

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

## **1. Purpose**

This report summarises feedback relating to the Kaipātiki Local Board received through the Annual Budget 2019/2020 consultation. This includes:

- Feedback on the Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020; and
- Feedback on regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020 from people or organisations based in the Kaipātiki local board area.

The feedback received will inform Kaipātiki Local Board decisions on the allocation of local budgets in its local board agreement for 2019/2020. It will also inform the Kaipātiki Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at the board's business meeting on 17 April, and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 8 May.

## 2. Executive Summary

This report summarises consultation feedback on the Annual Budget 2019/2020 (including on local board priorities for 2019/2020).

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 Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020

No specific priorities were provided for feedback as the direction was to continue with delivery of the projects identified through the consultation process for the 2017 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan. The question on local board priorities for the Kaipātiki Local Board area was a general, “have we got our priorities right for this local board area in 2019/2020?”.

131 submissions responded to the question on local board priorities for Kaipātiki. A slight majority partially supported (49%) the local board’s priorities, with a slightly smaller number in support (43%). This equated to a difference of just 8 submitters. Only 10 submitters, comprising 8% of submissions responding to this question were not in support of the local board’s priorities.

Of the slight majority (49%) of submitters that indicated partial support, 37 provided comments to elaborate on their choice. Of these, 14 indicated support for the focus on the environment. This comprised 38% of submissions that provided comments to this question and had selected partial support, and 23% of the overall group of submitters that partially supported the local board’s priorities. Of these 14 submissions, 8 submissions, slightly more than half, specifically voiced support for the renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, as the base of operations for Kaipātiki Project.

For the 54 submissions that supported the local board’s priorities, 17 submissions included comments to accompany their choice. Seven of these submissions cited the local board as being in touch with the community and appreciated the community and environmental projects being embarked upon.

10 submitters did not support the local board’s priorities, and seven provided comments to explain why. Of these, three called for a focus on core Auckland Council activities, three voiced support for the renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, one felt that the money spent on the coastal walkway between Shepherds Park and Tui Park should go towards upgrading existing walkways in the bush, and one wanted greater focus on improving cycling infrastructure and re-opening closed tracks and reserves.

### Feedback on regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020 from the Kaipātiki Local Board area

Out of the 5,249 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020, 223 submissions were from people living in the Kaipātiki Local Board area.

#### Changes to rates and fees

- **Annual waste management changes**

There were 549 responses in total to the question on waste management charges. 47 of these submissions were from the Kaipātiki Local Board area. 29 of the 47 respondents identified as coming from the Kaipātiki Local Board area did not support the increase to the waste management targeted rate base service charge. This made up a clear majority at 62% of responses from the Kaipātiki local board area to this question. 16 submitters supported the increase, forming a minority of 34%, while only two submitters, possibly demonstrating the polarising nature of this proposal, gave partial support for the proposal.

- **Food scraps targeted rate**

445 submissions from across the region responded to the proposal to introduce a food scraps collection targeted rate for 2000 properties in the North Shore former trial area that currently receive the service for free. Although this would apply to 550 houses in Northcote, just 47 submissions were received from the Kaipātiki local board area. A clear majority of 28 submitters were against the proposal, making up 60% of all responses from the Kaipātiki local board area. A minority of 18 submitters, or 38% of all responses from the Kaipātiki local board area, supported the proposal. Only one submitter was in partial support.

- **Waitākere rural sewerage targeted rate**

This question received just 290 submissions in total, only nine of which were from the Kaipātiki local board area. This is unsurprising, as the proposal to phase out the Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate will not affect any properties in the Kaipātiki local board area. A large majority of seven submissions from the Kaipātiki local board area supported this proposal, with only two against. None of the responses partially supported this proposal.

- **Urban boundary rating**

The proposal to adjust the urban rating area to include properties that receive the same services as their adjacent urban neighbours received 146 submissions in total. 18 submissions of these were from the Kaipātiki local board area. 12 submitters supported the proposal forming a clear majority, with only five against. Just one submitter partially supported the proposal.

- **Religious properties rates**

This proposal attracted the largest number of submissions by far with a total of 1140 responses. Only 59 of these submissions came from the Kaipātiki local board area. Mirroring the response regionwide, a majority (64%) of submitters from the Kaipātiki local board area did not support the proposal not to charge rates to religious use properties. Only 19 responses from the Kaipātiki local board area were in support of this proposal, and partial support was only given by two submitters.

- **Regulatory fees**

The proposal to increase some regulatory fees in order to maintain cost recovery received 455 submissions in total. There were only 37 submissions from the Kaipātiki local board area. As with the proposal on religious properties rates, a large majority of submitters (81%) from the Kaipātiki local board area did not support this proposal. Five submissions were in support, and only two gave partial support.

## **Draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020**

While the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020 was included in the consultation document no specific question was asked regarding this in consultation. Only one submission from across the region was subsequently received, from the Manurewa Local Board area. The submission was against a proposal from the Maunga Board to put a zip line on Rangitoto as it would negate the planting and restoration work done at Motatapu.

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

Out of the 2315 submissions received on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers, 176 submissions were from people living in the Kaipātiki local board area. A clear majority of 65% supported the proposal, while only 10% did not support. A significant proportion of submitters, close to a quarter at 23%, partially supported the proposal.

114 submitters from the Kaipātiki local board area supported the proposal and of these, 39 provided comments to elaborate on their choice. Close to half at 20 submissions (51%) cited cost savings and reduction of governance duplication for their support. A notable number of 8

submitters (21% of submitters supporting the proposal who provided comments) supported the proposal due to their dissatisfaction with Panuku in some shape or form.

Of the 19 submitters that indicated partial support and provided comments, the majority (eight) expressed distrust of Council and Panuku, two were concerned with potential congestion in the Wynyard Quarter and Quay Street, two wanted more public visibility and consultation, three felt that development was too slow, and two advocated for retaining the Waterfront as a public space for all.

While the number of submitters to this proposal that were not supportive was relatively low at just 18, among those that provided comments (13), a majority of eight submitters expressed some form of distrust or dissatisfaction with Council and/or Panuku.

### 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 Kaipātiki Local Board which sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them.

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 in the consultation period through:

- Written feedback – 5249 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters
- In person – feedback was received through 14 have your say events and 51 community events.
- Social media – 25 comments were received through Facebook (12) and Twitter (13).

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

At its 12 Dec business meeting, the Kaipātiki Local Board adopted the documents on local content and local supporting information for consultation that were tabled at the meeting. As the direction was to continue with delivery of the projects identified in the 2017 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan, no major changes were proposed. Since these projects had already been consulted on through the consultation process for the 2017 Local Board Plan, no specific priorities were provided for feedback. The question on local board priorities for the Kaipātiki local board area was a general, “have we got our priorities right for this local board area in 2019/2020?”.

223 submissions to the Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers came from the Kaipātiki local board area. Of these, 131 responded to the question on the Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020, with the majority forming close to half (49%) in partial support. Submitters who supported the Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020 formed only a slightly smaller proportion of 43%. Just 8%, or 10 submitters, disagreed with the Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020.

*Your final consultation materials [are here](#). Please list the priorities referred to in your consultation document.*

Key themes across all feedback received (through written, event and social media channels) were:

- Local environmental management attracted the most feedback, receiving 22 submission points. Most of the feedback was in support of the renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale.
- Local governance & support received 17 submission points, with comments largely around the local board and its priorities.
- Local community services and local parks, sport & recreation had 10 submission points each. Feedback was mostly concerned with greater development and support for community services, sports, and parks.

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

### Feedback received through written submissions

131 submissions were received on Kaipātiki Local Board priorities for 2019/2020, showing that the majority of people either partially supported (49%) or supported (43%) the local board’s priorities. The difference between the number of submissions that supported the local board’s priorities and those in partial support was just 8 submitters. Only 10 submitters, comprising 8% of submissions responding to this question were not in support of the local board’s priorities.

Among the nine themes that feedback was categorised on, local environmental management received the most comments with 22 submission points, followed by local governance and support, with 17 submission points. Local community services and local parks, sport and recreation both received 10 submission points. Local planning as a theme was a distant fourth having seven submission points. Comments that did not fit within any of the nine themes contributed six submission points, and local arts, culture and events just had two submission points. There were no comments related to either local libraries or local economic development.

Comments relating to local environment management were all supportive of environmental efforts in Kaipātiki. There were no comments to the contrary that suggested focusing on other issues instead of the environment. Of the 17 submissions that provided comments concerning local environmental management, nine were on the importance of the renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale. Other comments ranged from the upgrade of tracks and walkways because of kauri dieback, to pest and weed control. There were three comments that expressed support for the local board’s focus on the environment.

“Kaipatiki Project supports community—led environment programmes and projects that are increasingly important in addressing our environmental challenges. Kaipatiki Project is essentially the community science hub of our rohe. The current building is leaky and unhealthy for community

activities This project has been a very long time coming— it's time to deliver!" (Submission AB1903063)

Local governance and support was the next theme that had the most submission points (17). There were 17 submissions that provided comments on local governance and support, and five were on the general local board direction and its priorities.

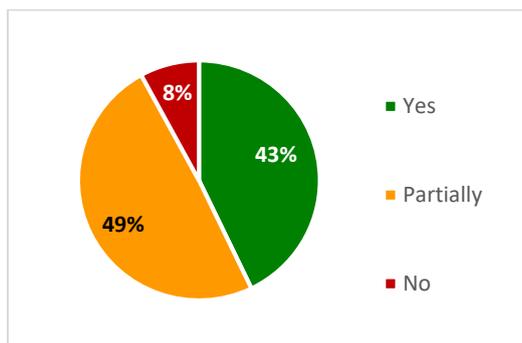
"They do their best. Anything that improves safety of the public, day and night, is good." (Submission 1903069)

There were four comments on the renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, specifically relating to local board support for the project. There were also, however, two comments that disagreed with the influence of CCOs, particularly Auckland Transport.

"They have approved the building of grand edifices on corners of Highbury while the footpaths are in disrepair and a danger to pedestrians. They have approved the widest pedestrian crossing in the world for Hinemoa St that is totally out of proportion with the need and the neighbourhood. They seem to be in thrall to Auckland Transport and its very clear desire to reduce parking and increase congestion. But, a good thing, the shade sails on the Little Shoal playground." (Submission AB1900357)

There were 10 submission points each for local community services and local parks, sport and recreation. Comments relating to these themes were largely in support of more development and funding for community services (more community service centres), sports (Birkenhead War Memorial Park needs to be fast tracked, more support for tennis) and parks (more shade sails, more work on bush/exercise tracks) in the local board area.

"more development needed in the area (more community service centres, parks or recreational areas)." (Submission AB1900937)



### Feedback received through events

The Kaipātiki Local Board received two pieces of feedback at Kaipātiki Project's Eco Fun Day on 9 Mar. One was that a slip near Lynn Reserve had dropped rubbish into the water, the other was related to regional planning and was against building in rural areas as this would lead to more cars on roads.

### Feedback received through social media channels

Feedback was received from the following social media channels:

- 12 people from Facebook
- 13 people from Twitter

However, none of the social media feedback were on the Kaipātiki local board's priorities. Topics ranged from transport (reduce congestion), to waste management (tip passes and better rubbish collection), and council expenditure (Eden Park debt bailout, free events).

### Feedback on other local topics

Transport and congestion in the Kaipātiki local board area received nine comments. Four submitters highlighted the importance of safety for cyclists and improvements to cycling infrastructure, particularly if cycling is to be encouraged as a viable alternative transport option. Three comments mentioned the narrowing of roads, removal of carparks and on street parking

that only exacerbates congestion. There was one comment on the new bus routes and the unreliability and scarcity of the buses resulting in overcrowding for passengers.

### Requests for local funding

The renewal of 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale, was a prominent project that received 13 comments in support of the project. Among the reasons supporters cited were the poor conditions of the current building that made it unsuitable and unhealthy for volunteers and visitors including schoolchildren, the importance of Kaipātiki Project’s work to the area and the environment, and the social benefits of the centre connecting volunteers and the community.

There were also two comments that asked for more funding to be put into Beach Haven and Birkdale.

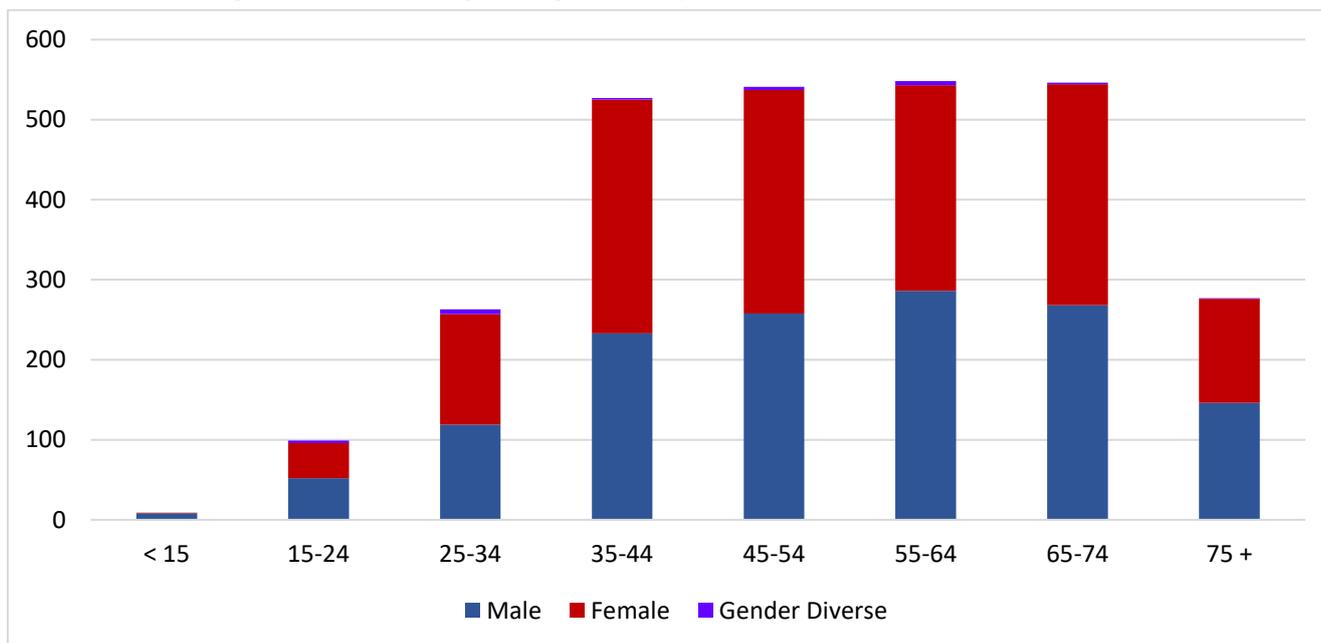
“Northcote keeps getting all the redevelopment money. With ferries now going from Beach Haven, put more funding into the Beach Haven Village.” (Submission AB1902848)

### Information on submitters

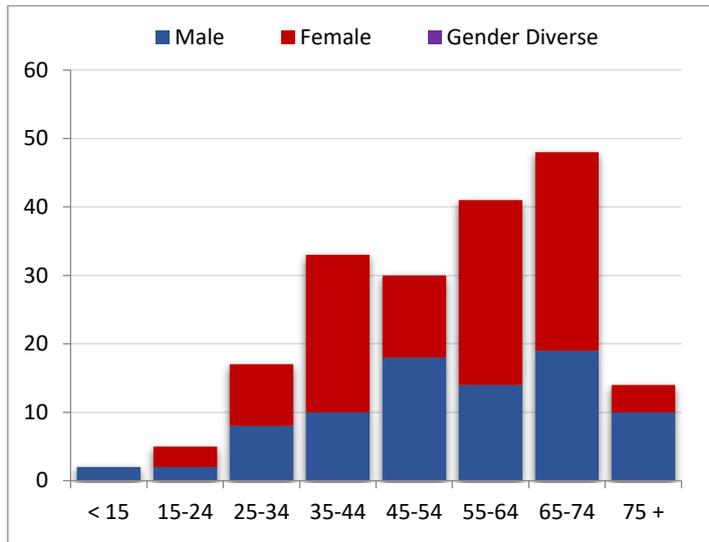
The tables and graphs below indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

A total of 2,827 submitters provided demographic information in their submission. While 2,827 submitters provided information on their ethnicity, 17 did not provide information on their gender. Of the 2,827 submissions with demographic information, 190 were from the Kaipātiki local board area.

### Age group of all submitters to the Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers consultation

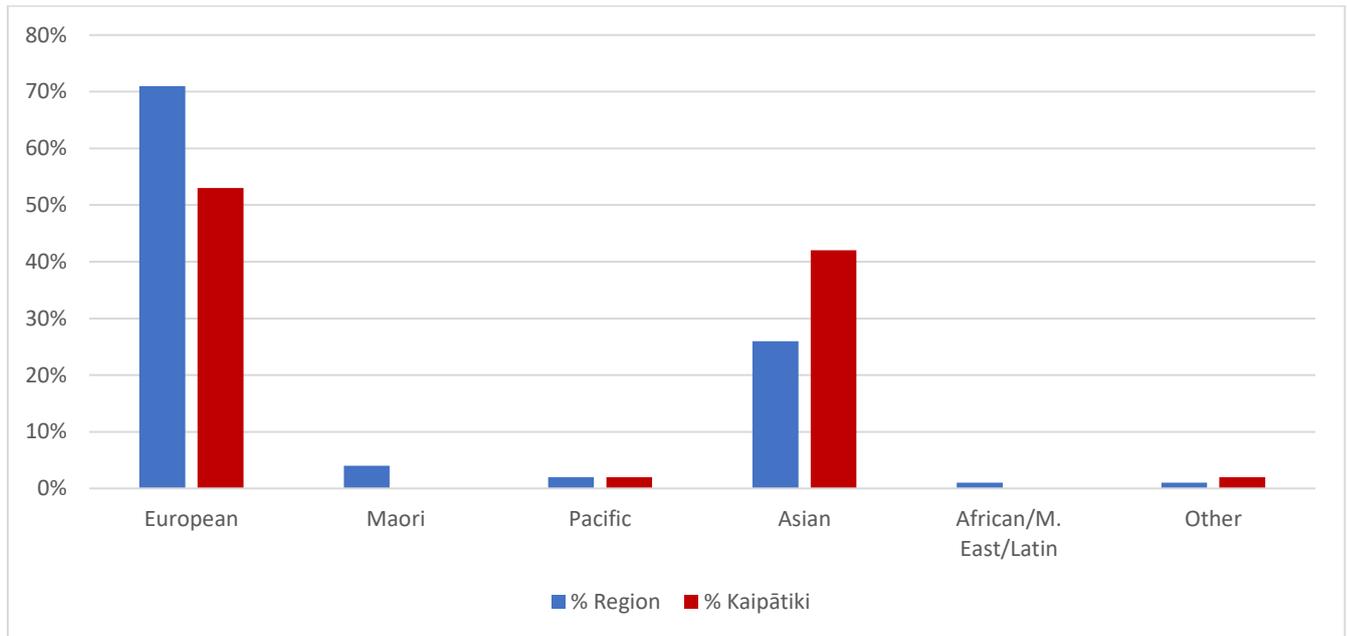


**Submitters to the Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers consultation from the Kaipātiki local board area**

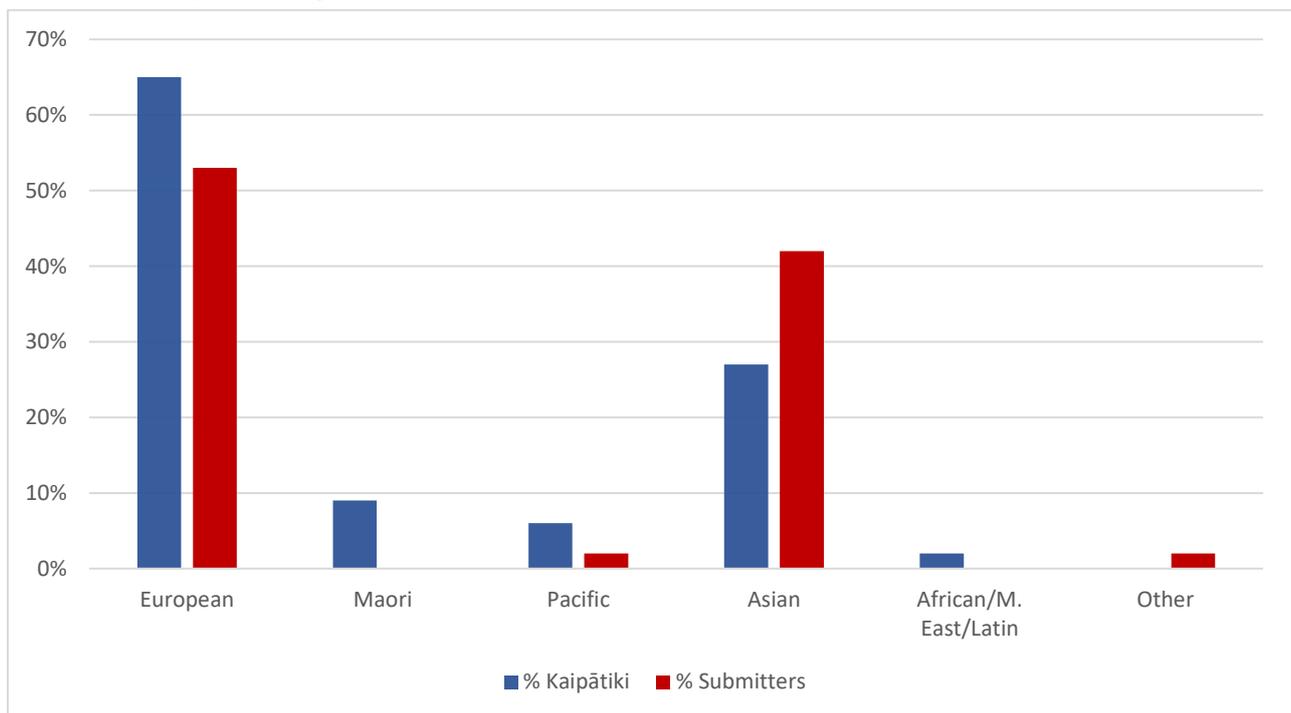


2,810 submitters provided information on their gender. There were slightly more females than males, at 1,417 to 1,370 submitters. This is reflected in the gender breakdown for the Kaipātiki local board area, with female submitters slightly outnumbering males at 107 to 83. Male submitters outnumbered females in four age groups across the region, under the age of 15, 15-24, 55-64, and those over 75. In comparison, female submitters outnumbered males in the Kaipātiki local board area except in three age groups, under the age of 15, 45-54, and over the age of 75. The difference in the number of male and female submitters was slight across all age groups both regionally and for the Kaipātiki local board area. The greatest difference between the number of male and female submitters was in the age group of 35-44, with 59 more females than males. Among submitters from the Kaipātiki local board area, it was the same age group of 35-44, along with those between 55-64, that had the largest difference of 13 more female than male submitters. Only 23 submitters identified as gender diverse across the region, none of them were from the Kaipātiki local board area.

**Proportion of submitters to the Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers consultation by ethnic group from the Kaipātiki local board area against the entire region**



**Proportion of submitters by ethnic group from the Kaipātiki local board to the Annual Budget 2019/2020 and Proposed Amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers consultation against the estimated resident population of the Kaipātiki local board by ethnic group, at 30 June 2013**



Ethnic information was provided in 2,827 submissions, 190 of which were from the Kaipātiki local board area. Europeans comprised a large majority (71%) of all submitters and formed slightly over half of submitters (53%) from the Kaipātiki local board area. However, this was an under-representation as Europeans made up 65% of the population of the Kaipātiki local board area.

Asian submitters formed the second largest group at slightly over a quarter (26%) across the region. For the Kaipātiki local board area, the proportion of Asian submitters was much larger at just under half of submitters (42%), a significant overrepresentation considering the proportion of Asians (27% as of the 2013 Census) in the Kaipātiki local board area.

Submitters from the remaining ethnic groups of Māori, Pasifica, and MELAA (Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African) made up just 7% of all submissions, or 255 submitters. 39 submitters (1%) were of ethnicities that did not fall under the European, Asian, Māori, Pasifica or MELAA categories. Submitters from these ethnic groups made up an even smaller proportion of submitters from the Kaipātiki local board area, comprising just 4% of submissions from residents. There were no Māori submitters despite the proportion of Māori residents comprising 9% of all Kaipātiki residents as of the 2013 Census. Similarly, there were no submitters of ethnicities in the MELAA group despite comprising 2% of the population in the Kaipātiki local board area.

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

The Annual Budget 2019/2020 sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The regional consultation on the proposed Annual Budget focused on changes to rates and fees:

- Changes to rates and fees
  - Annual waste management changes
  - Food scraps targeted rate
  - Waitākere rural sewerage targeted rate
  - Urban boundary rating
  - Religious properties rates
  - Regulatory fees

The submissions received from the Kaipātiki 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.

### Changes to rates and fees

Aucklanders were asked about a proposed small number of rating and fee changes.

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

*These changes include:*

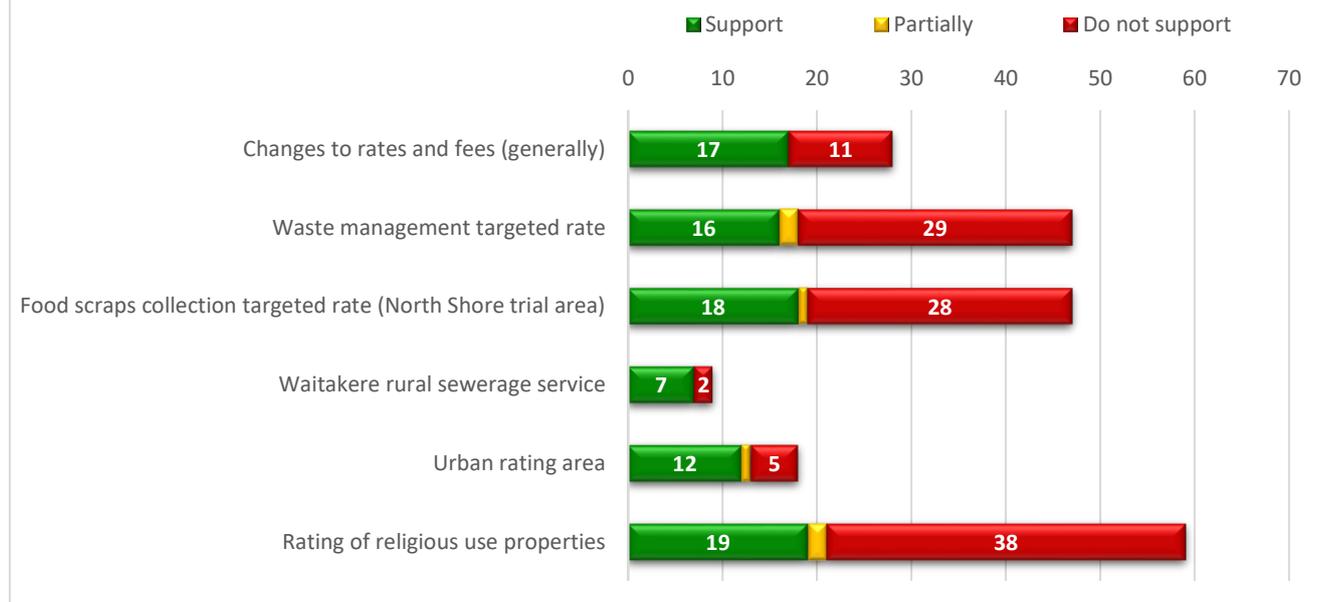
- *a \$20.67 increase to the annual waste management charge to cover increased costs*
- *extending the food scraps targeted rate to 2000 properties in the North Shore former trial area to whom the service is available*
- *phasing out the Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate over a two-year 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*

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

Changes to rates and fees	TOTAL	Support	Partially	Do not support
Changes to rates and fees (generally)	28	17	0	11
Waste management targeted rate	47	16	2	29
Food scraps collection targeted rate (North Shore trial area)	47	18	1	28
Waitakere rural sewerage service	9	7	0	2
Urban rating area	18	12	1	5
Rating of religious use properties	59	19	2	38

## Changes to rates and fees



Feedback on the proposed changes to rates and fees was mixed. Considering there were 223 submissions from the Kaipātiki local board area, responses to each proposal was low, with the rating of religious properties receiving the most at 57, and the phase out of the Waitākere rural sewerage service having only 9.

While the majority of responses to the question on the overall proposed changes to rates and fees were supportive, this was only a difference of six submissions with 17 positive to 11 against, making for a total of 28. In comparison, the three proposed changes that a majority of submitters did not support received more responses, attracting a total of 148 submissions out of the 223 from the Kaipātiki local board area. These three proposed changes were an increase to the annual waste management charge to cover higher costs, land owned by religious organisations being exempt from paying rates, and the extension of the food scraps targeted rate to 2000 properties in the North Shore former trial area that have food scraps collection. For the Kaipātiki local board area, 550 houses in Northcote would be affected by this last proposal. The difference between the number of responses in support of these three proposals and the number that did not, was relatively low, but still significant, the lowest being the 10 more submitters against the extension of the food scraps targeted rate to 2000 properties in the North Shore former trial area. It is the proposal to not charge rates on land owned by religious organisations that received the most responses, with a majority of 38 submitters against the proposal, and 19 for.

The two proposals that were supported by a majority of respondents were the phase out of the Waitākere rural sewerage service, and the adjustment of the urban rating area to include 400 properties in recently urbanised areas. However, the number of submissions from the Kaipātiki local board area that responded to these proposals were low, with just nine submissions in total for the phase out of the Waitākere rural sewerage service, and 18 for the extension of the urban rating area.

Responses of partial support for all proposed changes to rates and fees were very low with two submitters at the most for the proposals to raise the annual waste management charge to cover increased costs, and to not charge rates on religious use properties.

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

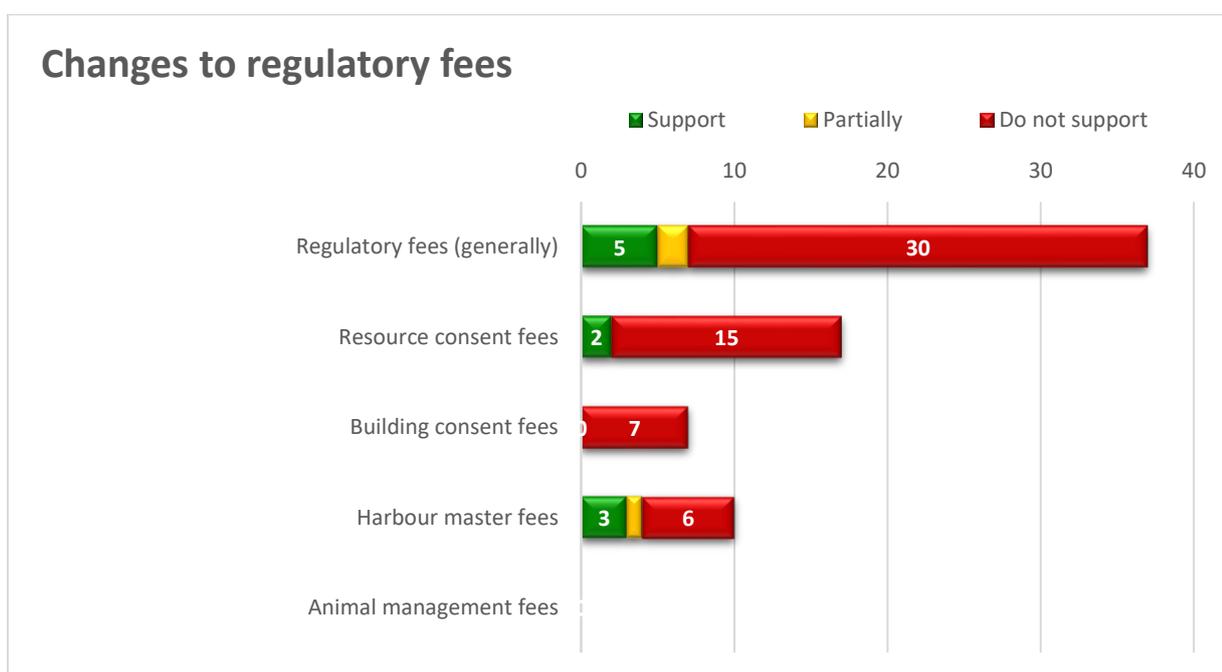
No feedback was received from the Kaipātiki Local Board area on the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020.

## Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

Feedback was received from the Kaipātiki Local Board area on the proposed increase to regulatory fees to cover the full costs of service provision that have risen faster than inflation. Raising these fees would ensure users, rather than ratepayers, cover the cost of these services. The identified services are:

- resource consents – bundled consent deposits, tree consents, boundary adjustments (unit title and cross lease), change of condition (s127) and others
- building control – lapsed/refused building consent, waiver/modification of building code, extensions of time to start building work, solid fuel heater/injected wall application and others
- harbour master fees – mooring fees and foreign vessel (over 40 meters in length) anchorage/dynamic positioning
- animal management – impound and sustenance fees.

The graph below shows the areas covered by this feedback.



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Changes to rates and fees	TOTAL	Support	Partially	Do not support
Regulatory fees (generally)	37	5	2	30
Resource consent fees	17	2	0	15
Building consent fees	7	0	0	7
Harbour master fees	10	3	1	6
Animal management fees	0	0	0	0

The proposed increase to regulatory fees received a low number of responses, 92 in total of the 223 submissions from the Kaipātiki local board area. None of the proposed increases were supported by submitters, with a substantial majority against for each. The question on the overall proposed increase to regulatory fees received both the most submissions (37), and the largest number of submitters that were against (30). There were just five supporters, a sixth of the submitters opposing the proposal, and only two that were in partial support.

The increase to resource consent fees received the next highest number of submissions at 17, though this was still very low compared to the total number of submissions from the Kaipātiki local

board area. An overwhelming majority of 15 the 17 submitters for this particular proposal opposed the increase, compared to just two that supported it.

There were only 10 responses to the proposed increase to Harbour master fees, with a clear majority of six submitters against it, and just half of that number (three) that were supportive. The remaining response indicated partial support.

Only seven submitters responded to the proposed increase to building consent fees, and none were supportive. A proposed increase to animal management fees received no submissions.

## 6. Overview of feedback received on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers from Kaipātiki Local Board area

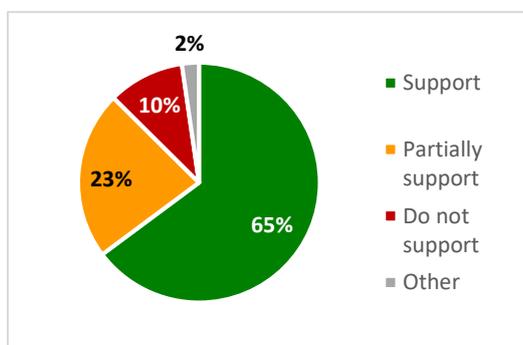
The question and text below is directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Kaipātiki Local Board area is set out under the question.

*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?*

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Kaipātiki Local Board area.



10 Year Budget Amendment	Code	Count	%
What is your opinion about this proposal?	Support	114	65%
	Partially support	40	23%
	Do not support	18	10%
	Other	4	2%

176 submissions on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers came from in the Kaipātiki local board area compared to 2315 from across the region. A clear majority of 65% supported the proposal to transfer legal ownership of the city centre waterfront properties currently owned and managed by Panuku. Only 10%, or 18 submitters from the Kaipātiki local board area did not support. A significant proportion of submitters, close to a quarter at 23%, partially supported the proposal.

Of the four submitters (2%) whose response could not be categorised as supportive, partially supportive, or opposed, one felt that they did not possess enough information to comment, while another did not think the proposal was applicable to them.