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**Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board Drafting Funding Plan 2020/2021 – Submission**

To the Chair, Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

Auckland Council would like to make this submission on the 2020/2021 draft funding plan. The Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act (the Act) funding process limits Council's role in approving or rejecting the proposed levy. When making this decision, council refers to the funding principles contained within the Act.

Therefore, council's submission is focused on the total draft funding levy, rather than the individual grants proposed to specific amenities, but notes the specific conditions attached to the provisional allocation of individual grants as outlined in the Draft Funding Plan.

The funding levy request for the 2020/2021 year \$16,764,500, is 8.24% higher than the 2019/2020 year. Council acknowledges the robust decision-making process that the Funding Board embarks upon before presenting the annual funding plan, in its role of analysing applications and fairly assigning each funding grant.

Council is also very appreciative of the contribution that each amenity brings to the city making Auckland an exciting destination to visit, with a world-class line-up of events and shows throughout the year and managing its waterways and beaches to ensure safe recreational activities for residents and visitors.

Council is aware of the increasing demand on its ratepayer funded requests and asks that the Funding Board continues to ensure the amenities in return provide robust financial forecasting. Council also requests that each amenity is funded from other sources and actively seeks ways to increase their non-rates sources of revenue.

Yours sincerely

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