

Feedback on Auckland Plan Refresh

From: Franklin Local Board

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General Feedback

It is hoped that the refreshed plan pushes Aucklanders' thinking and challenges the status quo by looking outwards at changes around the world as inspiration and learnings. The next 30 years (or even 10) will change more rapidly than the last, and a flexible and responsive approach will be required.

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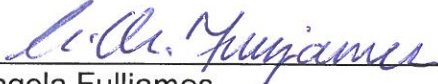
- The Franklin Local Board supports the document being in a digital format and having a good 'search' function and allowing 'DIY' print functionality to viewers.
- Provision needs to be made for simple print versions in libraries and service centres and/or providing assistance to access via a council desktop. This is to take into account not all parts of Auckland have good internet connectivity.
- The themes are high level and will need excellent communication and explanation by staff and elected members to communities to ensure they are understood.
- The board supports a layering approach where a topic may complement another and can be looked at across the plan rather than section by section.

Document Content

- The board strongly advocates for more defined differentiation between urban and rural Auckland, with the retention of a separate section for rural in the revised Auckland Plan.
- There is a need for reference to growth in rural areas to be included in the Development Strategy to ensure opportunities for their sustainable development through placemaking are recognised and embedded in future plans.
- A sustainable growth strategy will ensure Franklin's ability to grow and manufacture food is protected as Auckland develops and becomes a more cosmopolitan city.
- Many parts of rural Auckland are placed under great strain in terms of hard and soft infrastructure as visitor destinations for Auckland urban residents and other visitors.
- An example is Maraetai, where a huge number of people from other areas visit the coast and parks. It may then fall to the board to fund an increased level of service for maintenance/cleaning due to increased usage by visitors.

- The Auckland Plan needs to address issues associated with being a “gateway” – recognising that Pukekohe in particular (but also towns like Waiuku) are servicing populations outside of Auckland boundaries which is not seemingly recognised in planning.
- As the main driver for investment and planning is resident population, our towns also have to contend with constraints in planning for provision of adequate infrastructure due to the relative inequities of resident populations compared to other densely populated towns.
- Better connectivity such as roading/rail/fast internet connections are key issues in Franklin, due to the large size of the local board area and its distance from the Auckland CBD.
- For Franklin, we also need a more obvious focus on ageing populations. From the 2013 census, the median age in Franklin was 40.2 years, one of the highest median ages of all local board areas. The number of usual residents aged 65 years and over in Franklin increased between 2006 and 2013, from 6,105 (10.4% of the population) to 8,955 (13.7%).

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