

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Rodney Local Board will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 11 May 2022  
**Time:** 1.30pm  
**Venue:** via Microsoft Teams

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## Rodney Local Board

### OPEN AGENDA

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#### MEMBERSHIP

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<b>Members</b>	Brent Bailey
	Steve Garner
	Danielle Hancock
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<b>Beth Houlbrooke</b>	Kawau Boating Club Springboard Advisory Board Matakana Coast Trail Trust	Committee Member Member Contractor
<b>Phelan Pirrie</b>	Muriwai Volunteer Fire Brigade Grow West Ltd North West Country Incorporated	Officer in Charge Director Manager
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**1 Welcome**

**2 Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

**4 Leave of Absence**

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

**5 Acknowledgements**

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

**6 Petitions**

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

**7 Deputations**

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Rodney Local Board. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

At the close of the agenda no requests for deputations had been received.

**8 Public Forum**

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of three minutes per speaker is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

**9 Extraordinary Business**

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
  - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and

- (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
  - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

## Local board consultation feedback and input into Annual Budget 2022-2023

File No.: CP2022/05825

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### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Rodney Local Board area on:
  - proposed priorities and activities for the Rodney Local Board Agreement 2022/2023
  - regional topics for the Annual Budget 2022/2023.
2. To recommend any local matters to the Governing Body, that they will need to consider or make decisions on in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

4. Local board agreements set out annual funding priorities, activities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and initiatives for each local board area. Local board agreements for 2022/2023 will be included in the council's Annual Budget 2022/2023.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2022 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023. This included consultation on the Rodney Local Board's proposed priorities for 2022/2023 to be included in their local board agreement.
6. In total, Auckland Council received feedback 11,550 pieces of feedback in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
  - written feedback – 9,464 online or hard copy forms, emails or letters
  - in person – 2,086 pieces of feedback through online Have Your Say events, or independently managed phone interviews. All events (except one which didn't have any attendees) were moved to an online platform or cancelled due to the red COVID-19 traffic light setting.
7. Of the 9,464 written submissions received in total across the region, 499 were from the Rodney Local Board area. Some submitters did not provide feedback to all the questions.
8. Four hundred and fifty-six (456) submissions from the Rodney Local Board area were received on the local board's priorities. Of those, 74 per cent of submitters either supported all or most priorities proposed by the Rodney Local Board.
9. Four hundred and seventy-nine (479) submissions from the Rodney Local Board area were received on the proposed Climate Action Targeted Rate showing a majority of submitters (56 per cent) supported the proposal.
10. Close to the majority of Rodney Local Board area submitters supported specific proposals in the budget, such as the proposal to manage ongoing spending (50 per cent of 417 submissions received) and prioritise operational spending (46 per cent of 395 submissions received) compared to those that did not support 29 per cent and 22 per cent respectively.
11. Four hundred and thirty-eight (438) submissions on the standardisation of waste management proposal were received for the Rodney Local Board area. Of those, 38 per cent of submitters supported the proposal to move to a rates funded system while 50 per cent of submitters did not support the proposal and preferred a pay-as-you-throw system.

12. In the annual budget process there are financial matters where local boards provide recommendations to the Governing Body, for consideration or decision-making. This includes:
- proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
  - release of local board specific reserve funds
  - any local board advocacy initiatives.
- The Governing Body will consider these items as part of the annual budget decision-making process in June 2022.
13. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

## Ngā tūhunga Recommendation/s

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Rodney Local Board priorities and activities for 2022/2023.
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 from people and organisations based in the Rodney local board area.
- c) recommend that the Governing Body approves any proposed locally driven initiative capital projects, which are outside local boards' allocated decision-making responsibility.
- d) recommend the release of local board specific reserve funds to the Governing Body.
- e) provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body.
- f) provide its advocacy initiatives for the Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body.

## Horopaki Context

14. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the local board) for each local board area. The Rodney Local Board Agreement 2022/2023, sets out how the council will reflect the priorities in the Rodney Local Board Plan 2020 in respect to the local activities to be provided in the Rodney Local Board area and includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
15. The local board agreements 2022/2023 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2022/2023.
16. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2022 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023, as well as local board priorities and proposed activities to be included in the Local Board Agreement 2022/2023.
17. Due to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, significant pressure has been placed upon the council's financial position. This has created significant flow on effects for the council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.



## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

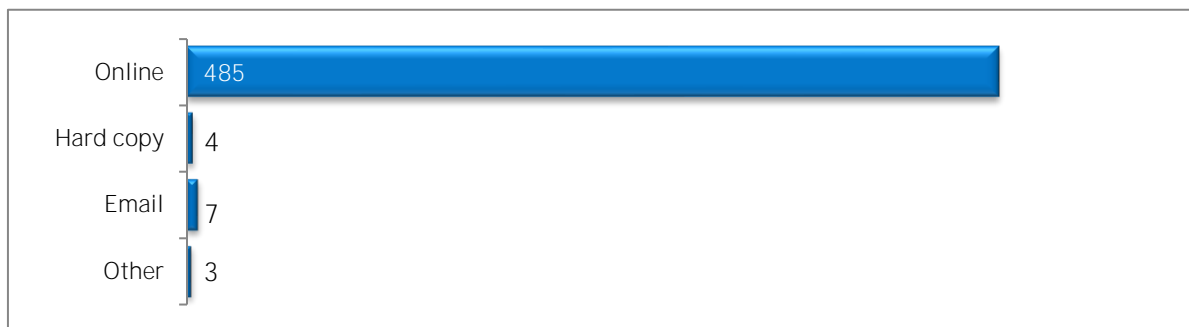
18. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback, any local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.
19. The feedback submissions can be found in the following link:  
<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/submissions-annual-budget-2022-2023>

### Consultation feedback overview

20. As part of the public consultation Auckland Council used a variety of methods and channels to reach and engage a broad cross section of Aucklanders to gain their feedback and input into regional and local topics.
21. In total, Auckland Council received 11,550 pieces of feedback during the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
  - written feedback – 9,464 online and hard copy forms, emails and letters
  - in person – 2,086 pieces of feedback through online Have Your Say events, or independently managed phone interviews. All events (except one which didn't have any attendees) were moved to an online platform or cancelled due to the red COVID-19 traffic light setting.
22. Of the 9,464 written submissions received in total across the region, 499 were from the Rodney Local Board area.

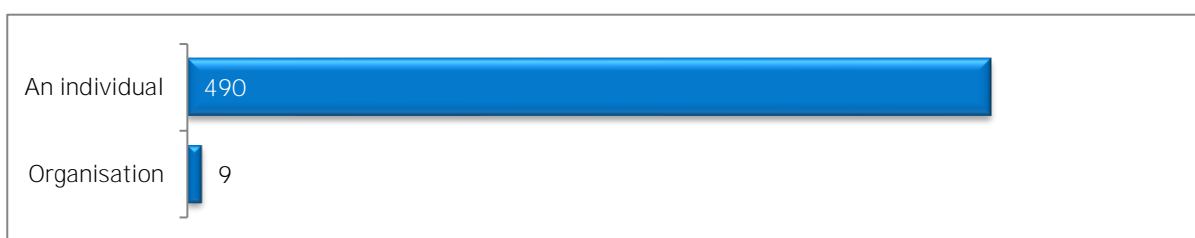
### Information on submitters

23. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.
24. The information in Graph 1 below shows the distribution of submissions from individuals and organisations in the Rodney Local Board area by feedback method:



**Graph 1. Number of submitters by feedback method**

25. The information in Graph 2 below shows the number of submissions from individuals and organisations in the Rodney Local Board area:

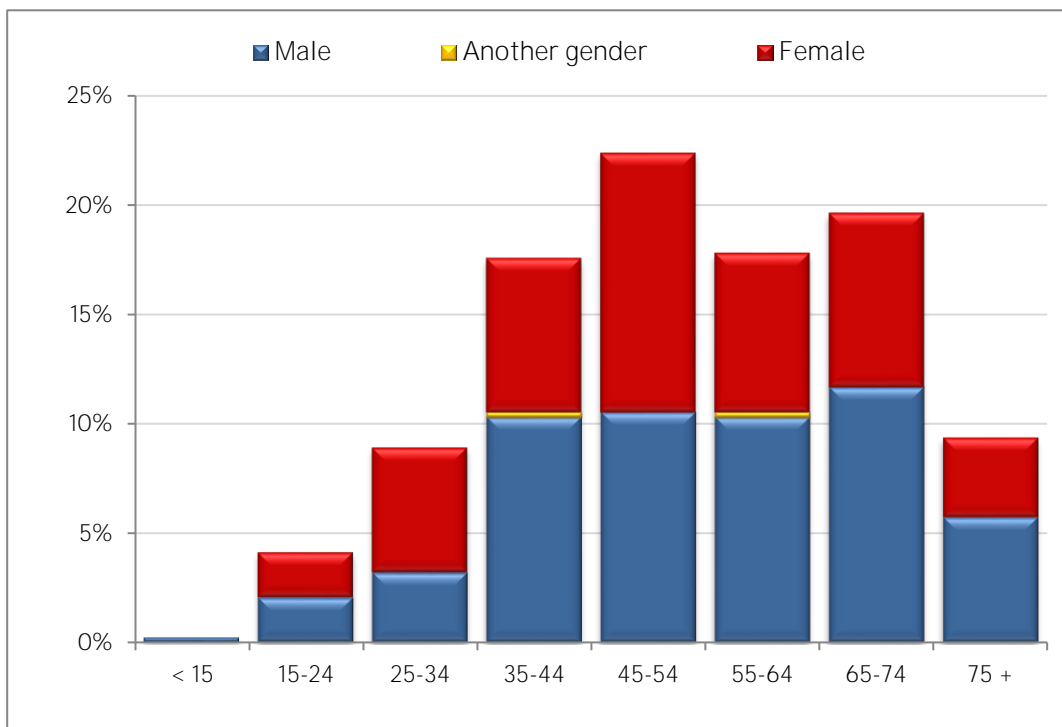


**Graph 2. Number of submissions from individuals and organisations**

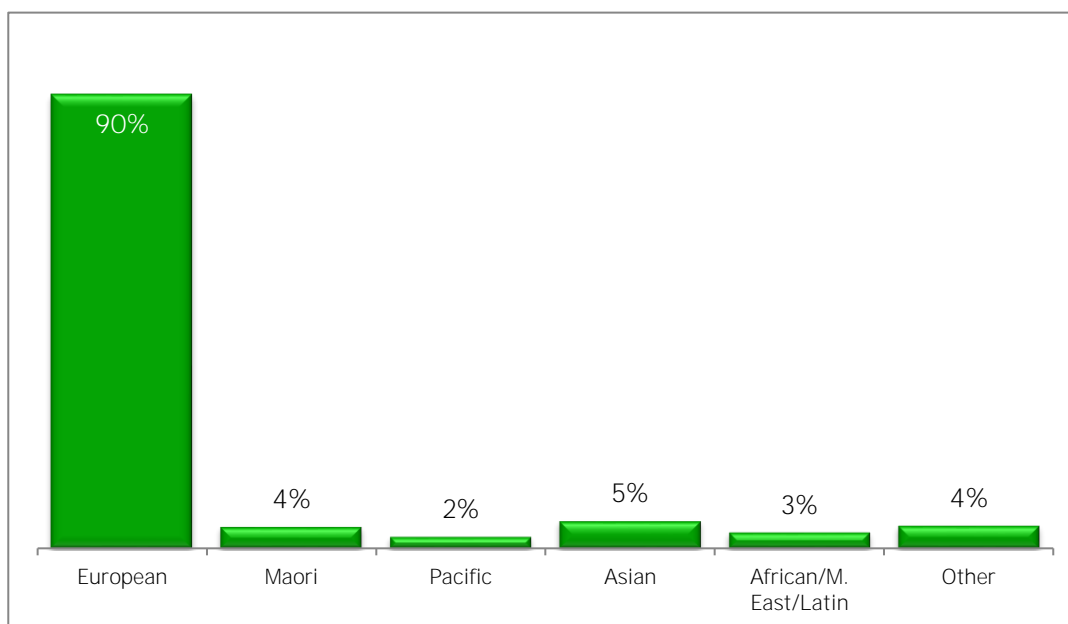
26. The nine organisations that provided submissions were:

- Marine Deals Limited
- Ninja Kiwi
- Matakana School
- Sandspit Residents and Ratepayers Association
- The Northern Action Group Incorporated
- Fight the Tip: Tiaki te Whenua Incorporated
- Kumeu Arts
- Matakana Coast Trail Trust
- Warkworth Area Liaison Group.

27. Graphs 3 and 4 below provide an overview of demographic categories individuals identified with. This information only relates to those Rodney Local Board submitters who provided demographic information:



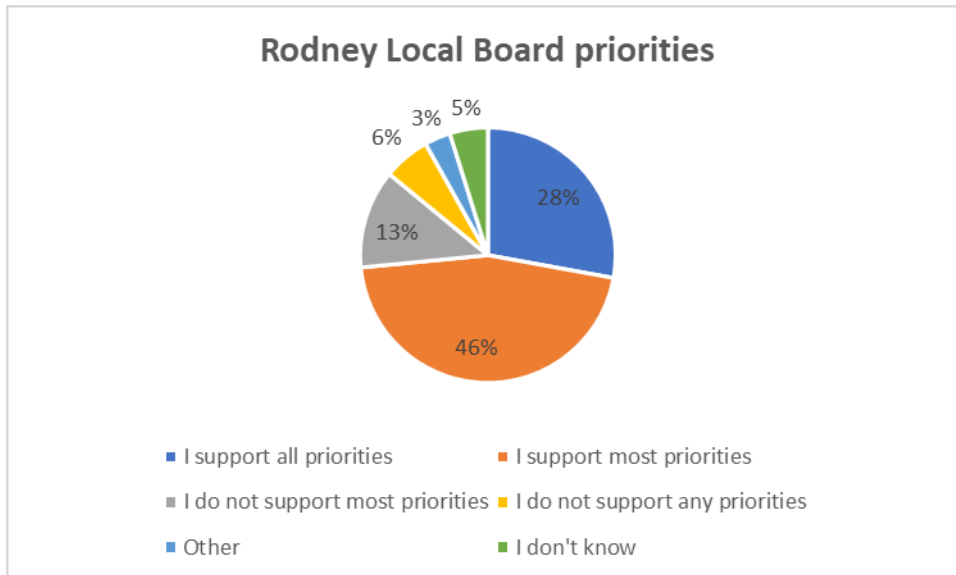
Graph 3. Age and Gender



Graph 4. Ethnicity

### Feedback received on the Rodney Local Board's priorities for 2022/2023

28. The Rodney Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2022/2023:
- continue to deliver upgrades to our village and town centres, including town centre planting, furniture maintenance, and uplifting shared open spaces
  - progress maintenance, upgrades and construction of key community facilities, including the new playground in Dida Park Drive, Huapai, the optimisation of Riverhead War Memorial Park, the Goodall Reserve skate park rebuild, the new central park development in Milldale, and the renewal of the larger assets in Wellsford Centennial Park
  - continue to improve our freshwater ecosystems through riparian fencing and planting to reduce sediment
  - improve our local biodiversity and natural environment by eradicating pests, and carrying out restoration work
  - continue to progress the outcomes identified in the Green Road Master Plan, particularly park maintenance and concept planning.
29. Four hundred and fifty-six (456) submissions from the Rodney Local Board area were received on the local board's priorities for 2022/2023. Of those, 74 per cent of submitters either supported all or most priorities proposed by the Rodney Local Board.



**Graph 5. Rodney Local Board area submissions on local board priorities**

30. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement on 22 June 2022.

#### Key themes

31. The analysis of comments provided by submitters on the local board priorities had no clear themes however a few repeated comments have been noted:
- Environmental projects: support for environmental projects, especially improving freshwater ecosystems and eradicating pests
  - Town centre improvements: some support was received in regards to the proposed town centre improvements. However, the timing and appropriateness of these projects due to the current financial circumstances was questioned
  - Community facilities: only a few comments were received in regards to the proposed works on community facilities.

#### Feedback on other local topics

32. Two key themes across feedback received on other local topics included:
- cycling and walking infrastructure: significant support for received for increased walking and cycling infrastructure, largely focussed on the Matakana Coast Trail
  - road sealing and maintenance: support for more road sealing and to address the associated safety concerns.

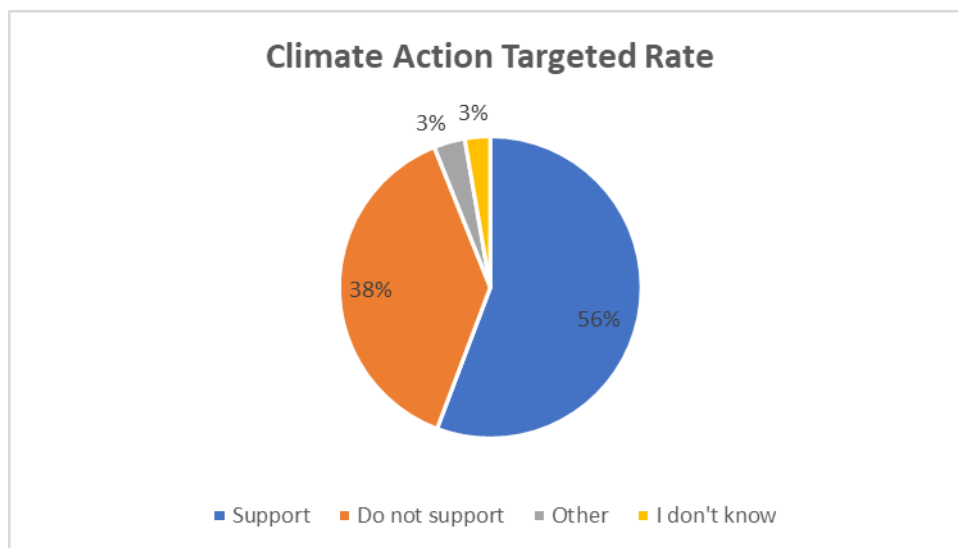
#### Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 from the Rodney Local Board area

33. The proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how to pay for them. Consultation on the proposed annual budget asked submitters to respond to four key questions on:
1. Climate.
  2. Budget Pressures.
  3. Operating Spending Prioritisation.
  4. Waste Service Standardisation.

34. The submissions received from the Rodney Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

### Key Question 1: Climate

35. Aucklanders were asked about a proposed climate action package which will be funded by a targeted rate. The climate action package includes investments in low-carbon public transport, active walking and cycling networks; and urban ngahere (forest) canopy cover.
36. This is proposed to be funded through \$574 million from a targeted rate over the next 10 years as well additional government co-funding.
37. Four hundred and seventy-nine (479) submissions from the Rodney Local Board area were received on the proposed Climate Action Targeted Rate showing a majority of submitters (56 per cent) supported the proposal.
38. Graph 6 below provides an overview of the responses from the Rodney Local Board area.



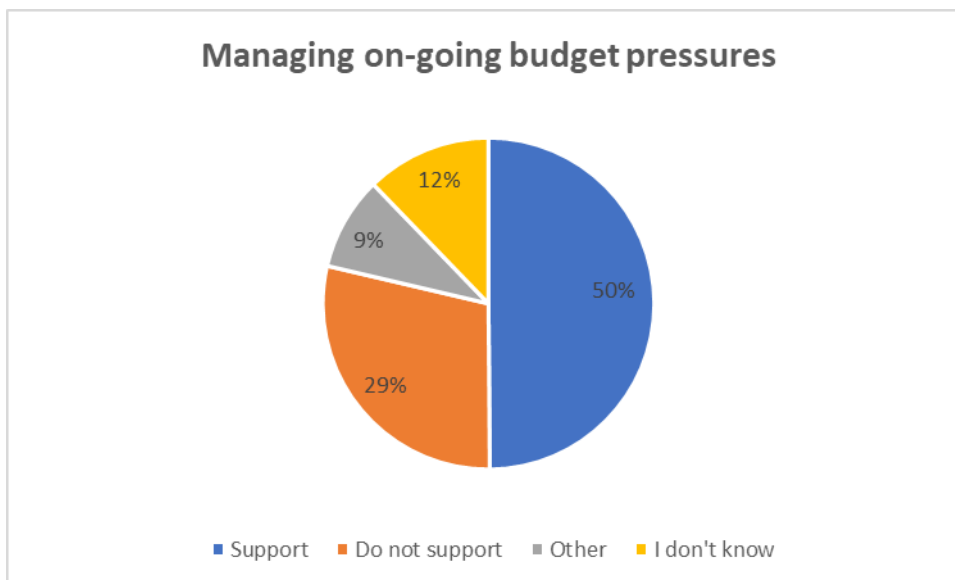
Graph 6. Climate Action Targeted Rate Rodney responses

### Key themes

39. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- of the 221 comments in support of the Climate Action Targeted Rate more than half spoke to the need to urgently take action on climate change
  - apart from a call to action, the most prominent theme that emerged from those in support of the targeted rate was for increasing provision for walking and cycling, with two thirds of these submissions referencing the Matakana Coast Trail
  - amongst those that did not support the Climate Action Targeted Rate, the most stated reasons were that either they felt it was too expensive/potentially unaffordable or that they felt they would not benefit from services delivered by the proposed targeted rate in Rodney.

## Key Question 2: Budget Pressures

40. Aucklanders were asked about a range of levers proposed to manage on-going budget pressures. Council are forecasting a budget shortfall of \$85 million for 2022/2023 compared to what was budgeted for in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031. This is due to on-going impacts of COVID-19 on revenue and growing inflationary pressure.
41. A range of levers are proposed to manage the budget pressures including:
  - using the Government's Better Off support package funding
  - changing the timing of some capital spending
  - implementing cost reductions in the form of efficiency savings and a potential reduction in some services
  - keeping the previously agreed general rates increase of 3.5 per cent for 2022/2023
  - continuing work on the sale or long-term lease of non-strategic assets as required.
42. Fifty per cent of submitters from the Rodney Local Board supported the proposal to manage ongoing spending compared to 29 per cent that did not support.
43. Graph 7 below provides an overview of the responses from the Rodney Local Board area.



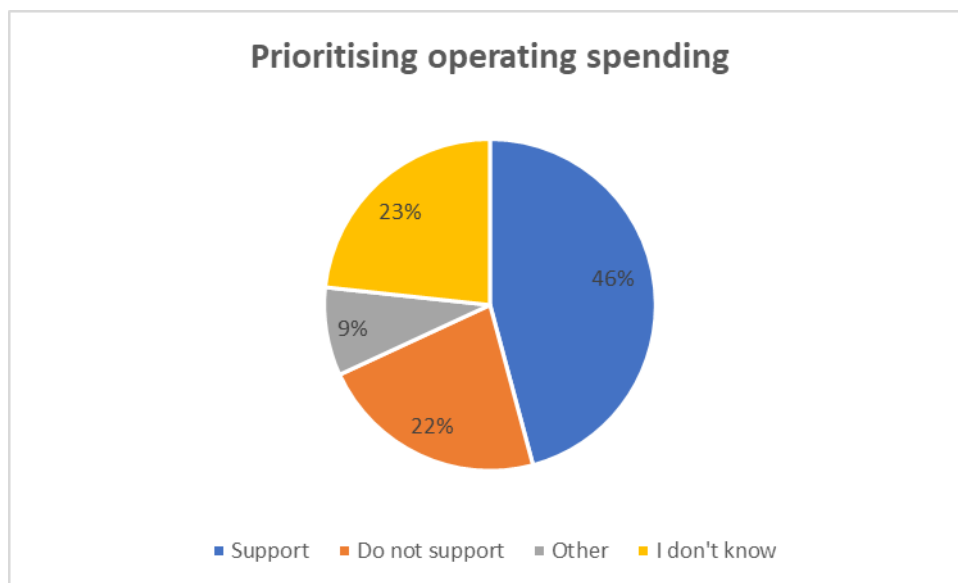
Graph 7. Managing on-going budget pressures Rodney responses

## Key themes

44. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
  - across both those that support and do not support the proposal to keep the general rates increase of 3.5 per cent for 2022/23 concern was expressed about the already high cost of living
  - in regards to the proposed efficiency savings and potential reduction in some services, feedback focussed on the need for this to be done internally within Auckland Council through staffing structures, more cost efficient work practices and less wasteful spending
  - relatively few comments were received in relation to the other proposed levers.
45. Since consultation, further reduction in revenue caused by the COVID-19 omicron outbreak and rising interest and inflation costs has compounded budget pressures.

### Key Question 3: Operating Spending Prioritisation

46. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal that would see council prioritise operating spending to help manage on-going budget pressures. A set of criteria to be used when making decisions about cost reductions, including those that could reduce, stop or change some services, was proposed.
47. The proposal involves implementing \$15 million of additional permanent cost reductions in the form of efficiency saving and low-priority service reductions across the group in 2023/2024, growing to \$30 million per annum from 2024/2025 onwards.
48. Forty six per cent of submitters in the Rodney Local Board area supported the proposal to prioritise operational spending compared to 22 per cent that did not support.
49. Graph 8 below provides an overview of the responses from the Rodney Local Board area.



Graph 8. Prioritising operating spending Rodney responses

### Key themes

50. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
  - for both those that supported and did not support felt that the proposal was too broad and lacking in detail
  - some of those that supported the proposal to prioritise operating spending felt that the community should play more of a role in defining what are the priorities and essential services
  - as with the budget pressures question, submitters commented that more should be done to prevent wasteful spending within Auckland Council.

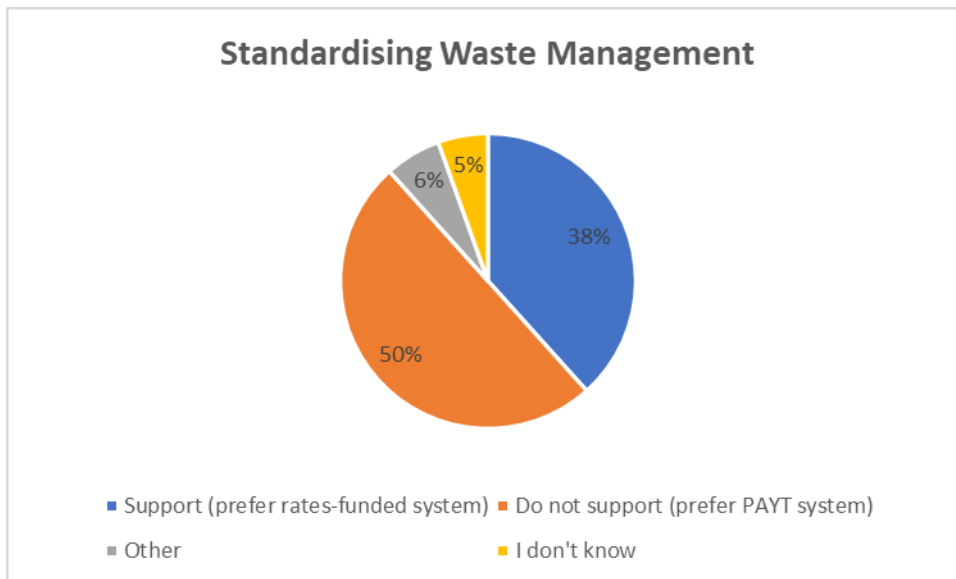
### Key Question 4: Waste Service Standardisation

51. Aucklanders were asked about a proposal to standardise waste services and charges across Auckland. The proposal would involve a move to a region-wide rates funded refuse collection service and see a choice of three bin sizes (with different pricing for each) to accommodate different household needs.
52. Auckland Council are also proposing to include standardising which properties can opt-out of waste management services and charges across Auckland.
53. Four hundred and thirty-eight (438) submissions on the standardisation of waste management proposal were received for the Rodney Local Board area. Of those, 38 per

cent of submitters supported the proposal to move to a rates funded system while 50 per cent of submitters did not support the proposal and preferred a pay-as-you-throw system.

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54. Graph 9 and table 1 below provide an overview of the responses from the Rodney Local Board area.



**Graph 9. Standardising Waste Management Rodney responses**

Proposal	Support	Do Not Support	Other	I don't know
Standardise the opt-out rules for residential multi-unit developments	43.5%	22.6%	2.8%	31%
Standardise the opt-out rules for residential and lifestyle properties with between two and nine units	41%	23%	2.6%	33%
Standardise the opt-out rules for non-residential properties	43%	23%	2.6%	31%
Apply a minimum base charge to every separately used or inhabited part of a property	28%	43%	1.9%	27%

**Table 1. Standardising Waste Management Rodney responses opt-out**



## Key themes

55. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- supporters for the standardisation of waste management felt that the proposal was fair and equitable
  - those that did not support standardising waste management felt that it would remove the incentive to reduce waste and would be unfair on those that already produce less waste
  - very few comments were received in relation to question 4B on opt-out rules.

## Other feedback

56. Aucklanders were asked what is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.
- local board decision-making over local community services
  - Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023
  - changes to fees and charges.

## Recommendations on local matters

57. This report allows the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the annual budget process, in June 2022. This includes:
- proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
  - release of local board specific reserve funds.
  - local advocacy initiatives.

## Funding for Locally Driven Initiatives

58. Local boards are allocated funding for locally driven initiatives (LDI) annually, to spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision-making over the LDI funds but need approval from the Governing Body where:
- operational LDI funding is to be converted into capital LDI funding.
  - the release of local board specific reserve funds is requested, which are being held by the council for a specific purpose.
  - a LDI capital project exceeds \$1 million.
59. These conditions do not apply to the Rodney Local Board for the 2022/2023 financial year.

## Local board advocacy

60. Local boards are requested to provide approved advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Finance and Performance Committee to consider these advocacy items when making recommendations on the Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body in June.
61. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will be included as an appendix to the Local Board Agreement 2022/2023.

## Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022-2023

62. Local boards have a statutory responsibility for identifying and communicating the interests and preferences of the people in its local board area in relation to Auckland Council's strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws, and any proposed changes to be made to them. This

report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

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## **Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi** **Climate impact statement**

63. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
64. Projects allocated funding through this annual budget process will all have varying levels of potential climate impact associated with them. The climate impacts of projects Auckland Council chooses to progress, are all assessed carefully as part of council's rigorous reporting requirements.

## **Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera** **Council group impacts and views**

65. The Annual Budget 2022/2023 is an Auckland Council Group document and will include budgets at a consolidated group level. Consultation items and updates to budgets to reflect decisions and new information may include items from across the group.

## **Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe** **Local impacts and local board views**

66. The local board's decisions and feedback are being sought in this report. The local board has a statutory role in providing its feedback on regional plans.
67. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's annual budget. Local board agreements form part of the annual budget.

## **Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori** **Māori impact statement**

68. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact on Māori. Local board agreements and the annual budget are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori.
69. Local board plans, developed in 2020 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities. There is a need to continue to build relationships between local boards and iwi, and the wider Māori community.
70. Analysis provided of consultation feedback received on the proposed annual budget includes submissions made by mana whenua and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe/local board area.
71. Ongoing conversations between local boards and Māori will assist to understand each other's priorities and issues. This in turn can influence and encourage Māori participation in the council's decision-making processes.
72. Some projects approved for funding could have discernible impacts on Māori. The potential impacts on Māori, as part of any project progressed by Auckland Council, will be assessed appropriately and accordingly as part of relevant reporting requirements.
73. The Rodney Local Board did not receive any submissions directly from mana whenua or matawaka.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

74. This report is seeking the local board's decisions on financial matters in the local board agreement that must then be considered by the Governing Body.
75. The local board also provides input to regional plans and proposals. There is information in the council's consultation material for each plan or proposal with the financial implications of each option outlined for consideration.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

76. The council must adopt its annual budget, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2022. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Budget 2022/2023 by mid-May 2022 and present to the Finance and Performance Committee on 25 May 2022, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the annual budget on 7 June 2022.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

77. The local board will approve its local board agreement and corresponding work programmes in June 2022.
78. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Finance and Performance committee for consideration ahead of that committee making recommendations to the Governing Body for decision.
79. The final Annual Budget 2022/2023 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 29 June 2022.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

## Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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