

Rodney Local Board - Annual Budget 2019/2020 consultation feedback summary

1. Purpose

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

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

The feedback received will inform the Rodney Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2019/2020. It will also inform the Rodney Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at their business meeting on 18 April and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 8 May.

2. Overview

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

The figures within this report are based on information received as at 4 April 2019. However, additional quality control processes may lead to slight variations by the time of the 18 April business meeting. These are not expected to be material.

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 Rodney Local Board priorities for 2019/2020

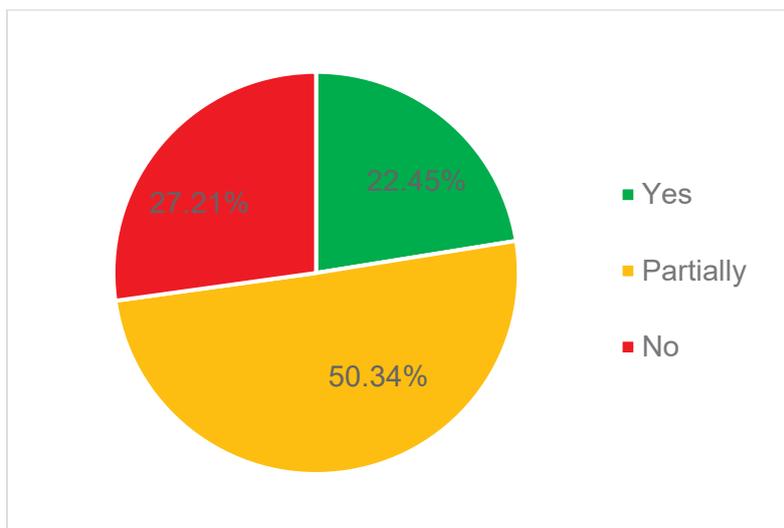
The local board consulted on the following priorities:

- Priority 1: planning the new reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat
- Priority 2: delivering town centre improvements
- Priority 3: continuing the Healthy Harbours Fund

147 submissions were received on Rodney Local Board priorities for 2019/2020, showing that the majority of submitters either partially support (50%) or support (22%) the local board's priorities.

Figure 1 provides a further breakdown of the level of local support for the local board's priorities. In addition to indicating a level of support for the priorities, many submitters also provided comments. On analysis of these, many comments relate to topics other than the three local board priorities for 2019/2020, including areas that the local board is unable to directly influence at all, such as road maintenance or rate rises. The responses marked "partially support" or "do not support" should be read in context where feedback has been received on areas where the local board is not the decision maker and the limited ability of the local board to directly address those areas of concern. Future information on these comments is provided in section 4 of this report.

Figure 1: Per cent breakdown of local support for the Rodney Local Board priorities



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

Out of the 2,953 submissions received on the regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2019/2020, 170 comments were from people living in the Rodney local board area.

Figure 2 and 3 below provide an overview of the level of support within Rodney for the regional proposals within the Annual Budget 2019/2020.

Figure 2: Local feedback on changes to rates and fees

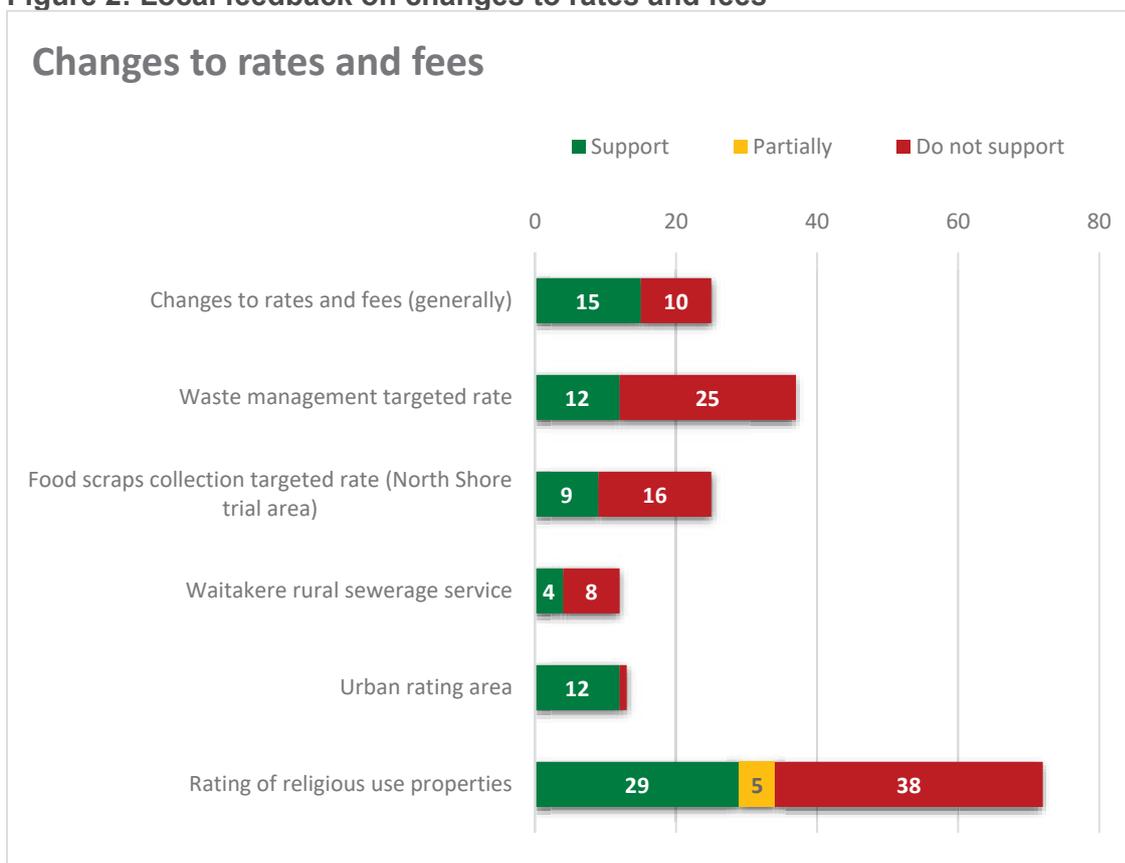
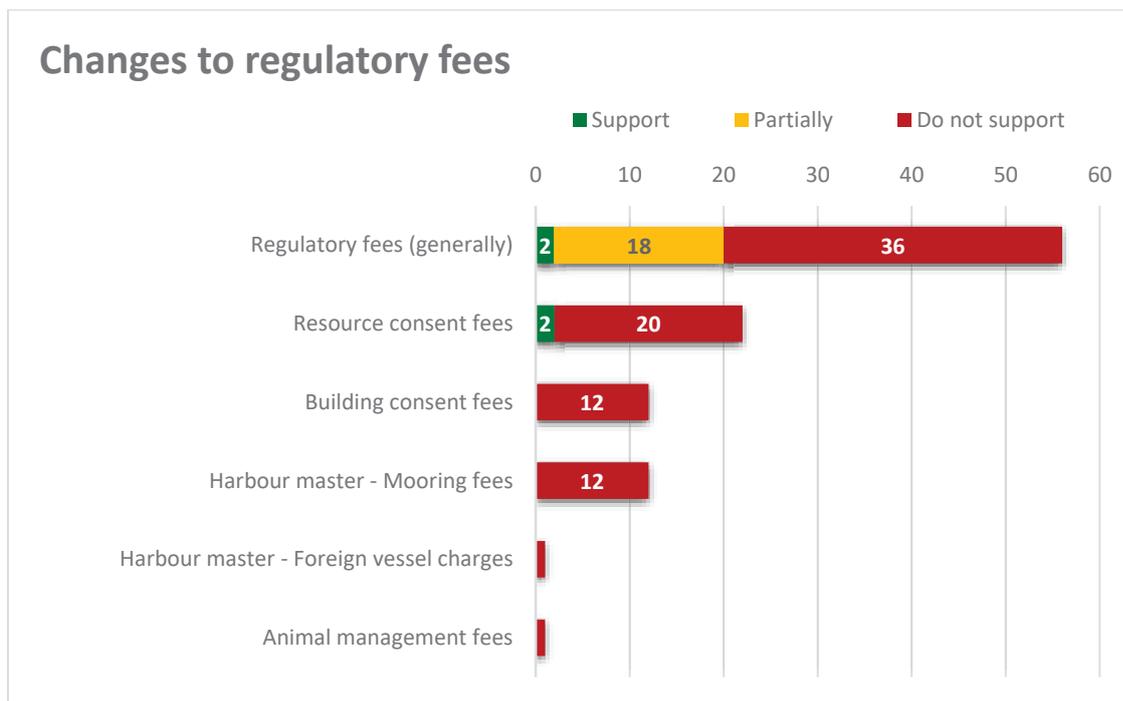


Figure 3: Local feedback on changes to regulatory fees



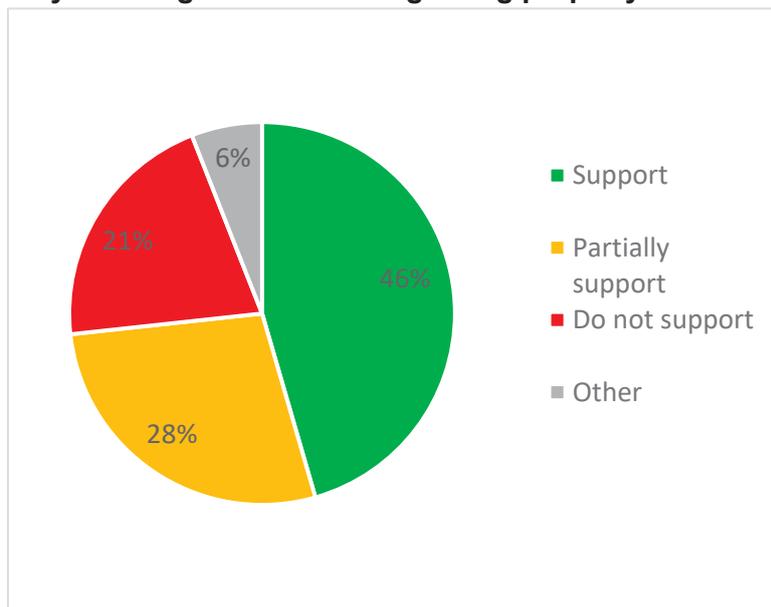
Draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020

No submissions received from the Rodney local board area provided feedback on the Draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority – Operational Plan 2019/2020.

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

Out of the 2,422 submissions received on the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers, 145 submissions were from people living in the Rodney local board area.

Figure 4: Per cent breakdown of local responses to the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers



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 Rodney Local Board which sets out its priorities and how it will 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 6,530 submissions in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:

- Written feedback – 5,249 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters
- In person – 1,256 feedback points were received through 65 engagement events. 14 of these were Have Your Say events (Roundtable, Hearing Style, or Town Hall), the remaining 51 were Community events.
- Social media – 25 comments were received through Facebook and Twitter.

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

Six submitters provided direct comments in relation to the three Rodney Local Board priorities for 2019/2020. These have been outlined below.

Priority 1: planning the new reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat while completing the open space management plan for Rodney reserves which will guide how all reserves are developed and used in the future.

Two people specifically agreed with this priority:

- *“Green Road farm park is a must. For the planned intensification you must preserve and enhance a space such as this”*
- *“Agree with progressing Greens Rd Park...”*

Priority 2: delivering town centre improvements, starting with Helensville and Warkworth where community-led planning is underway.

One person noted support for the delivery of town centre improvements in Warkworth:

- *“... Welcome news that town centre improvements at Warkworth are to continue.”*

Priority 3: continuing the Healthy Harbours Fund, which provides match funding for landowners who want to look after our waterways with riparian planting and stock proof fencing, in partnership with local iwi (Te Uri o Hau).

Three people specifically agreed with this investment:

- *“It’s good there are some environmental initiatives in the plan...”*
- *“Waterways is important, keep up with that work...”*
- *“Harbour protection. Yes, I agree very much...”*

In addition to specific comments on the local board's three priorities for 2019/2020, many submitters also provided comments which fall outside of the scope of these priorities. The themes of these comments have been summarised in **Table 2** of this report below.

Feedback received through written submissions

147 submissions were received on Rodney Local Board priorities for 2019/2020, showing that the majority of submitters either partially support (50%) or support (22%) the local board's priorities.

Table 1: Are we on the right track with our priorities?

Response	Count	%
Yes	33	22%
Partially	74	50%
No	40	27%

Feedback received through events

A Have Your Say event was held at the Helensville Rautawhiri Park celebration/opening on 17 February 2019. Feedback was received from five people.

Feedback included requests for footpaths and improved connectivity in Kaukapakapa and continued investment in recreational reserves across Rodney.

Feedback received through social media channels

Three Facebook posts were made from the Rodney Local Board Facebook page promoting the Annual Budget 2019/2020 consultation period. No feedback was received through this channel.

Feedback on other local topics

Table 2: Themes from local feedback and number of related comments

Key themes (and main sub-themes)	# of related comments
Transport Investment	41
Footpaths and public transport	17
Road sealing/maintenance	16
Environmental Protection	16
Coastal/waterways	5
Rubbish and waste water	6
Green space	5
Facility Development	11
Warkworth infrastructure	5
Recreational facilities	3
Community Services	26
Kumeu Arts Centre	23
Rates and Funding	11
Reduce rate rise	6
Increase local investment	5

Requests for local funding

Requests for local funding included:

- Continued funding of the Kumeu Arts Centre

- Multiple feedback points were also received asking Auckland Council to provide asset based funding for Rodney's Art Facilities equal to that other wards in Auckland.
- Investment in footpaths, greenways and public transport
- Further investment in road sealing and maintenance

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.

Figure 5: Local submission numbers by gender and age

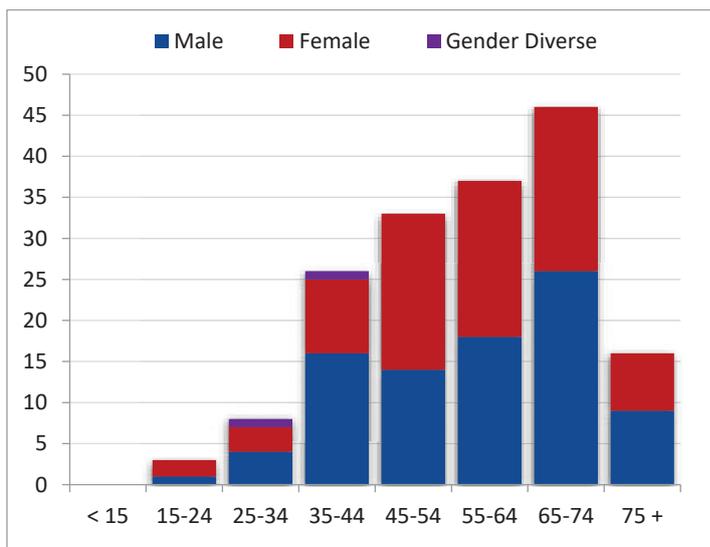


Table 3: Demographics (gender and age)

	Count	%
Gender	175	100%
Male	93	53%
Female	81	46%
Gender diverse	2	1%
Age	171	100%
14 years or younger	0	0%
15 - 24 years	3	2%
25 - 34 years	8	5%
35 - 44 years	26	15%
45 - 54 years	33	19%
55 - 64 years	37	22%
65 - 74 years	47	27%
75 years or older	18	11%

Figure 6: Local submission numbers by different ethnicities

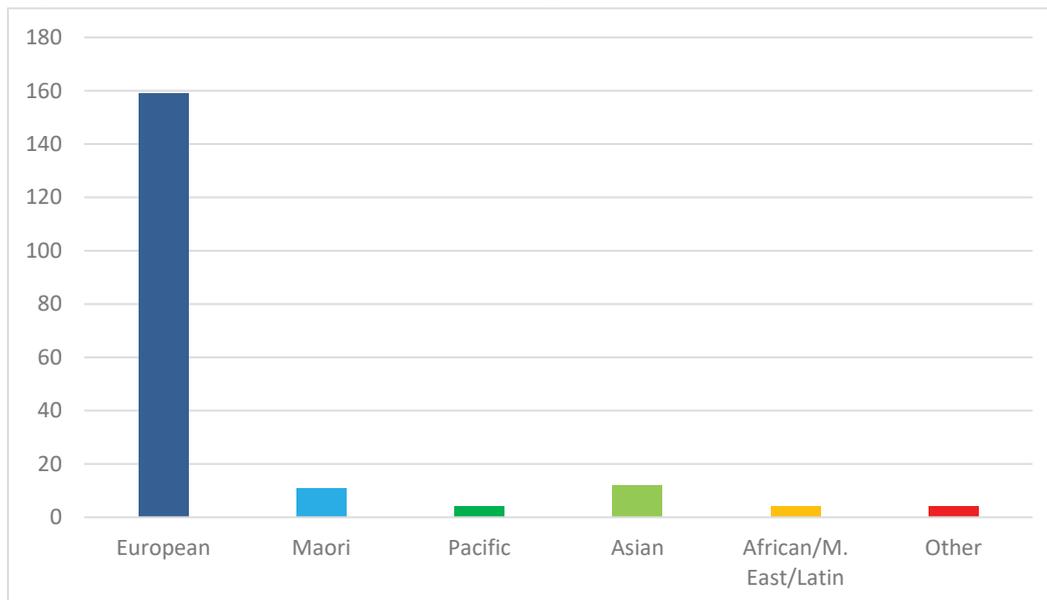


Table 3: Demographics (ethnicity)

	Count	%
European	159	94%
Pakeha/NZ European	132	78%
Other European	27	16%
Maori	11	6%
Pacific	4	2%
Samoan	1	1%
Tongan	1	1%
Other Pacific	2	1%
Asian	12	7%
Chinese	5	3%
Indian	2	1%
Other Asian	5	3%5
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	4	2%
Other	4	2%
Total people providing ethnicity	170	114%

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

The Annual Budget 2019/2020 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how it is 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 Rodney Local Board area on these key issues is summarised below.

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

Changes to rates and fees

- **Changes to rates and fees (generally)**

There were 25 local responses to the question of support for changes to rates and fees generally. Most local respondents support the changes (60 per cent). Regionally, 69.5 per cent of respondents support the changes.

- **Waste management targeted rate changes**

There were 37 local responses to the question of support for waste management targeted rate changes. Most local respondents do not support the changes (67.5 per cent). Regionally, 67 per cent of respondents do not support the changes.

- **Food scraps targeted rate changes**

There were 25 local responses to the question of support for the food scraps targeted rate (North Shore trial area). Most local respondents do not support the changes (64 per cent). Regionally, 59 per cent of respondents do not support the changes.

- **Waitākere rural sewerage targeted rate changes**

There were 12 local responses to the question of support for the Waitākere rural sewerage targeted rate changes. Most local respondents do not support the changes (67 per cent). Regionally, 72 per cent of respondents do not support the changes.

- **Urban boundary rating changes**

There were 13 local responses to the question of support of urban boundary rating changes. Most local respondents support the changes (92 per cent). Regionally, 80 per cent of respondents support the changes.

- **Religious properties rate changes**

There were 72 local responses to the question of support of religious properties rate changes. Most local respondents do not support the changes (53 per cent). Regionally, 53 per cent of respondents do not support the changes.

- **Regulatory fees changes (generally)**

There were 56 local responses to the question of support for regulatory fees increase. Most local respondents do not support the changes (64 per cent). Regionally, 83 per cent of respondents do not support the changes.

Table 4: Local feedback on changes to rates and fees

Changes to rates and fees	TOTAL	Support	Partially/ other	Do not support
Changes to rates and fees (generally)	25	15	0	10
Waste management targeted rate	37	12	0	25
Food scraps collection targeted rate (North Shore trial area)	25	9	1	16
Waitakere rural sewerage service	12	4	0	8
Urban rating area	13	12	0	1
Rating of religious use properties	72	29	5	38
Regulatory fees (generally)	56	2	18	36
Resource consent fees	22	2	0	20
Building consent fees	12	0	0	12
Harbour master – Mooring fees	12	0	0	12
Harbour master – Foreign vessel charges	1	0	0	1
Animal management fees	1	0	0	1
Changes to rating and fees (generally)	10	0	17	0

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

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

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

The question and text below is directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Rodney 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?

Table 5: Overview of local responses to the proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers

What is your opinion about this proposal?	Count	%
Support	67	46%
Partially support	40	28%
Do not support	30	21%
Other	8	6%