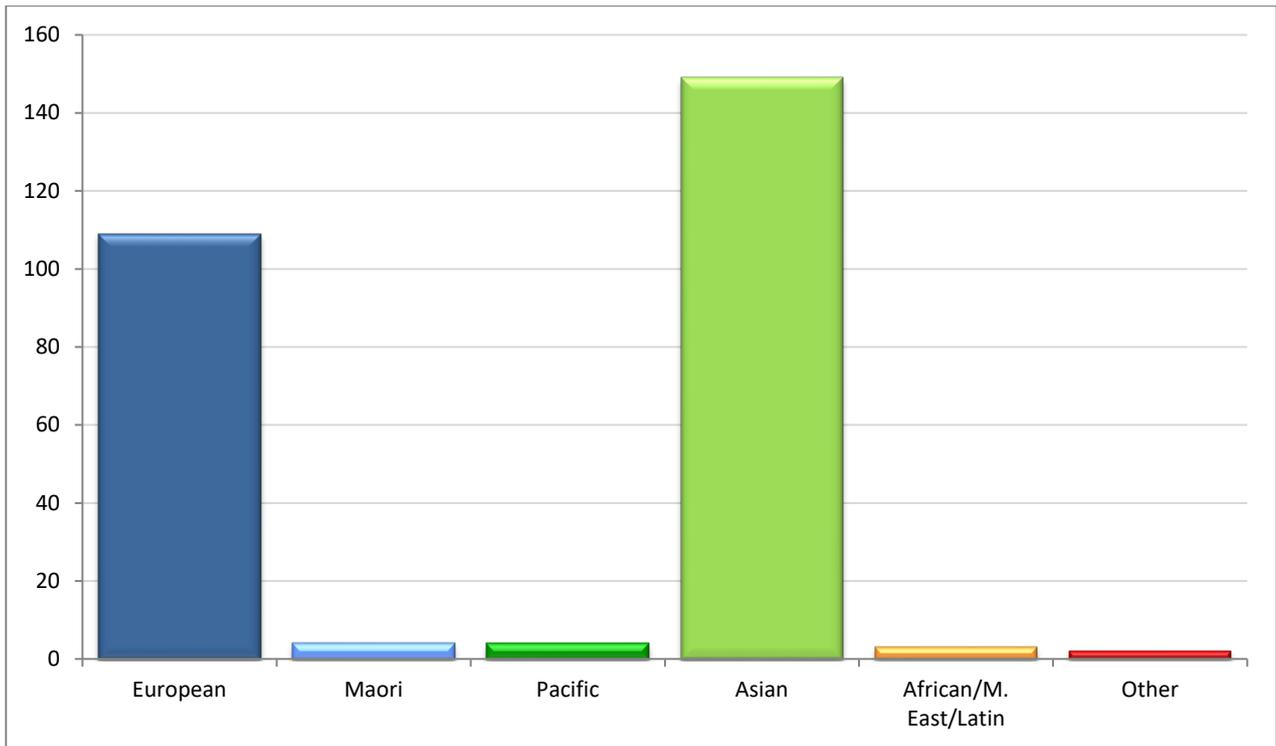
96 per cent of submitters were individuals with the remaining 4 per cent organisations based in the area. 87 per cent of submissions were received online, 7 per cent were received in hardcopy and the remaining 6 per cent in another manner.

Of those individual submitters that provided this information:

- 46 per cent were male, 53 per cent female and 1 per cent were gender diverse
- 91 per cent were aged 35 and over
- 53 per cent identified themselves as Chinese, 33 per cent identified themselves as Pakeha/New Zealand European and 8 per cent identified themselves as Other European.

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





5. Overview of feedback received on the Annual Budget from Howick Local Board area

The Annual Budget 2019/2020 sets out priorities for the year and the associated budget. The regional consultation on the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 focused on changes to rates and fees. The questions and text following are taken directly from the consultation feedback form.

Question 1: We are proposing a small number of rating and fee changes for 2019/2020

These changes include:

- *a \$20.67 increase to the annual waste management charge to cover increased costs*
- *extending the food scraps targeted rate to 2000 properties in the North Shore former trial area to whom the service is available*
- *phasing out the Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate over a two-year period (2019/2020-2020/2021)*
- *adjusting the urban rating boundary to apply urban rates to 400 properties in recently urbanised areas (that receive the same services as their adjacent urban neighbours)*
- *not charging rates on some parts of the land owned by religious organisations, and*
- *an increase to some regulatory fees (such as resource consent, building control and mooring fees) to cover increased costs.*

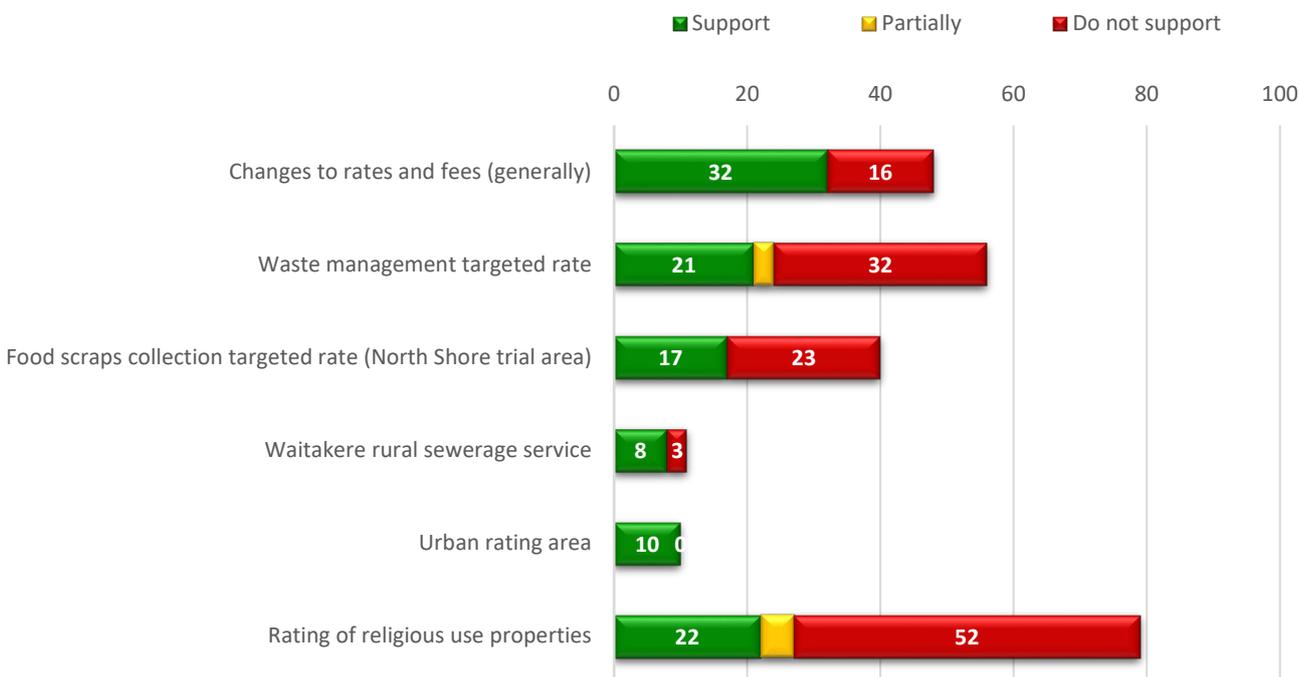
Please tell us what you think about some or all of these changes

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A summary of the feedback points received from the Howick local board area follows:

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Changes to rates and fees	TOTAL	Support	Partially	Do not support
Changes to rates and fees (generally)	48	32	0	16
Waste management targeted rate	56	21	3	32
Food scraps collection targeted rate (North Shore trial area)	40	17	0	23
Waitakere rural sewerage service	11	8	0	3
Urban rating area	10	10	0	0
Rating of religious use properties	79	22	5	52
Regulatory fees (generally)	27	3	4	20
Resource consent fees	14	0	1	13
Building consent fees	12	0	2	10
Harbour master fees	3	0	0	3
Animal management fees	0	0	0	0
Changes to rating and fees (generally)	11	0	11	0

Changes to rates and fees



Changes to regulatory fees



Changes to rates and fees

- **Changes to rates and fees generally**

The proposed changes to rates and fees (generally) received 48 responses and was supported. 67 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located

in the Howick local board area were supportive of the proposed changes and 33 per cent were unsupportive.

- **Annual waste management changes**

The proposed increase to the annual waste management received 56 responses and was generally not supported. 57 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal, 37 per cent supportive and 6 per cent were in partial support.

- **Food scraps targeted rate**

The proposed extension of the food scraps targeted rate to 2,000 properties on the North Shore received 40 responses and was generally not supported. 57 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal and 43 per cent were supportive.

- **Waitākere rural sewerage targeted rate**

The proposed phasing out of the Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate received 11 responses and was generally supported. 73 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were supportive of this proposal and 27 per cent were unsupportive.

- **Urban boundary rating**

The proposed adjustment to the urban rating boundary received 10 responses and was unanimously supported.

- **Religious properties rates**

The proposal to not charge rates on some parts of land owned by religious organisations received 79 responses and was not supported. 66 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal, 28 per cent were supportive and 6 per cent were in partial support.

- **Regulatory fees**

The proposed increase in some regulatory fees generally received 27 responses and was not supported. 74 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal, 11 per cent were supportive and 15 per cent were in partial support.

The proposed increase in resource consent fees received 14 responses and was not supported. 93 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal and 7 per cent were in partial support.

The proposed increase in building fees generally received 12 responses and was not supported. 83 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were unsupportive of this proposal and 17 per cent were in partial support.

The proposed increase in harbour master fees generally received three responses and was unanimously unsupported.

Feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020

One response was received by Auckland Council in relation to the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020. No responses were received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area on this matter.

6. Overview of feedback received on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers from Howick local board area

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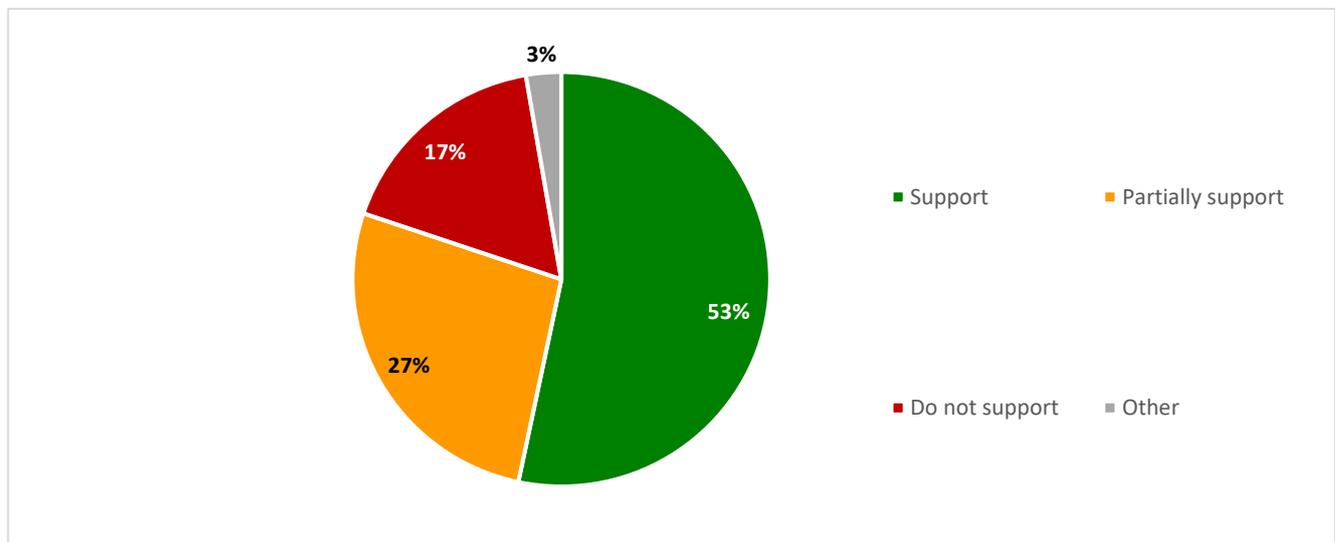
Question 1:

Panuku is Auckland Council’s urban development agency and currently owns and manages about \$790 million of city centre waterfront properties. We are proposing to transfer the legal ownership of those properties to Auckland Council. Panuku would continue to manage the properties. The resulting ownership structure would reduce governance duplication, increase consistency with other development areas and maximise future flexibility. The city centre waterfront properties are strategic assets so we want to know what you think of the proposal.

What is your opinion about this proposal?

A summary of the feedback points received from the Howick local board area follows:

10 Year Budget Amendment	Code	Count	%
What is your opinion about this proposal?			
	Support	137	53
	Partially support	69	27
	Do not support	44	17
	Other	7	3
		257	



The proposed amendment to the 10-year budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers received 257 responses and was generally supported. 53 per cent of the responses received from people living or organisations located in the Howick local board area were supportive of this proposal, 27 per cent were in partial support and 17 per cent were unsupportive.