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Browns Bay

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Long-term Plan 2024-2034: local board consultation feedback and input

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Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from people and organisations in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities, activities and advocacy initiatives for the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement 2024/2025
 - regional topics for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
2. To recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body, for consideration or decision-making through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 process.
3. To provide input on regional topics to the Governing Body on the proposed regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

4. Auckland Council carried out public consultation on the draft Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (the Plan) between 28 February to 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposals. This included consultation on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board's key local priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and proposed priorities for the 2024/2025 local board agreement with the Governing Body.
5. Of the 27,960 submissions received in total from across the region, 2,082 submissions were relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays local board area. In comparison, the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board received 1,397 submissions for the previous long-term plan consultation in 2021, and 1,898 submissions were received for the 2023 annual budget consultation.
6. One thousand four-hundred and twenty-four (1,424) submissions from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area responded to the question on the overall direction for the Plan, including 9 submissions from organisations. A majority of individual submitters supported the options to 'do less', whereas a majority of organisations supported the central proposal.
7. In relation to specific areas of the overall proposal, a majority of submitters supported either the central proposal or the option to 'do more': transport (79 per cent of 1,139 submissions), water (87 per cent of 1,130 submissions), environment and regulation (74 per cent of 1,131 submissions), parks and community (72 per cent of 1,193 submissions), council support (70 per cent of 1,179 submissions), and city and local development (51 per cent of 1,115 submissions).
8. A majority of submitters supported either the central proposal or the option to 'do less' on economic and cultural development (85 per cent of 1,114 submissions).
9. A majority of submitters from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area supported keeping the North Harbour Stadium precinct as is but change the operational management (37 per cent of 1,589 submissions).
10. Nine-hundred and fifty-seven (957) submissions relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area were received on the local board's 2024/25 priorities. Of those, 77 per cent of submitters either supported all or most priorities proposed by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board, with the review of the Mairangi Bay Reserve Management Plan and support for the Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club redevelopment project highlighted as key priorities.

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11. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to consider the feedback relevant to its board area and provide input into regional proposals in the draft Long-term Plan 2024-2034 or recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives taking public consultation feedback into account. The Governing Body will consider these as part of the draft Long-term Plan 2024-2034 decision-making process in May and June 2024.
12. The local board will consider feedback on its local priorities for 2024/25 and approve its local content for its local board agreement (to be included in the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034) on 11 June 2024.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Hibiscus and Bays Local Board priorities and activities for 2024/2025 and key advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.
- b) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 from people and organisations based in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area.
- c) whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034, and advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body.

Horopaki Context

13. The draft Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (the Plan) outlines the strategic choices and direction proposed to address key financial challenges Auckland Council is facing, including adapting to economic fluctuations, paying for growth, the rising cost of asset ownership, storm response and resilience and a limited funding system.
14. 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 the content of the strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws of Auckland Council, including the 10-year budget.
15. Local boards are also required to agree a local board agreement with the Governing Body each financial year that outlines the annual local activities to be delivered in the local board area, and includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
16. In the 2024/2025 financial year, local board agreements will form part of the Auckland Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the local board will consider its agreement with the Governing Body on 11 June 2024.
17. Public consultation on the Plan took place between 28 February and 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposals. The [consultation content](#) included information on regional proposals to be decided by the Governing Body, information on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board's proposed priorities for 2024/2025 to be included in its local board agreement, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.
18. Consultation on the regional proposals asked submitters to respond to questions on:
 - overall direction for the long-term plan, including on seven areas of council-funded services and activities
 - transport plan
 - the future of the North Harbour Stadium precinct
 - major investments:

- creating an Auckland Future Fund using the Auckland International Airport shareholding
 - options relating to the future of the Port of Auckland.
 - port land (Captain Cook and Marsden wharves; Bledisloe terminal)
 - changes to other rates, fees and charges.
19. The Hibiscus and Bays local board consulted on the following proposed priorities for 2024/2025, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board proposed priorities 2024/2025	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board proposed local board priorities and advocacy initiatives 2024-2034
Support the development of community led resilience networks in our area, so our community and organisations will know who does what, where to get information and how to help, including in emergencies	Advocate to the Governing Body to ensure continued funding and support for the coastal projects along Ōrewa Beach
Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting	Advocate to the Governing Body and Central Government to provide greater education and practical advice for landowners, renters or leaseholders, whose properties are at risk from the effects of climate change
Engage with our community and key stakeholders, including mana whenua, on the future uses of our undeveloped reserves, and older established ones, including investigation of cost-effective options for other informal recreation and play in these areas	Advocate to the Governing Body to fund the planned expansion of community recycling centres, especially those that will benefit the Hibiscus and Bays area
Continue to support activities that promote vibrancy, diversity and showcases creativity in our area, such as events, festivals, and other shared experiences in our public spaces for all	Advocate to the Governing Body for sufficient funding to be allocated to enable Auckland Transport to deliver the following projects within the currently expected timeframes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Whangaparāoa Transport Interchange • upgrades and reopening of Vaughans Road and Okura River Road • the Glenvar and East Coast Road improvements project.
Continue to renew and enhance the paths network (greenways) to create a safer, off-road, well-connected networks for active modes of transport	Advocate to Auckland Transport to retain the Gulf Harbour Ferry route

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

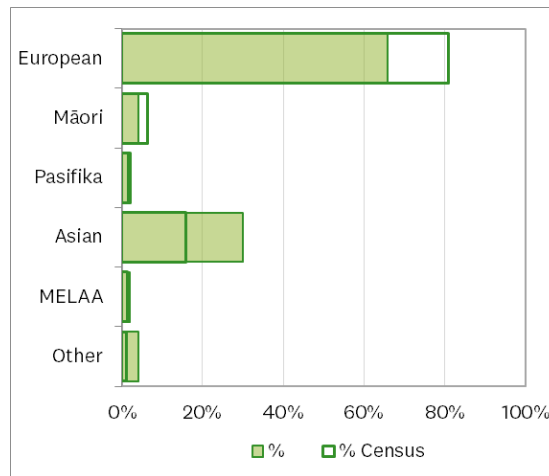
20. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area. This analysis supports the local board to consider public feedback in its

input to the Governing Body on the regional topics proposed in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034, key local board advocacy and any other local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body for the 10-year budget.

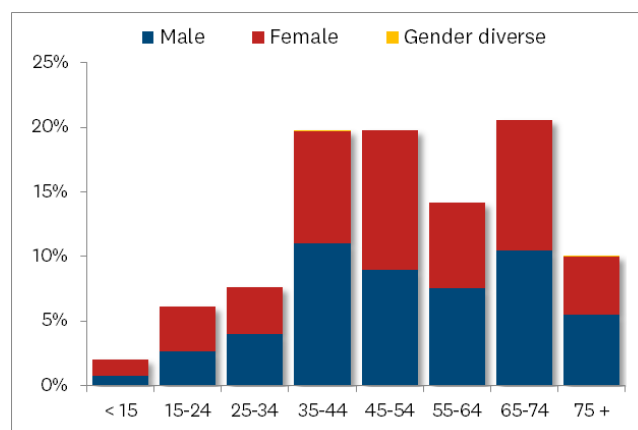
Consultation feedback overview

21. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 27,960 people in the consultation period from across the region (compared to 19,965 for the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan).
22. Out of the 27,960 submissions received, 2,082 submissions were relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area. For comparison, the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board received 1,397 submissions for the previous long-term plan consultation in 2021, and 1,898 submissions were received for the 2023 annual budget consultation. This shows a steady increase in participation.
23. The majority of these submissions (99 per cent) were from individuals. The remaining 1 per cent were submissions from organisations.
24. Sometimes council receives submissions from individuals who use a form or template created by an external organisation or community group. These can be submitted directly with council or the individual can submit their submission via the group's platform. These are referred to by council as *pro forma* submissions.
25. The following *pro forma* submissions were received in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area:
 - 434 *pro forma* submissions from people using the Harbour Sport 'Save Our Stadium' campaign petition to keep the North Harbour Stadium precinct as is but change the operational management
 - 247 *pro forma* submissions from people using the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance form supporting the option to 'do less (reduce council services/ investment), lower rates increases and less debt'
 - 120 *pro forma* submissions in support of prioritising the completion of the review of the 2015 Mairangi Bay Reserve Management plan (MBRMP), and in support of the Mairangi Bay Lifesaving Club redevelopment project in 2024/25; and in support of prioritising delivery of the MBRBP outcomes within the 2024-2034 period
 - 102 *pro forma* submissions in support of Auckland Council allocating \$8.02m in funding in the long-term plan to rebuild and maintenance of surf lifesaving club facilities in the Auckland region
 - 19 *pro forma* submissions in support for the central proposal for the overall direction of the long-term plan, in particular retaining the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment fund and the proposal for \$35m of additional funding to be added to the fund
 - 13 *pro forma* submissions in support of Auckland Council spending more on safe and accessible active transport infrastructure (e.g. cycleways), spending more on public transport and spending less on new roading projects that prioritise private vehicles; these submitters did not support cutting funding to cycleways
 - 12 *pro forma* submissions in support of prioritising investment on activities and projects that improve air and water quality, landscape resilience, public transport and sustainable waste network (circular economy and zero waste); these submissions also supported ensuring that local boards are adequately funded
 - 11 *pro forma* submissions in support of the local board priorities that prioritise environmental work, climate action initiatives, active transport networks (cycleways and walkways), and circular economy initiatives.
26. The text for each of these *pro forma* submissions is provided under Attachment A of this agenda report.

27. Graphs 1 and 2 below provide an overview of demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those Hibiscus and Bays submitters who provided demographic information:



Graph 1. Ethnicity compared to 2018 Census data

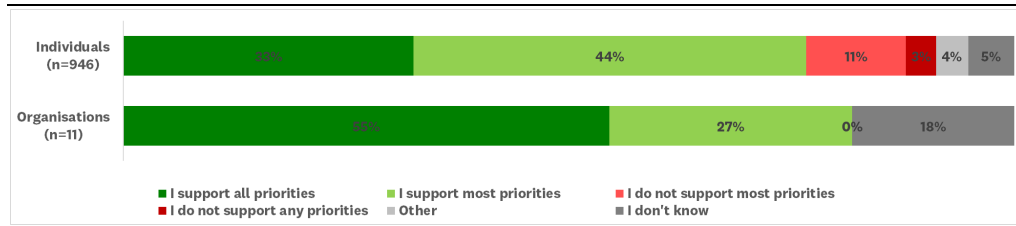


Graph 2. Age and Gender

28. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Submissions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034” and will be accessible after 24 April 2024 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2024-2034-consultation-feedback>.

Feedback received on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board’s priorities for 2024/2025 and proposed local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034

29. Nine-hundred and fifty-seven (957) submissions relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area responded to the question ‘What do you think of our proposed priorities in 2024/25?’.
30. Of these, seven-hundred and thirty-four (734) either supported all or most priorities (77 per cent), one-hundred and thirty-eight (138) either did not support most or any priorities (14 per cent), and eighty-five (85) submissions either responded that they did not know or ‘other’ (9 per cent). Graph 3 below provides an overview of submissions received:



Graph 3. Overview of submissions on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board priorities

31. The analysis of the comments provided by submitters **in support of all or most priorities** reflect a range of community priorities, with emphasis on the importance of maintaining and enhancing the local environment and environmental sustainability, improving local infrastructure and services, and ensuring transparent and accountable governance. They also stress the need for community engagement and empowerment in decision-making processes.
32. The main themes from these comments include:
 - **Environmental Concerns:** There is a significant focus on environmental issues, such as water quality, protection of natural areas, biodiversity, and reducing pollution. Climate change is also mentioned as a crucial factor that should be considered in decision-making processes. Many residents express a desire for clean, well-maintained reserves, walkways, and natural spaces. They emphasize the importance of simplicity and maintaining existing standards
 - **Transport and Infrastructure:** Improving transport options, including cycling lanes, walking paths, and public transport, is highlighted as essential for the community. Additionally, there are concerns about road safety and the need for infrastructure maintenance
 - **Prioritising Core Services:** There's a call to focus on core services like water, transport, environment, and waste management before investing in non-essential projects or events
 - **Resilience and Preparedness:** There's recognition of the need to prepare for climate change impacts, improve community resilience, and address environmental challenges to ensure a sustainable future
 - **Support for Specific Projects:** Several residents highlight the importance of specific projects, such as the redevelopment of reserves, improvement of walkways, and support for community organizations like surf lifesaving clubs. Many comments emphasize the importance of finalizing the review of the Mairangi Bay Reserve Management plan and supporting the redevelopment project of the Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club
 - **Cultural and Community Events:** There is a call for supporting cultural diversity and organizing community events to foster a sense of belonging and pride among residents. Suggestions include celebrating cultural festivals like Matariki, Diwali, and Pride.
33. The analysis of the comments provided by submitters that **did not support most** local board's priorities reflect a range of perspectives on how the local board should prioritise its activities and allocate resources, with a common thread of emphasizing core services such as roading, water, waste management and maintaining green spaces.
34. Other main themes in these comments were a desire for fiscal responsibility, and infrastructure prioritisation, particularly roads and public transport. A number of comments expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of certain initiatives related to climate change, Māori consultation and community-led resilience networks.

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35. The analysis of comments provided by submitters who **did not support any** of the local board priorities reflect desire for fiscal responsibility and financial prudence, prioritization of infrastructure projects and roads, and greater responsiveness to community needs and concerns. These themes included:
- perception that the council should operate efficiently and transparently, focusing on core responsibilities and minimizing unnecessary spending
 - opposition to additional costs, reflecting concerns about affordability for residents, particularly during challenging economic times (aligning with the broader theme of fiscal restraint and accountability in council spending).
36. A number of **submitters who selected 'other'** expressed similar themes to those submitters who supported the local board's priorities and the submitters who did not support local board priorities. These included:
- **Support for Environmental Work and Climate Action:** Many commenters express support for funding and support for community-driven environmental work, habitat restoration, pest control, and climate action initiatives such as waste reduction and promoting active transport networks. There is recognition of the importance of these efforts for both nature and communities
 - **Need for Inclusive and Age-Friendly Spaces:** Several commenters highlight the need for inclusive and age-friendly spaces and activities, particularly in areas with a significant population of older residents. There is a call for the creation of spaces and activities that cater to the needs of diverse age groups within the community
 - **Demand for Specific Projects:** A number of commenters call for specific projects to be prioritized, such as dealing with flooding issues in certain areas like Browns Bay. There is a desire for tangible action and solutions to address local challenges and concerns
 - **Transparency and Accountability:** A few commenters express skepticism about the effectiveness and transparency of the local board's priorities. There is a call for more clarity, specificity, and accountability in decision-making processes and resource allocation.
37. In regards to **the local board's key priorities and advocacy for 2024-2034**, there was overall support for the proposed topics, with an emphasis on:
- **Focus on Basic Services:** There is a recurring theme of prioritizing essential services like roading, wastewater management, and public transport improvements. Some commenters emphasize the importance of getting back to basics and ensuring that resources are allocated to maintain and improve essential existing infrastructure
 - **Support for Local Priorities:** Several comments express support for specific local priorities, such as road upgrades, environmental protection measures, and community-driven initiatives outlined in the Mairangi Bay Reserve Management Plan
 - **Concerns about Cost and Debt:** Several commenters raise concerns about the cost to ratepayers and the potential increase in debt associated with certain proposals. They advocate for fiscal responsibility and caution against spending on initiatives perceived as unnecessary or extravagant
 - **Emphasis on Environmental Protection:** Many comments highlight the need for increased investment in environmental services, including habitat restoration, pest control, and combating climate change. There is a call for specific actions to address environmental challenges and protect natural resources
 - **Desire for Transparency and Accountability:** Some commenters express skepticism about the effectiveness and transparency of the proposed priorities. They call for more clarity, detail, and accountability in decision-making processes to ensure that community needs are adequately addressed

