

# Memo

16 January 2020

To: Glenn Boyd – Relationship Manager Henderson-Massey, Waitakere Ranges and Whau

From: Wendy Kjestrup

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Subject: Urgent decision request of the Henderson-Massey Local Board

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to initially seek the local board relationship manager's authorisation to commence the urgent decision-making process and if granted, seek formal approval from the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles) to use the process to make an urgent decision.

The decision required, and the supporting report, are attached to this memo. The urgent decision being sought needs to be authorised by the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles) by signing this memo. Both this memo and the supporting documentation will be reported as an information item at the next business meeting if the urgent decision-making process proceeds.

## **Reason for the urgency**

Local boards have the opportunity to provide input into Auckland Council submissions on other agencies documents.

The government is currently consulting on proposals to reduce waste through a more effective landfill levy. The Ministry for the Environment has released a consultation document on this topic which includes the following proposals:

- increasing the levy rate on municipal landfills
- applying the landfill levy to more landfills
- applying different levies for different landfill types

The consultation document was published in November 2019 and submissions are due 3 February 2020. Auckland Council is preparing a submission and has requested formal local board input by 22 January 2020 for the input to be considered by a political working group before the Auckland Council submission is finalised.

The case for an urgent decision is due to the next scheduled meeting for the Henderson-Massey Local Board (Tuesday 18 February 2020) falling after the due date for local board input into Auckland Council's submission on this topic.

This decision is significant enough to utilise the urgent decision-making process as changes to the waste levy will affect local businesses and households and will have an impact on climate change mitigation, adaption and resilience locally.

## **Decision sought from the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles)**

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board

- a) approve the following feedback on 'Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy consultation document':
  - *Support Auckland Council's draft submission on the Waste Levy.*
  - *Support the key action in Auckland Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 of advocacy to central government for an increased waste levy.*
  - *Support council's preference of increasing the waste levy on a faster timeline, to a higher amount, and equally across landfill classifications.*
  - *Support the goal of a zero-waste future, with the waste levy considered as an effective way to induce industry and other waste producers to take action on climate change.*
  - *Support an increased focus on fostering iwi participation in decision-making processes regarding waste.*
  - *Support the proposed improvements to waste data collection and reporting.*
  - *Notes that while not within the scope of this proposal, effective action at all stages of the waste lifecycle is important for waste reduction. For example, transforming/limiting the manufacture of products that go on to become waste; the ability to return packaging to retailers and wholesalers who then are responsible for its recycling or paying for landfill costs; supporting recycling and reuse centres within waste centres and well resourced waste reduction education.*
- b) note that the Henderson-Massey Local Board feedback will be attached verbatim to the Auckland Council submission.

## **Background**

On 20 December 2019 the Henderson-Massey Local Board received a memorandum from the Strategic Planning team within Waste Solutions discussing the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document (attachment A) and inviting local board input into the development of the Auckland Council submission. A summary of the draft Auckland Council submission was also provided.

As discussed in the memo, the waste levy is intended to raise revenue for waste minimisation and diversion opportunities while increasing the cost of waste disposal to recognise the costs of disposal on the environment, society and economy.

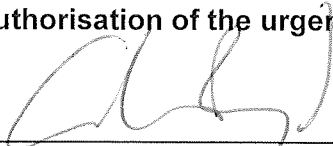
The consultation document proposes progressively increasing the landfill levy to higher rates, expanding the levy to apply to more types of landfills and making improvements to waste data collections.

The draft Auckland Council submission includes the following points:

- Support the expansion of the levy to apply to additional landfill classifications
- Support for significant progressive increases to current levy rates, consistently applied across all landfill classifications
- Support improvements to waste data collection and reporting.

Development of the submission has been guided by a political working group comprised of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, Cr. Walker, a member of the Independent Māori Statutory Board and two local board chairs.

## Authorisation of the urgent decision-making process



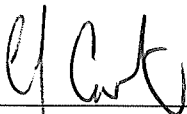
Signed by Glenn Boyd

Relationship Manager, Henderson-Massey, Waitakere Ranges and Whau Local Board

Date:

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## Approval to use the urgent decision-making process



Chris Carter

Chairperson, Henderson-Massey Local Board

Date:



Will Flavell  
Deputy Chairperson, Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Date:

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## Henderson-Massey Local board Resolution/s

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board

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- Support council's preference of increasing the waste levy on a faster timeline, to a higher amount, and equally across landfill classifications.
- Support the goal of a zero-waste future, with the waste levy considered as an effective way to induce industry and other waste producers to take action on climate change.
- Support an increased focus on fostering iwi participation in decision-making processes regarding waste.
- Support the proposed improvements to waste data collection and reporting.
- Note that while not within the scope of this proposal, effective action at all stages of the waste lifecycle is important for waste reduction. For example transforming/limiting the manufacture of products that go on to become waste; the ability to return packaging to retailers and wholesalers who then are responsible for its recycling or paying for landfill costs; supporting recycling and reuse centres within waste centres and more resource for waste reduction education.


- d) note that the Henderson-Massey Local Board feedback will be attached verbatim to the Auckland Council submission.



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Chris Carter  
Chairperson, Henderson-Massey Local Board

Date:



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Will Flavell  
Deputy Chairperson, Henderson-Massey Local Board

Date:

### **Attachments**

Attachment A – 'Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy consultation document'