
Planning Committee Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop 24

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the briefing held in the Reception Lounge, Level 2, Auckland Town Hall on Thursday 10 May 2018 at 1.33pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Chris Darby	From 1.47pm (on council business)
Cr Josephine Bartley	
Cr Cathy Casey	
Cr Ross Clow	From 1.58pm, until 4.07pm
IMSB Member Tau Henare	Until 3.07pm
Cr Richard Hills	
Cr Mike Lee	From 1.46pm
Cr Daniel Newman	From 1.37pm
Cr Desley Simpson	

APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore	On council business
Cr Efeso Collins	
Cr Linda Cooper	
Cr Alf Filipaina	
Mayor Phil Goff	On council business
Cr Penny Hulse	On council business
IMSB Member Liane Ngamane	
Cr Dick Quax	For leave of absence
Cr Greg Sayers	On council business
Cr Sharon Stewart	On council business
Cr Wayne Walker	On council business
Cr John Watson	On council business

ABSENT

Cr Christine Fletcher
Cr John Walker

ALSO PRESENT

Janet Clews	Seniors Advisory Panel Chair, until 4.22pm
Angela Fulljames	Franklin Local Board Chair, until 3.02pm
Sally Hughes	Heritage Advisory Panel Deputy Chair
Veisia Maka	Youth Advisory Panel Chair, until 3.27pm
Amy Malcolm	Auckland City Centre Advisory Board Member

Richard Northey
Jan O'Connor
Philip Patston
Jacqueline Paul
Lemauga Lydia Sosene

Waitemata Local Board Member
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Member, until 4.25pm
Disability Advisory Panel Chair, until 4.17pm
Youth Advisory Panel Member, until 2.40pm
Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Chair, until 2.34pm

Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a workshop, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

Purpose of workshop

- To receive an analysis of the feedback received on the Auckland Plan during consultation and discuss the implications for the final Auckland Plan.

Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

Workshop notes

The following topics were discussed and a PowerPoint presentation and supporting briefing reports were provided.

- Homes and places
- Environment and cultural heritage
- Opportunity and prosperity
- Transport and access

The workshop closed at 4.31pm.

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Consideration of feedback and implications

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Agenda

Item 1: Homes and Places

Item 2: Environment and Cultural Heritage

Item 3: Opportunity and Prosperity

Item 4: Transport and Access

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Item 1:
Discussion – Homes and Places

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Homes and Places question

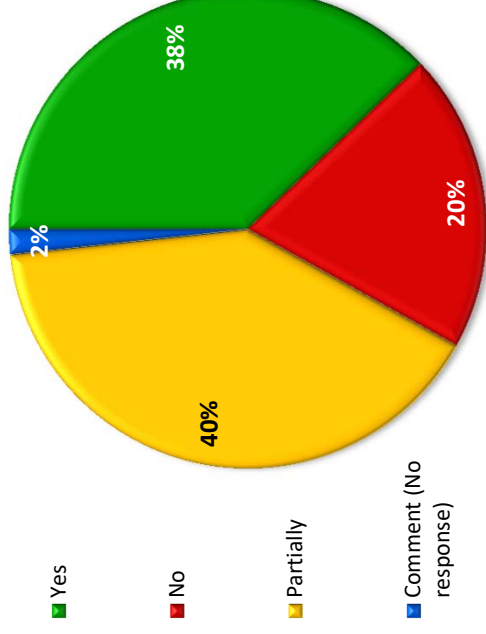
Lack of affordable housing is creating stress for many Aucklanders. It is driving some key workers out of Auckland and limiting our ability to attract and retain talent.

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.

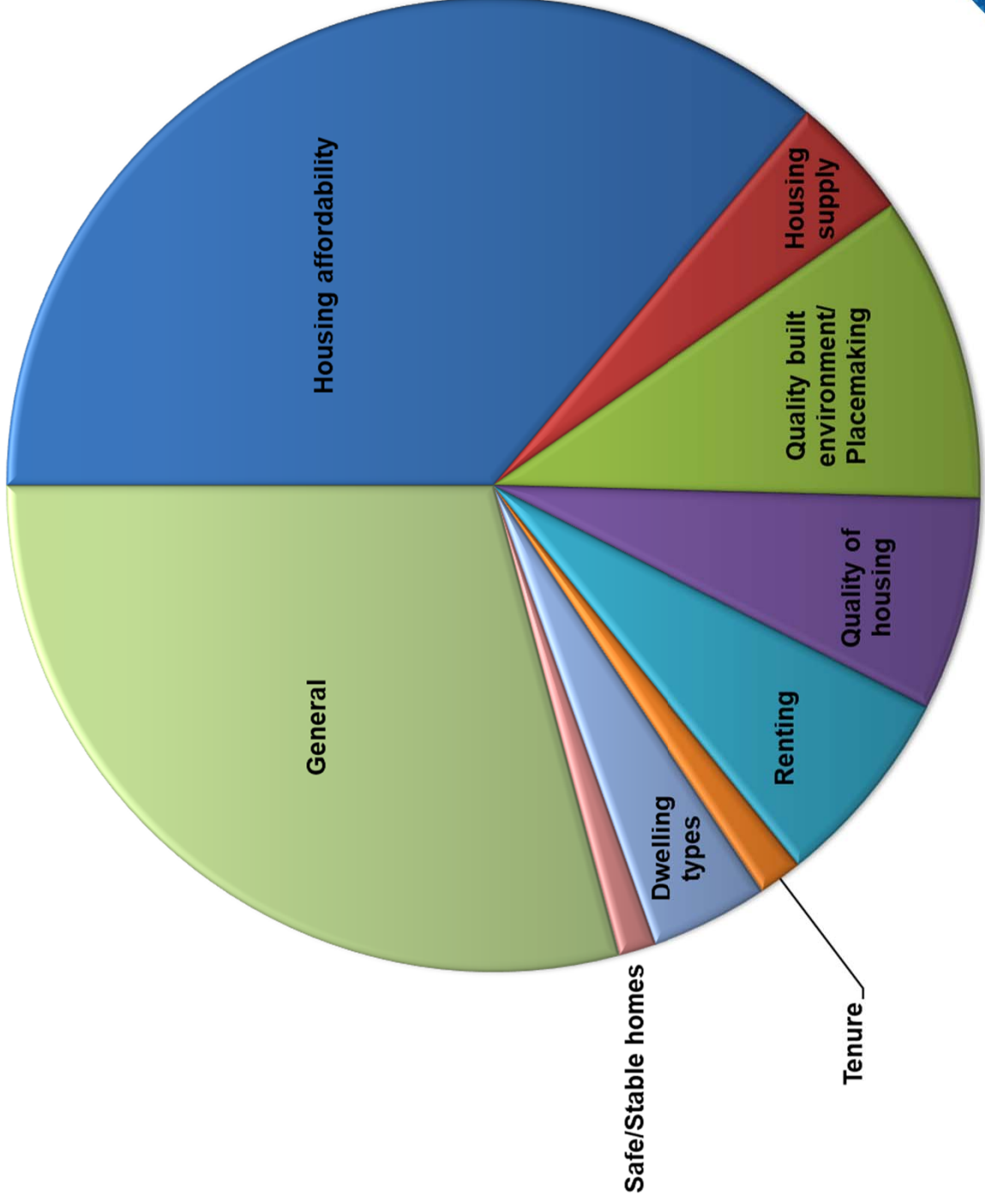
Do you think the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will achieve this?

Overview

- Overall numbers
 - 15,325 written submissions, 8,419 feedback points
 - 563 in person, 5 social media feedback
- CCO feedback – Panuku, RFA, ATEED, Auckland Transport
- Written submissions (15,325)
 - 38% agree
 - 40% partially agree
 - 20% no
 - 2% commentary, but a no response
- In person (563)
 - 50% agree
 - 16% partially agree
 - 11% no
 - 23% comment (no categorisation)



Feedback key themes



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Housing affordability

- support for addressing housing affordability
- increasing housing stress, fewer able to buy or afford rentals
- households making trade-offs to live in and remain in Auckland

Housing supply

- support for quality development at scale
- more typologies – apartments, townhouses, inter-generational and communal housing
- quicker, more cost effective, innovative building approaches needed

Quality built environment

- well designed, accessible urban environments and public places
- support for placemaking and incorporating our unique histories and cultural identities in the built environment

Feedback key themes

Quality Housing

- current housing is of poor quality (damp, no insulation), especially rentals
- need better designed, accessible dwellings
- minimum quality standards for new housing and developments needed

Renting

- not a safe, secure, healthy housing option
- paradigm shift needed for renting as a viable choice
- support for warrant of fitness

Tenure

- greater range of tenure types and ownership models needed

Māori housing aspirations

- strong, polarised views
- opposition to elevating one group over another
- support for Māori housing aspirations, including papakāinga housing

Summary

- Overall support for Homes and Places outcome
- Consistent support for
 - FA1 accelerate quality development at scale that improves housing choice
 - FA5 create urban spaces for the future
- Mismatch between yes/no/partial response and comments
- Partial or no support
 - too late to fix the housing crisis
 - clarification of council and central government role
 - impact on rates
- Other feedback
 - general across all outcome areas of the plan
 - already adequately addressed
 - out of scope of the plan

Proposed changes to directions

D1: Develop a quality compact urban form to accommodate Auckland's growth

- add text about leveraging off existing infrastructure investments
- add text about well designed, quality developments and new housing

D2: Accelerate the construction of homes that meet Aucklanders' changing needs and preferences

- add text about the need to consider a broader range of housing typologies
- add text about accessible homes and developments
- add text about good quality housing

D3: Shift to a housing system that ensures secure and affordable homes for all

- further emphasise the impacts of the housing affordability crisis
- explain how affordability is defined

D4: Provide sufficient public places and spaces that are inclusive, accessible and contribute to urban living

- add text to highlight that quality of our public places play a role in our urban form

Proposed changes to focus areas

FA1: Accelerate quality development at scale that improves housing choices

- additional text about how quality refers to all development and housing, including new housing

FA4: Invest in and support Māori to meet their specific housing aspirations

- add text in the introduction regarding the purpose of the focus area
- add text regarding te ao Māori
- recognition of papakāinga and whānau oriented housing
- replace text “Interventions could include” with “Ways to address this could include”

Proposed changes to focus areas

- FA5: Create urban spaces for the future, focusing investment in areas of highest population density and greatest need**
- give more emphasis to public places and placemaking for all of Auckland
 - remove the text “,focusing investment in areas of highest population density and greatest need” from the focus area title to clarify that the focus area is about urban spaces for all of Auckland
 - add emphasis on sport and recreation in relation to green spaces
 - add text about incorporating public art and built heritage into the built environment through placemaking to reflect our unique history and cultural identities

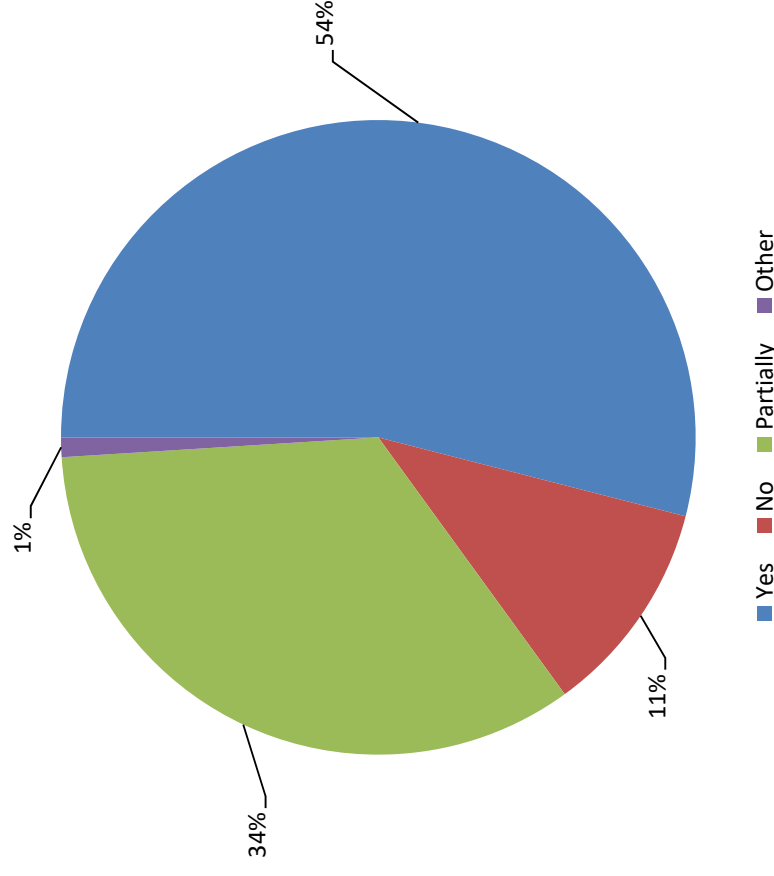
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Item 2:
Discussion – Environment and Cultural Heritage

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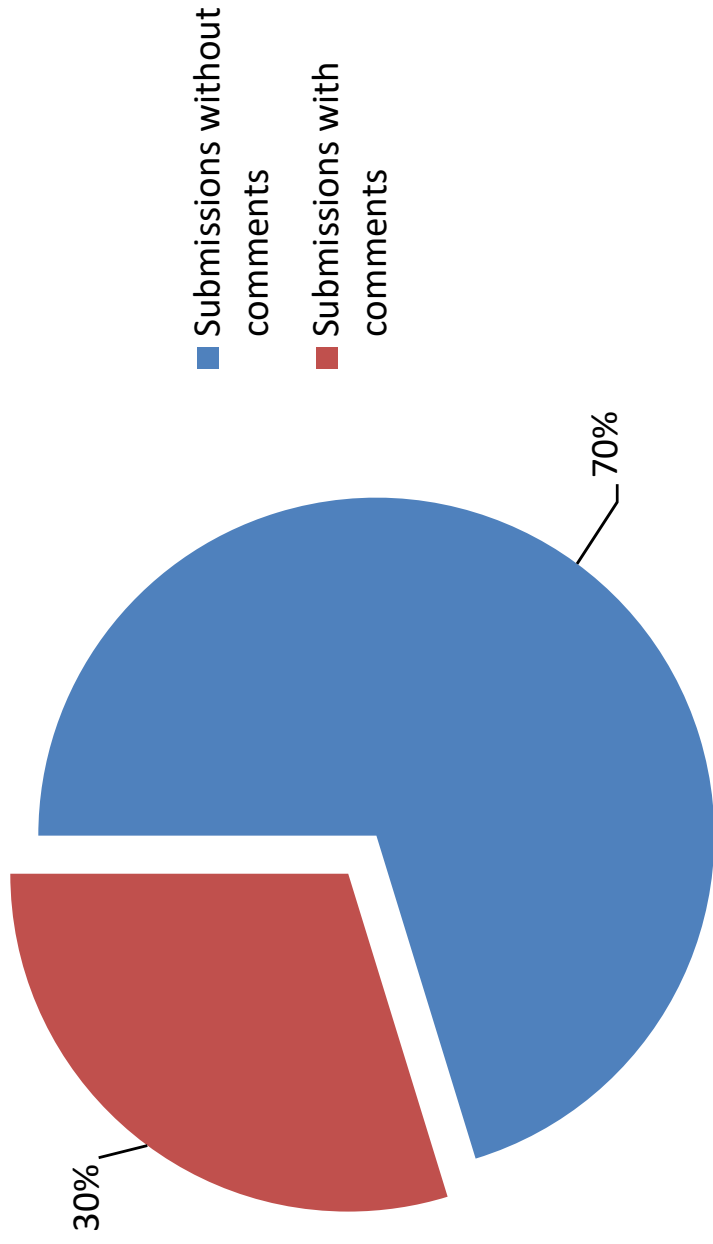
Overview

- Environment and Cultural Heritage consultation question
 - 14,949 written submissions, 470 in person
- CCO feedback – ATEED and RFA
- Written submissions (14,949)
 - 54% agree
 - 34% partially agree
 - 11% no
 - 1% comment (no response)
- In person (810)
 - 40% agree
 - 9% partially agree
 - 10% no
 - 41% comment (no categorisation)

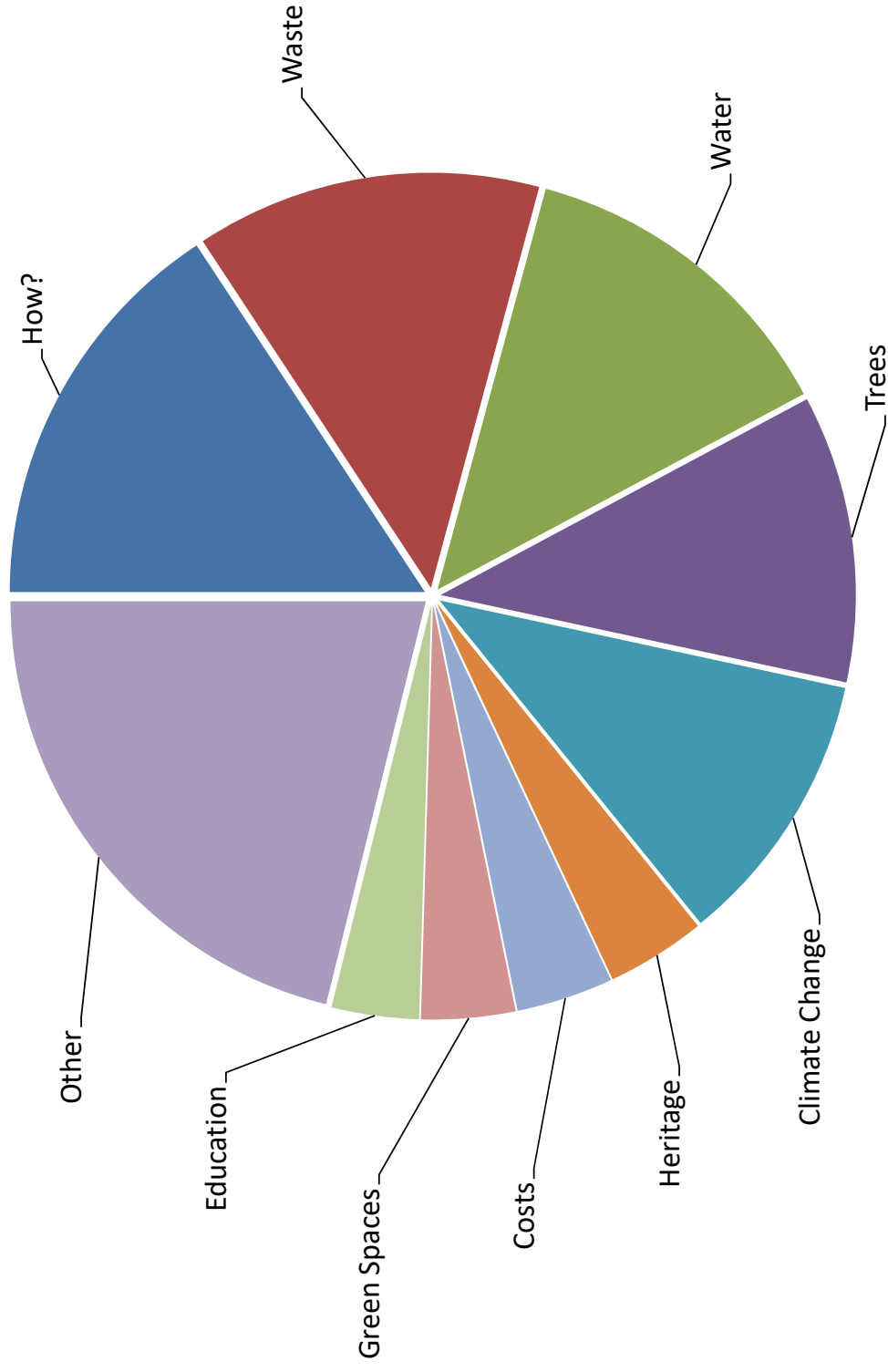


Overview

- Of the ~15,000 submissions received, only 30% of submitters (~4,500) provided additional comments on the Environment and Cultural Heritage outcome to inform specific revisions to the draft.



Feedback – key themes



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Three broad groupings:

- Implementation and delivery of the Environment and Cultural Heritage Outcome
- Specific topics of interest
- Challenges and opportunities to delivering the outcome

Feedback – key themes

- Implementation and delivery of the Environment and Cultural Heritage Outcome
 - How the outcome will be achieved; further detail needed on specific programmes and actions to support the focus areas and directions;
 - More specific and aspirational targets; and
 - How the actions would be funded.
- Specific topics of interest
 - Waste, including plastics, recycling and litter
 - Water, including the marine environment and harbours
 - Climate change
 - Trees and green space
 - Heritage
 - Green infrastructure/green technology
 - Tūpuna Maunga

Feedback – key themes

- Challenges and opportunities to delivering the outcome
 - The role of education in delivering the outcomes sought;
 - Acknowledgement that environmental protection needs to be the responsibility of all Aucklanders;
 - Concerns that environmental pressures will continue if Auckland's population continues to rise;
 - Questions as to whether this is council's core responsibility; and
 - A lack of confidence that Council will be able to deliver this outcome as it has not proved it can do this previously.
- Detail provided in outcome briefing report.

Proposed changes

Targets and Measures

- Submissions seeking more specific and aspirational targets to be included in outcome.
- Updates to measures, targets and monitoring framework as discussed in previous workshop, also:

R1. Provide additional reference and links from the strategic directions of this outcome to the measures section of the plan.

Proposed changes

Specific Topic Areas

- Respond to technical requests on map contents:
 - R2.** *Amend the environmental risks and opportunities map to refine climate change impacts and biosecurity risks. Correct naming of the Tūpuna Maunga and other volcanic cones.*
- Provide linkage of Auckland Plan Focus Areas/Directions to topics of concern raised in consultation, e.g. trees, climate change and waste:
- R3.** *Additional text proposed (see attachment)*

Proposed changes

Climate Change

- Reinforce climate impacts and implications within Focus Areas and Directions:

R4. – R6. *Additional text proposed (see attachment)*

Population Growth

- Reiterate recognition of population growth as key challenge being addressed through the Plan:

R7. – R9. *Additional text proposed (see attachment)*

Proposed changes

Waste

- Highlight ongoing waste-related actions through linkage to Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and via addition to relevant Focus Area:

R10. Additional text proposed (see attachment)

Proposed changes

Heritage

- Clarify natural environment and cultural heritage focus of outcome:

***R11.** Where the term ‘environment’ appears in the outcome, be explicit on when the outcome is referring to the ‘natural environment’ or environments more broadly, e.g.:*

Focus Area 1: Encourage all Aucklanders to be stewards of the natural environment, and to make sustainable choices

***R12.** Amend Direction 1 to better reflect and incorporate the cultural heritage component of the outcome, e.g.:*

Direction 1: Ensure Auckland’s natural environment and cultural heritage is valued and cared for

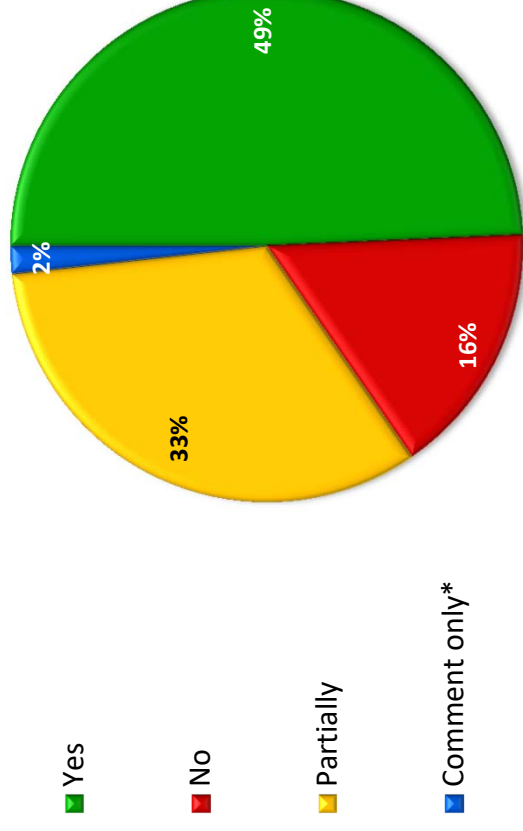
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Item 3:
Discussion – Opportunity and Prosperity

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Overview

- Strong engagement with the Opportunity and Prosperity outcome
- Consultation question on equipping people for future jobs
 - 14,279 written submissions, 885 in person
- CCO feedback: ATEED, RFA, AT and COMET Auckland
- Written submissions (14,279)
 - 49% agree
 - 33% partially agree
 - 16% no
 - 2% comment only
 - Of the 14,279 submissions, 25% provided commentary
- In person (885)
 - 16% agree
 - 7% partially agree
 - 5% no
 - 72% general comments



Feedback – key themes

- General support for the principles underpinning the outcome/focus areas except for Focus Area 3 – *Advance Māori employment and support Māori business and iwi organisations to be significant drivers of Auckland’s economy*
- Strong focus on the immediate challenges facing Auckland:
 - General impacts of growth on infrastructure
 - Effectiveness of the current education system
 - Current skill shortages
 - Impacts of housing costs, congestion on retaining and attracting workers
- What is Council’s role in addressing the big issues?
- Detail provided in Attachment 1 – Summary of public feedback

Other feedback

- Greater emphasis needs to be placed on the broader benefits of the creative sector
- People desire more local jobs in their local areas
- Focus Area 3 – Advance Māori employment.....was perceived as being preferential to Māori
- CCO feedback – Generally supportive although greater emphasis on the visitor economy (ATEED) and the creative sector (RFA) should be considered
- Detail provided in Attachment 2 – Summary of CCO feedback

Summary

- Limited substantive changes to outcome recommended given:
 - feedback themes are:
 - already adequately addressed within outcome, or elsewhere within the Plan itself
 - general across all outcome areas of the Plan and is being addressed through the Overview report
 - not in the scope of the Plan to resolve or address
 - Changes to the outcome are primarily for clarification or expansion of an already identified theme

Proposed changes

- Skills and Training – Increased emphasis on current needs (FA5)
- Employment – Highlight the need for a more systems based approach (D3)
- Creative Sector – Highlight the broader benefits (D1, D2)
- Local jobs for local people – Clarification of how approach taken will increase access to jobs (D1)
- Focus on Māori – Clarify the win-win for Auckland as a result of the focus area (D3, FA3)
- Green-economy- Specifically reference importance (D1)
- Cyber security – Specifically reference (FA1)
- Visitor economy – Reference importance through AKL 2025 Destination Auckland (FA 4)

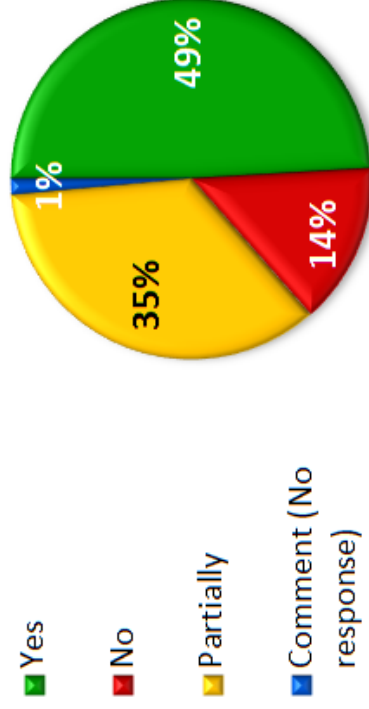
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Item 4:
Discussion – Transport and Access

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Overview

- Strong engagement with the Transport and Access outcome, with a rich source of feedback
- Consultation question on *Moving Easily Around Auckland*
 - 15,821 written submissions and 530 in person feedback



Written submissions (15,821)

- Nearly 12,000 provided commentary (75%)

In person (530)

- 32% agree
- 14% partially agree
- 12% disagree
- 41% comment (commentary only)

- CCO feedback
 - Auckland Transport, ATEED, Panuku, COMET Auckland

Feedback Summary

Public submissions

- A high level of support for the Transport and Access outcome, particularly around the shift from private cars to public transport, walking and cycling (“Yes”)
- A significant proportion wanted to see even more ambition in the shift towards public transport, walking and cycling (“Partial”)
- A small proportion felt we were being too ambitious and should instead focus on current reality (“No”)
- See Attachment One – Summary of public feedback received

Key stakeholder feedback

- Overall strong support, with specific focus on safety, equity, and congestion
- See Attachment Two – Summary of other public feedback received

CCO feedback

- Broad support overall, with most feedback from Auckland Transport
- See Attachment Three – Summary of CCO feedback received

ATAP and GPS

- Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) update
 - Greater weight on:
 - public transport (especially rapid transit),
 - walking and cycling
 - improving safety
 - realising environmental, health and growth outcomes.
- Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS)
 - Four strategic directions:
 - safety
 - access
 - environment
 - value for money

Summary of recommended changes

There are **no fundamental changes** to the direction of the outcome:

- Overall strong support for the outcome
- Some key concerns from feedback will be:
 - Addressed through other reports (e.g. targets in Monitoring Framework report)
 - Sit outside the Auckland Plan's scope (e.g. limiting population growth)
 - Not accepted as it contradicts the evidence base (e.g. not allocating road space to bus or cycle lanes)

However, we recommend a number of **changes to improve the text**:

- Reflecting feedback on a specific issues
 - PT affordability, park & ride, personal security, freight, congestion, parking
- Simplify and improve the readability of the text
 - Simplified Direction 1 & Focus Area 1 & 5 headings to remove jargon
 - General wording changes to improve readability
- Better align the Plan with ATAP and the GPS
 - Funding, network optimisation, mode neutrality, rapid transit

Overall transport vision

Feedback

1. Significant support for the overall transport vision.
2. Main concerns related to:
 - A desire for key projects to be built faster
 - A greater focus on improving existing networks before new projects are built
 - A range of feedback on road pricing (unfair vs necessary)
 - Whether value for money is being achieved from transport investment

Recommended changes

1. Update the “About Transport and Access” (front end) section:
 - Align transport funding text with updated ATAP (i.e. no longer a funding gap)
 - Make language improvements to improve clarity and readability of this section

Public transport

Feedback

1. Significant feedback on the public transport system, particularly around:
 - Making PT faster, cheaper, and more frequent, reliable and extensive
 - The need for more park and rides
2. Smaller number of comments showing preference for certain modes, e.g. ferries, feeder buses, light rail.

Recommended changes

1. Make changes to Focus Area 4:
 - Include references to PT affordability and park and rides
 - Place greater emphasis on the rapid transit network and show that it is supported by other PT networks, to better align with ATAP and the GPS
 - Explicitly highlight why there needs to be a focus on improving PT to major centres
 - Improve readability and clarity of the text
2. Make changes to Focus Area 2 to refer to the importance of mode neutrality (using the right tool for the job) as prioritised in the GPS.
3. Reflect ATAP's focus on rapid transit by including supporting information text about Rapid Transit Network (expands existing text on the Northern Busway).

Roading

Feedback

Key submission points included:

- Build more roads and maximise traffic flow for cars (i.e. not allocating any more road space to other uses such as cycle lanes and bus lanes). This feedback generally came from the 14% of submissions not supporting the Plan’s direction
- Encourage behavioural changes on the road network to make better use of existing network
- Make explicit references to freight and congestion management

Recommended changes

1. Make changes to Focus Area 1:
 - Simplify heading to **Make better use of existing transport networks**
 - Provide more detail on how we might make better use of existing networks, i.e. greater emphasis on network optimisation as prioritised in ATAP
 - Refer to travel planning, parking policies and more flexible working hours to reflect feedback received
2. Update Focus Area 2 to clarify why we need to focus first on most severe transport challenges.
3. Elaborate on freight and congestion management throughout the text.

Cycling & Walking

Feedback

1. This theme included quite polarising feedback between:
 - Those who wanted safer and better connected cycling infrastructure
 - Those who felt too much was being spent on cycling, and that Auckland was too hilly / rainy / unsafe for cycling to be a viable option
2. A smaller amount of feedback was also received to:
 - Relax regulatory barriers to make cycling more attractive
 - Promote the health benefits of walking and cycling, including by putting quality infrastructure in areas of high deprivation

Recommended changes

1. Update Focus Area 6 to refer to the greater safety risks that cyclists and pedestrians face.
2. Update the supporting information text on “Equitable transport access across Auckland” and “Making Auckland more cycle friendly” to refer to the need to increase walking and cycling opportunities as low-cost travel options.

Environment & Safety

Feedback

1. Most of the comments around the environment support the move towards PT, walking and cycling as necessary to reduce transport emissions.
2. Feedback around safety was mixed and includes:
 - Those who believe Vision Zero was not practical
 - Others calling for Vision Zero to be implemented more quickly
 - Those calling for the Plan to refer to personal safety while travelling

Recommended changes

1. Update Direction 3 and Focus Area 6:
 - Place greater emphasis on safety to better align the Plan with the GPS
 - Expand the concept of safety to include personal safety while travelling, particularly to encourage the greater use of walking, cycling and public transport.
2. Stronger wording in Focus Area 7 (“...the need to progressively eliminate transport emissions”) to reflect the GPS’s stronger focus on carbon neutrality.
3. Update Transport and Access tagline to: **Aucklanders will be able to get to where they want to go more easily, safely and sustainably** to better align with ATAP and the GPS.

Access to opportunities

Feedback

Key submission points included:

- Reducing the need to travel in the first place, such as through better land use and transport integration
- Ensuring that required transport links are put in place before future urban areas are developed
- Focusing new housing around transport links, particularly public transport

Recommended changes

1. Simplify the heading of Direction 1 to: **Better connect people, places, goods, and services.**
2. Make changes to Focus Area 5:
 - Simplify heading to **Better integrate land use and transport**
 - Emphasise that good land use and transport integration can help to reduce travel distances
 - Showcase how unlocking growth around rapid transit corridors and stations can address Auckland's housing and transport challenges, to reflect prioritisation in ATAP and the GPS