

10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

1. Purpose

This report summarises feedback relating to the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board received through the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation. This includes:

- Feedback on the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board priorities for 2018/19.
- Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 from people or organisations based in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area.

The feedback received will inform the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2018/2019. It will also inform the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at their business meeting on 15 May and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 17/18 May.

2. Executive Summary

This report summarises consultation feedback on the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 (including on local board priorities for 2018/19) and the Auckland Plan 2050.

Our local board received **350** submissions, including face to face feedback at community engagement events, written forms (including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters) and social media engagements.

Feedback on Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The local board consulted on the following 5 priorities
Build light rail from the airport to Manukau and on to Botany, commencing with route protection
Investing in improved sports field playing surfaces and lighting, to meet growing demand for sports fields in Ōtara-Papatoetoe
Development of public open space at Hunters Corner shopping centre on Sutton Crescent
Free adult entry to swimming pools delivers important social and public health benefits
Colin Dale Park being recognised as a regional facility and becoming a regional park, with the development costs spread across Auckland ratepayers

Of the 350 submissions received on Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board priorities for 2018/19, majority of people either partially support (42%) or support (44%) the local board's priorities.

Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area

- **Issue 1: Transport**
- **Issue 2: Natural Environment**
- **Issue 3: Rates and charges**

Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area

- **Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation**
- **Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing**
- **Outcome area 3: Homes and places**
- **Outcome area 4: Transport and access**
- **Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage**
- **Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity**
- **Shaping our growth**

3. Context

Auckland Council consulted on its 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and the Auckland Plan 2050 between 28 February and 28 March 2018.

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need to address.

The 10-year Budget also includes information on each local board's priorities for 2018/19. These priorities have been informed by in the development of the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2017.

Auckland Council also consulted on the Regional Pest Management Strategy and the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy at the same time. The feedback received to these plans will be presented at a later date.

Types of feedback

Overall Auckland Council received feedback from 350 people in the consultation period relevant to the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area. This feedback was received through:

- Written feedback – 340 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
- In person – feedback was received 19 through the have your say event and 3 pop up events.
- Social media – 66 responses/comments were received through Facebook and Twitter.

4. Feedback received on Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board priorities for 2018/19

Priority 1: Build light rail from the airport to Manukau and on to Botany, commencing with route protection

Priority 2: Investing in improved sports field playing surfaces and lighting, to meet growing demand for sports fields in Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Priority 3: Development of public open space at Hunters Corner shopping centre on Sutton Crescent

Priority 4: Free adult entry to swimming pools delivers important social and public health benefits

Priority 5: Colin Dale Park being recognised as a regional facility and becoming a regional park, with the development costs spread across Auckland ratepayers

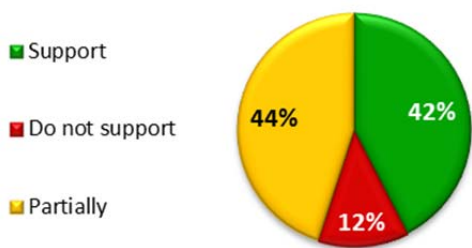
Key themes across all feedback received (through written, event and social media channels) were:

In general, they were supportive of the local priorities proposed. The ranking of the local board priorities as per the submissions were: free swim access for adults, Airport Light Rail initiative, improvements to local sport fields, development of Hunters Corner Shops, and the development of the Colin Dale park.

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

Feedback received through written submissions

350 submissions were received on Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either partially support (44%) or support (42%) the local board’s priorities.



“Basically your doing what is needed for our communities looking at ways to Be more creative, and Having that strong Key Involvement. Putting our People first”

#328

“You’re doing your best. Members of the public do have concerns over the rates increasing sadly work costs”

#3572

Build light rail from the airport to Manukau and on to Botany, commencing with route protection

Submitters who partially agreed reasons varied from options of rapid bus, alternative routes and heavy rail.



“Light rails are more reliable than busses which would aid in public transport especially in the said area”

#2349

Investing in improved sports field playing surfaces and lighting, to meet growing demand for sports fields in Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Submitters who were partial or did not agree commented that resources could be spent elsewhere (projects, service quality, illegal dumping)



“I play sports in this area and would love to see field improvements as well as lighting”

#598

Development of public open space at Hunters Corner shopping centre on Sutton Crescent

Submitters who were partial or did not agree comments related to safety and need for the open space.



“At present this is not an attractive area to visit. Many people just go to the shopping centre (Kmart and Countdown) then leave. It's dark and lacks community spirit. Having a green space will brighten then area and attract more people. Especially to shopping on the streets”

#5

“I can see how this would improve the engagement of people in the area but not sure if it is an urgent need”

#4420

“Just another area for thugs and prostitutes and may impact on the sports complex”

#2216

Free adult entry to swimming pools delivers important social and public health benefits

Submitters who were partial or did not agree commented in favour of a user pay model.



“It encourages adults and their children to engage in healthy activities together”

#771

Colin Dale Park being recognised as a regional facility and becoming a regional park, with the development costs spread across Auckland ratepayers

Submitters who were partial or did not agree did not know where the park was.

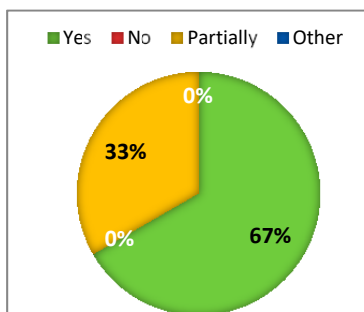


“I don't know where this is and I don't use it”

#130

Feedback received through events

The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board held one have your say events and 3 pop up events. Feedback was received from 18 people. The graph below shows they were either generally or partially supportive of all the proposals.



Feedback received through social media channels

Feedback was received from the following social media channels:

- 66 responses from Facebook – official council channels (2), local board video on pool rates (52 reactions, excludes 4 comments and 10 shares), local board FB post on water quality rate (12 reactions, excludes 2 comments and 1 share)

General support for the targeted rate for pools and water quality, However comments were made about using the targeted rate to improve quality of service around the local area (Parks and general cleanliness).

Feedback on other local topics

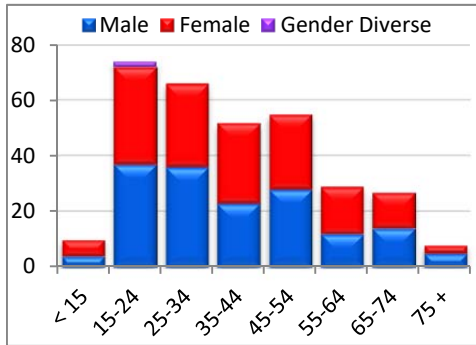
Key themes across feedback received on other local topics include:

- Upgrade and redevelopment of Town Centres in the local board area
- Council facilities need to be fit for purpose in the local area (libraries, recreation centres, halls) and better utilised
- Service levels need to be increased (berms, parks, illegal dumping, and general cleanliness) to reflect the pride of the local community.

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.

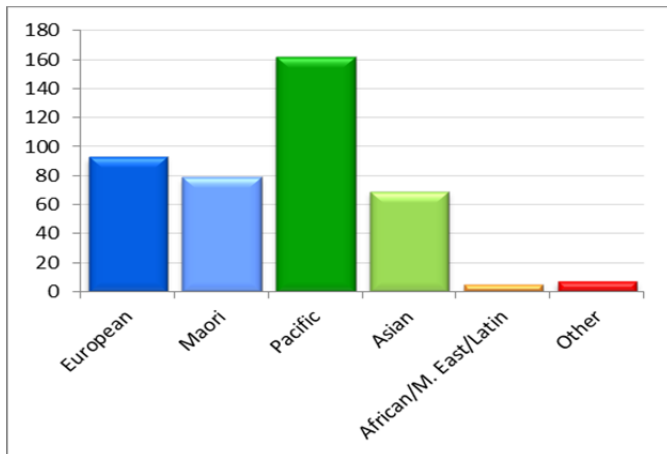
Out of the 350 submissions received on, 227 submissions were from people living in Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area.



Demographics		Count
99.1 Gender		
99.1.1	Gender Male	161
99.1.2	Gender Female	161
99.1.3	Gender Gender diverse	2
99.1.4	Gender Prefer not to say	0
99.1.5	Gender No response	20
99.2 Age		
99.2.1	Age 14 or younger	10
99.2.2	Age 15-24	77
99.2.3	Age 25-34	66
99.2.4	Age 35-44	52
99.2.5	Age 45-54	55
99.2.6	Age 55-64	29
99.2.7	Age 65-74	29
99.2.8	Age 75 or older	9
99.2.9	Age Prefer not to say	0
99.2.10	Age No response	18

Other Communities	
99.4.1 Disability	22
99.4.2 Rainbow	14

Ethnicity



Ethnicity	#	%
European	93	22%
NZ European	87	21%
Other European	6	1%
Maori	79	19%
Pacific	162	39%
Samoan	64	15%
Tongan	36	9%
Other Pacific	62	15%
Asian	69	17%
Chinese	14	3%
Indian	41	10%
Other Asian	14	3%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	5	1%
Other	7	2%
New Zealander/Kiwi	6	1%
Other	1	0%
Total	415	100%

Maori Consultation

3 Iwi responded, (Ngati Te Ata Waiohua, Ngati Paoa, Ngati Tamaoho) all were in support of the boards local priorities. A comment was also made to keep up the work being done in the Puhinui catchment.

5. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The regional consultation on the proposed 10-year Budget focused on four key issues:

- Issue 1: Transport
- Issue 2: Natural Environment
- Issue 3: Rates and charges

The written submissions received from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe 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.

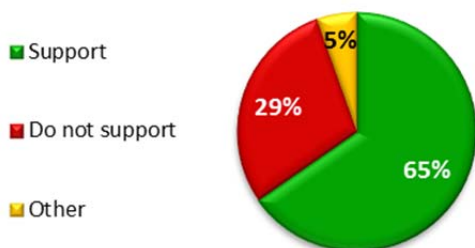
Issue 1: Transport

Aucklanders were asked their opinion on whether they would support a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system.

Question 1: We want to improve our transport system. As the population grows, congestion (and the pollution it creates) is getting worse, safety is declining and businesses are struggling to move freight and people. We are proposing that a regional fuel tax of 10 cents per litre (plus GST) be used to raise more funding for transport projects and services.

What is your opinion on the proposal to introduce a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area.



The majority of people who supported had no issue with the transport proposal. Submitters who did not support the transport proposal commented:

- the impact on large families on low incomes
- Unaffordability

Submitters that were categorised as other commented adjusting the proposed fuel tax (increase and decrease) and exploring alternative options.

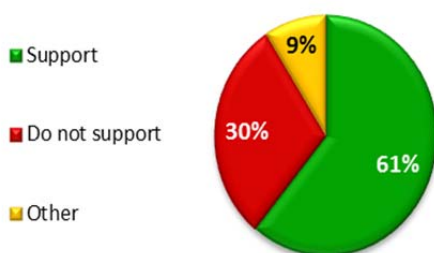
Issue 2: Natural environment

Aucklanders were asked whether they would support a water quality targeted rate

Question 2: Our harbours, beaches and streams are being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems that can't cope with heavy rainfall and from contaminants washed into natural waterways. We want to improve our infrastructure to address this problem. Under current budgets this would take 30 years to achieve. We propose to introduce a new targeted rate to increase our funding of water infrastructure and speed up delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams to 10 years. Our proposed targeted rate would cost the average residential ratepayer \$66 per year (\$1.30 per week), although this will vary based on your property value.

What is your opinion on this proposed targeted rate to speed up the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area.



Majority of submitters supported the Water Quality targeted rate. Submitters who did not support commented:

- *Unfair on renters*
- *Rate was too high*
- *Central Government should be taking responsibility*
- *Funds should be used on water quality education*

Other comments were adjustments in the rate (increase or decrease), emphasis on education and exploring alternative funding options.

Question 3: Auckland's rapid growth is putting pressure on the environment, as is the spread of pests, weeds and diseases that are threatening many of our native species. Approximately two-thirds of Auckland's local native species are under threat of extinction.

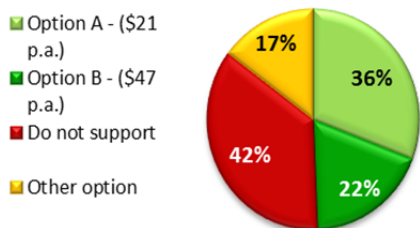
Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

Option A – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$21 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to make limited improvements to environmental protection, mainly focusing on kauri dieback disease.

Option B – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$47 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to spend more on tackling kauri dieback disease, and allow us to better protect our native species and ecosystems.

What is your opinion on a proposed targeted rate to invest more to protect our environment?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area.



58% of submitters supported an Environmental targeted rate

- option A \$21-36%
- option B \$47-22%

Submitters that did not support mentioned:

- The rates were already too high (3%)
- No benefit (1%)
- Central Government should pay (1%).

Other comments range from adjustments in the rate (increases or decrease) finding other funding sources to being unsure about their position and harsher penalties for polluters.

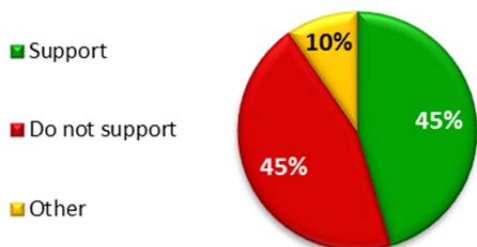
Issue 3: Rates and charges

People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent for years three to 10.

Question 4: For this 10-year Budget we are proposing an average general rates increase of 2.5 per cent for the first two years and then 3.5 per cent for years three to 10. This will be used to fund our growing city. Without this level of rate increase, we would have to reduce existing service levels and defer or cut some currently planned projects.

What is your opinion on this proposed rates increase?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area.



Submitters who did not support comments varied, common comments were:

- To many targeted rates,
- review of the rates process
- Too expensive. Submitters who were identified as

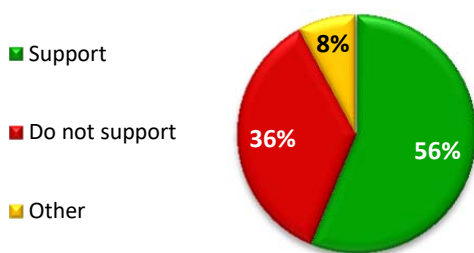
Other comments range from adjustments in the rate (increase or decrease) and finding other funding sources.

Secondly people were asked about whether online accommodation providers that meet particular thresholds should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Question 5: We are proposing that online accommodation providers (e.g. Airbnb properties) who let out their whole property (not just a room) for a certain number of days per year should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (if the property is within a certain zone). This would mean they are treated the same way as other accommodation providers.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area.



Submitters who did not support comments varied, common comments were:

- Filling the shortfall of accommodation in Auckland
- Another tax
- Risk losing accommodation for tourists

Other comments range from not paying a business rate, it being hard to manage and for council to provide an alternative to make accommodation cheaper

6. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need to address in the following outcome areas:

- Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation
- Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing
- Outcome area 3: Homes and places
- Outcome area 4: Transport and access
- Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage
- Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity.

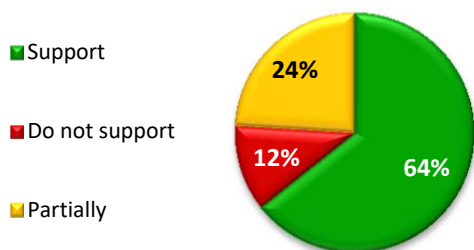
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board area is set out under each question.

Question 1: An inclusive Auckland

In a fast-growing city of increasing diversity and social change, people may or may not feel included or enjoy positive life experiences. The Auckland Plan proposes an inclusive Auckland where people live together with trust and mutual respect and everyone has the opportunity to participate to their full potential

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Belonging and Participation will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

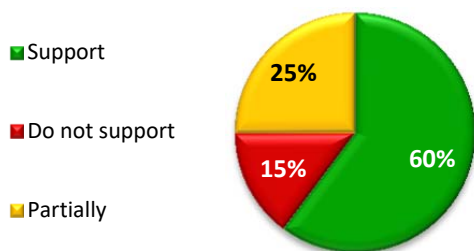


Question 2: Advance Māori well-being

The strengths and contributions Māori bring to Auckland will fuel economic growth and advance Māori well-being. With nearly a third of all Māori in Auckland aged under 15 years old, the Auckland Plan proposes investing more in tamariki and rangatahi to advance Māori well-being.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Māori Well-being and Identity will achieve this?

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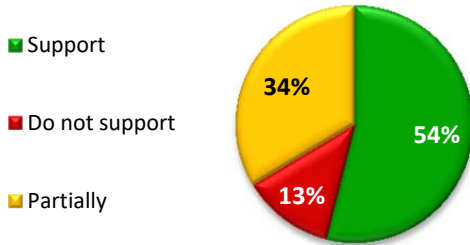


Question 3: Affordable homes

Lack of affordable housing is creating stress for many Aucklanders. It is driving some key workers out of Auckland and limiting our ability to attract and retain talent. The Auckland Plan proposes that all Aucklanders deserve healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure in well-designed places, whether they own or rent their homes.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will achieve this?

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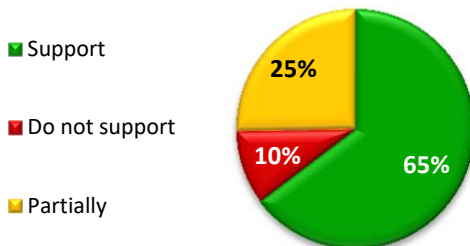


Question 4: Moving easily around Auckland

People lack choice in how they get around and it can take a long time to get where they need to go. To better connect people and places, the Auckland Plan proposes an integrated transport system that accelerates progress on walking, cycling and public transport and makes better use of existing networks.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Transport and Access will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

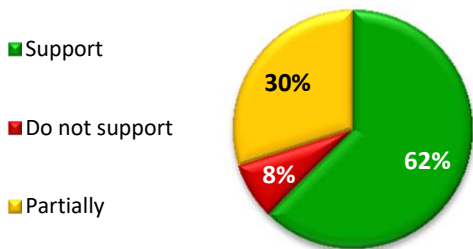


Question 5: Protecting and enhancing our environment

Unprecedented growth has required Auckland to provide for essential development, which has had an impact on our environment and cultural heritage. The Auckland Plan proposes utilising every opportunity to protect and enhance Auckland's environment as growth and development happens.

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Environment and Cultural Heritage will achieve this?

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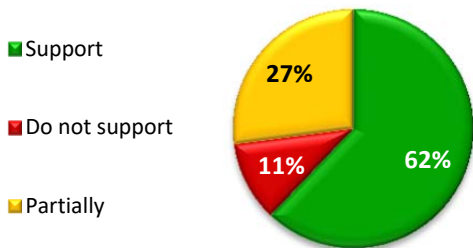


Question 6: Equipping people for future jobs

Rapid technology advances will create challenges, opportunities and change across many industries and jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes Aucklanders will need to adapt to the coming changes by investing in education, training and skills development for all.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will achieve this?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.



Question 7: Shaping our growth

Auckland has to provide for around 740,000 more people in the next 30 years, which would mean another 320,000 dwellings and up to 270,000 extra jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes to manage long-term population growth by prioritising development in existing urban areas and establishing new communities and new business land in future urban areas. Investment in Auckland’s infrastructure will need to keep up with the pace and scale of growth.

Do you think the proposed approach for enabling growth will effectively provide for Auckland’s future?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

