

Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Annual Budget 2019/2020 – Summary of Feedback

PURPOSE

This report summarises public feedback on the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Annual Budget 2019/2020 (“Annual Budget”).

FEEDBACK RECEIVED

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority received 5 submissions during the 17 February to 17 March 2019 period as follows:

- Tūpuna Maunga Authority process - 5 written submissions (3 submitters also gave oral submissions at a hearing on 4 March 2019); and
- Auckland Council’s “Have Your Say” - online process - 1 in scope online submission (received also through the Authority’s process).

One submission was received by the Authority out of time.

The Authority has responded directly to the submitter in relation to queries raised.

OVERALL NATURE OF FEEDBACK

Most feedback gave general support for the direction and funding of the Authority.

SPECIFIC FEEDBACK

Specific matters raised in submissions included:

Restoration of tracks

- More should be set aside to restore damaged areas from unstructured and planned “desire” lines.
- More should be budgeted for track maintenance with increased erosion from growing numbers of Tūpuna Maunga visitors (both locals and tourists) and due to climate change.

Protection of the volcanic viewshafts

- Submitters supported the work of the Authority in protecting the Tūpuna Maunga viewshafts.
- One submitter sought additional funding to support advocacy for the viewshafts being extended and expanded and Authority oversight of resource consent applications.

Managing fire risk on Tūpuna Maunga

- One submission proposed various operational actions in relation to fire safety and fire safety information.
- This submission proposed that funding should be set aside for water storage facilities for fire control on maunga.

Other comments received:

- There should be consideration of an honorary ranger programme as part of the volunteer policy.
- Increase funding to examine the impact of growing numbers of visitors to the maunga including the collection of more visitor data.
- Include funding to integrate the maunga tracks with regional track networks.
- One submitter sought more funding to address encroachments on the maunga lands.
- Two submitters opposed the removal of redundant parking infrastructure at Takarunga / Mt Victoria or further impede access to the summit (particularly for elderly and disabled persons).

OUT OF SCOPE SUBMISSIONS

There were submissions on matters outside the scope of the Annual Budget, including Rangitoto (not within the management of the Authority) and Tūpuna Maunga Authority responsibilities under the Reserves Act 1977.

Management have responded to all submitters on the matters raised in their submissions.

Signatories

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