

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday, 30 April 2024  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Meeting Room:** Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board office  
**Venue:** 81 Hector Sanderson Road  
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Aotea Great Barrier Island

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## **Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board OPEN AGENDA**

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**1 Nau mai | Welcome**

Chairperson I Fordham will open the meeting and welcome everyone in attendance.

**2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies**

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

**3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | 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 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence**

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

**5 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements**

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

**6 Ngā Petihana | Petitions**

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

**7 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | 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 Aotea / Great Barrier 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 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | 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 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | 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.”

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

File No.: CP2024/04498

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

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area on:
  - proposed priorities, activities and advocacy initiatives for the Aotea / Great Barrier 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, that they will need to consider or make decisions on in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

### 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 2024/2025 will be included in the Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034. This included consultation on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's proposed priorities for 2024/2025 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
6. Auckland Council received 27,960 submissions in total across the region and 50 submissions from the Aotea / Great Barrier local board area. Most submitters were supportive of the 'central' and 'pay more, get more' proposals, and the proposed local board priorities.
7. In the Long-term Plan process there are matters where local boards provide recommendations to the Governing Body, for consideration or decision-making. This includes any local board advocacy initiatives. The Governing Body will consider these items as part of the Long-term Plan decision-making process in May/June 2024:
  - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
  - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
  - proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
  - release of local board specific reserve funds
  - any other local board advocacy initiatives.
8. 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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

## Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

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

## Horopaki Context

9. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board) for each local board area. The local board agreement sets out how the Council will reflect priorities in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2023 in respect of the local activities to be provided in the local board area, and also includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The local board agreements 2024/2025 will form part of the Auckland Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034. The consultation content included information on regional proposals to be decided by the Governing Body, and information on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's proposed priorities for 2024/2025 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.
12. Auckland Council is facing key financial challenges including adapting to economic fluctuations, paying for growth, the rising cost of asset ownership, storm response and resilience and a limited funding system. To address this, strategic choices and direction must be made in the council's proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
13. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to identify and communicate the interests and preferences of people in their local board area in relation to the content of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

14. 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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

## Consultation feedback overview

15. As part of the public consultation for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 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.



16. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 27,960 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through written feedback (hard copy and online forms, emails and letters) and in person at Have Your Say events (one of which was held in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area).
17. The tables below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

*Table 1 – Responders who provided demographic information for gender*

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	9,387	49%
Female	9,820	51%
Another gender	124	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,331</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Table 2 - Responders who provided demographic information for age*

<b>AGE</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
< 15	345	318	3	676	4%
15 - 24	925	1,110	33	2,113	12%
25 - 34	1,288	1,223	39	2,604	14%
35 - 44	1,747	1,579	11	3,391	19%
45 - 54	1,478	1,549	6	3,073	17%
55 - 64	1,232	1,317	6	2,577	14%
65 - 74	1,243	1,361	4	2,618	14%
75 +	618	510	4	1,138	6%
<b>Total</b>				<b>18,190</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 3 – Responders who provided demographic information for ethnicity

ETHNICITY	#	%
<b>European</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>46%</b>
Pākehā/NZ European	8,231	43%
Other European	606	3%
<b>Māori</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Pasifika</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>18%</b>
Samoan	2,171	11%
Cook Islands Māori	104	1%
Tongan	694	4%
Other Pasifika	393	2%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>31%</b>
Chinese	3,371	18%
Indian	1,352	7%
Southeast Asian	551	3%
Korean	582	3%
Other Asian	134	1%
<b>Middle Eastern/Latin/African</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,105</b>	<b>NA*</b>

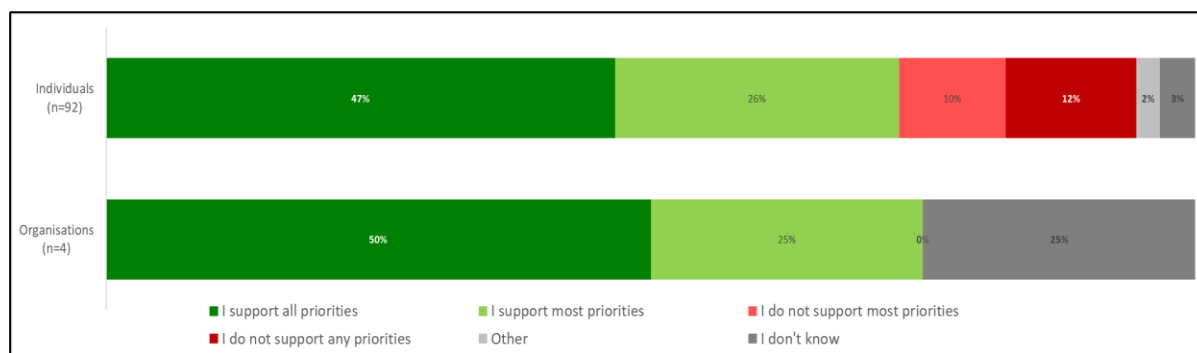
18. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Submissions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034” and will be accessible after 24 April 2024 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2024-2034-consultation-feedback>

### Feedback received on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board’s priorities for 2024/2025 and the Long-term Plan 2024-2034

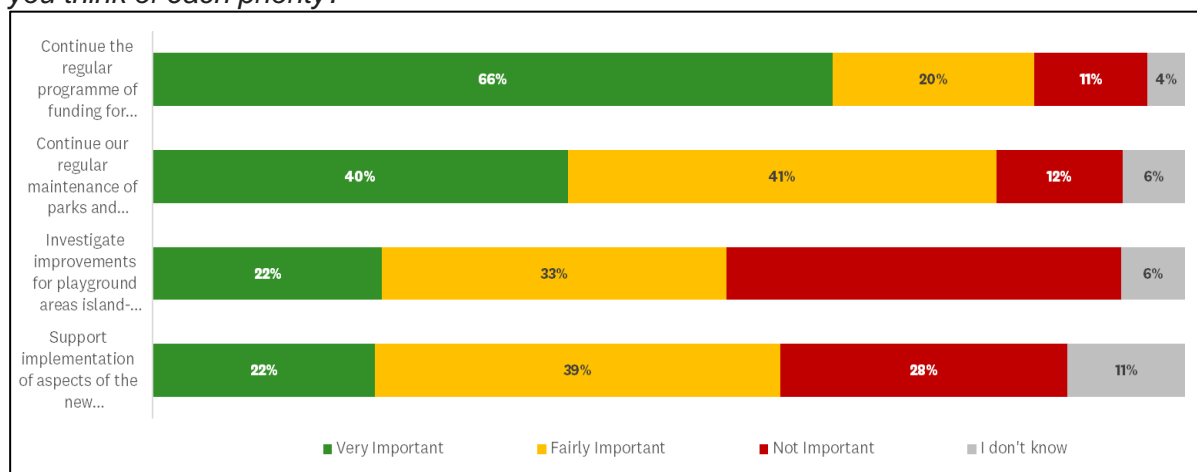
19. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2024/2025:
- continue the regular programme of funding for community groups to deliver services and environmental groups to deliver ecology works
  - continue our regular maintenance of parks and assets
  - investigate improvements for playground areas island-wide
  - support implementation of aspects of the new Destination Management Plan

20. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034:
- capital grant funding for the maintenance of community-owned community facilities
  - annual grant funding to community organisations for community services
  - annual grant funding to local environmental groups for ecology projects
  - progressing 'Ahu Moana' marine protection projects
21. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board also consulted on the following key advocacy initiatives that sit outside local board decision-making:
- managing the existing biosecurity threat of exotic *Caulerpa*
  - support the mana whenua-led restoration project Tū Mai Tāonga
  - support for community-led waste and septic services given our landfill closure
  - investigations into a visitor levy solution
22. Fifty submissions were received on Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's priorities for and key advocacy initiatives. The majority of local respondents supported the proposed local priorities in particular grant funding for community services and environmental groups.

*Graph 1 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 7b – what do you think of our proposed priorities in 2024/2025?*



*Graph 2 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 7b – more specifically, what do you think of each priority?*



23. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported all local priorities noting particular support for marine and environment projects such as Tū Mai Tāonga and Caulerpa response.
- Ngātiwai Trust supported most priorities apart from the implementation of the Destination Management Plan noting particular support for funding of community groups and continued maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

24. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 11-14 June 2024. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

### Key themes

25. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:
- Support for environment projects that are community-led and iwi-led Tū Mai Tāonga
  - Support for community-led community services
  - Support for marine projects such as Ahu Moana and Caulerpa response

### Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Long-term Plan from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area

26. The proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how to pay for them. Consultation on the proposed Long-term Plan asked submitters to respond to key questions on the following:
1. Overall direction for Long-term Plan
  2. Transport plan
  3. North Harbour Stadium
  4. Major Investments:
    - a. Creating an Auckland Future Fund using the Auckland International Airport shareholding
    - b. Options relating to the future of Port of Auckland (includes options c. and d.)
  5. Port Land
  6. Changes to other rates, fees and charges.
27. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 consultation document.
28. The submissions received from the Aotea / Great Barrier 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: Overall direction for Long-term Plan

29. Aucklanders were asked about the overall proposed direction for council services and investment over the next ten years. This included the 'central proposal' alongside alternative options of 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' in seven areas of council-funded service and activities. These seven areas and their associated options are described in detail in the consultation document available at [Auckland Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document](#) from pages 22-27 and included:
- **Transport** - Roads, public transport and safety improvements across the transport network

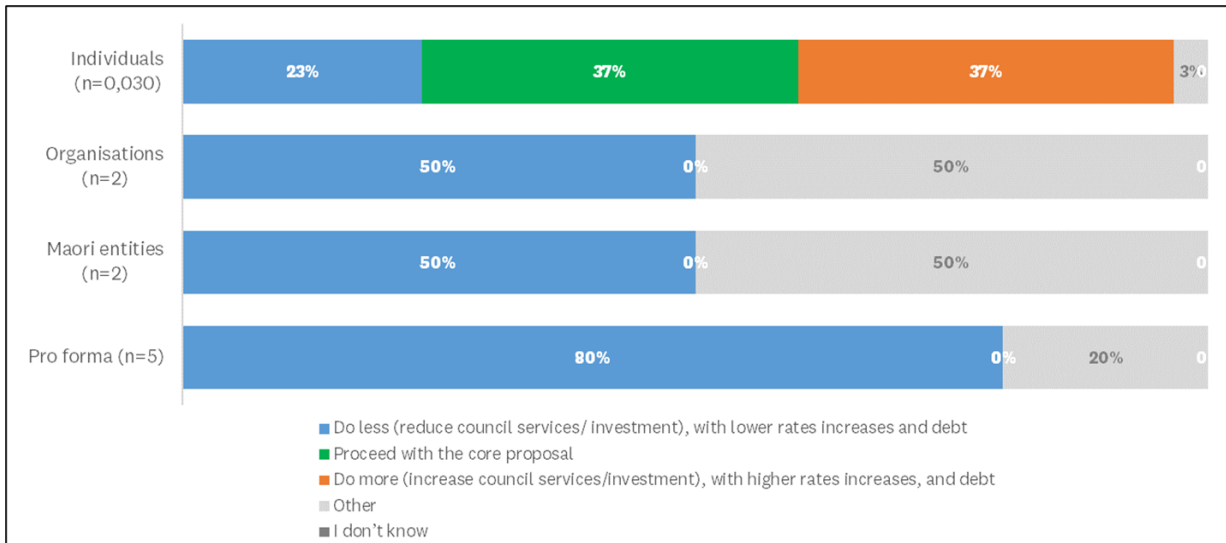
- **Water** - Managing stormwater to minimise flooding and protect waterways
  - **City and local development** - Delivering urban regeneration and lead development of the city centre
  - **Environment and regulation** - Protecting and restoring the natural environment
  - **Parks and community** - A wide range of arts, sports, recreation, library and community services including a fair level of funding for local boards (see section on fairer funding for local boards below)
  - **Economic and cultural development** - Major events funding and economic development
  - **Council support** - Supporting the delivery of services, enabling effective governance, emergency management and grants to regional amenities.
30. The central proposal would see annual rates increases for the average value residential property set at 7.5 per cent in year one, 3.5 per cent in year two, 8.0 per cent in year three and no more than 3.5 per cent for the years after that. Over the 10-year period 2024-2034, the central proposal would provide for a capital investment programme of \$39.3 billion and \$72.0 billion of operational spending.
31. The central proposal, and alternative options of 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' scenarios are outlined in Table 4 below.

*Table 4 - The central proposal and the 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' scenarios*

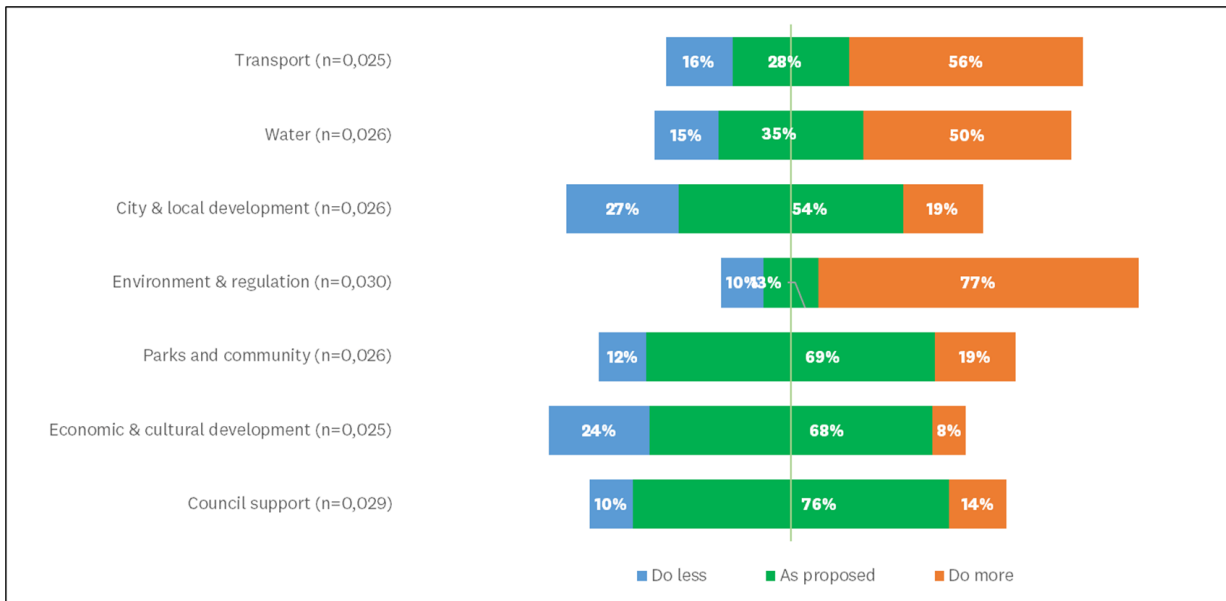
Annual rates increase for average value resident property	Pay less and get less	Central proposal	Pay more and get more
<b>Year 1</b>	5.5 per cent	7.5 per cent	14 per cent
<b>Year 2</b>	3.5 per cent	3.5 per cent	10 per cent
<b>Year 3</b>	3.5 per cent	8.0 per cent	10 per cent
<b>Later years</b>	No more than 1 per cent above CPI inflation thereafter	No more than 3.5 per cent for the years after that	5 per cent for the years after that
<b>CAPEX</b>	\$33.5b	\$39.3b	\$52.0b
<b>OPEX</b>	<b>\$69.2b</b>	\$72.0b	\$76.5b

32. The majority of local respondents supported the central proposal and the 'pay more, get more' scenario. Specifically, more on the areas of environment, transport, and water, and spending less on city and local development and economic and cultural development.
33. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

*Graph 3 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 1a on the overall direction*



Graph 4 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 1b on the central proposal and the 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' scenarios



34. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported the 'pay less, get less' scenario and noted support for doing more for environment, parks and council support and as proposed for the other areas.
- Ngātiwai Trust selected other and noted support for doing more for water, environment and economic and cultural development, and as proposed for the other areas.

### Key Question 2: Transport Plan

35. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a proposal to work with government to make progress toward an integrated transport plan for Auckland with a proposed total capital spend of \$13.4 billion for Auckland Transport over 10 years.

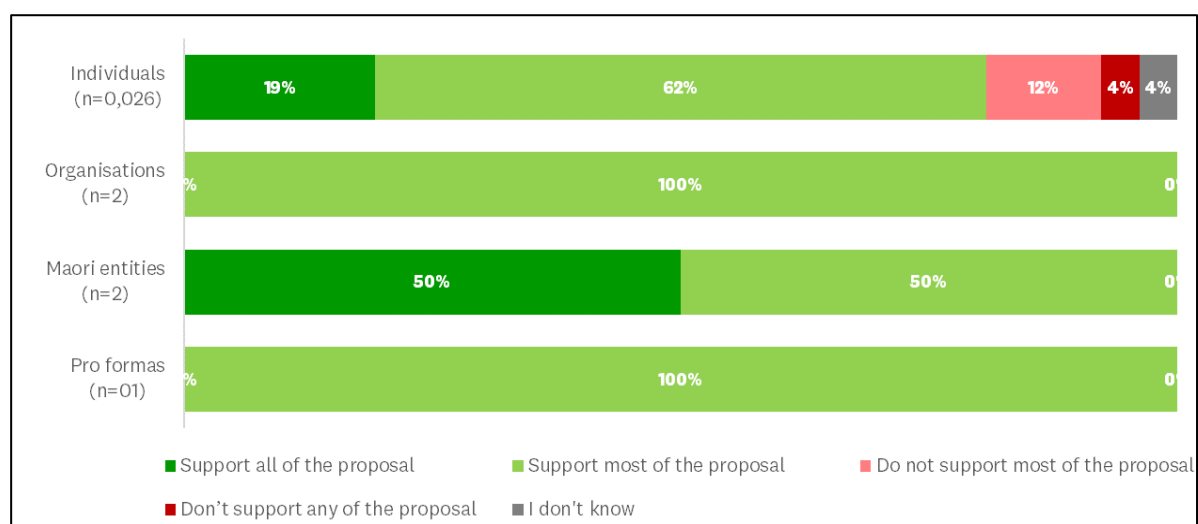
36. This would include:

- making public transport faster, more reliable and easier to use by investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes
- network optimisation, reducing temporary traffic management requirements and introducing dynamic lanes
- stopping some initiatives previously planned such as some raised pedestrian crossings and cycleways.

37. The majority of local respondents supported most but not all of the proposal. Most wanted a continued focus on public transport and climate change initiatives, and less spent on roads, road safety and contractors.

38. The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

Graph 5 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 2a on the transport plan



39. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported all of the proposal requesting more work on roading and a place-based planning review.
- Ngātiwai Trust supported most of the proposal noting support for public transport to help reduce carbon emissions, congestion, and accessibility.

### Key Question 3: North Harbour Stadium

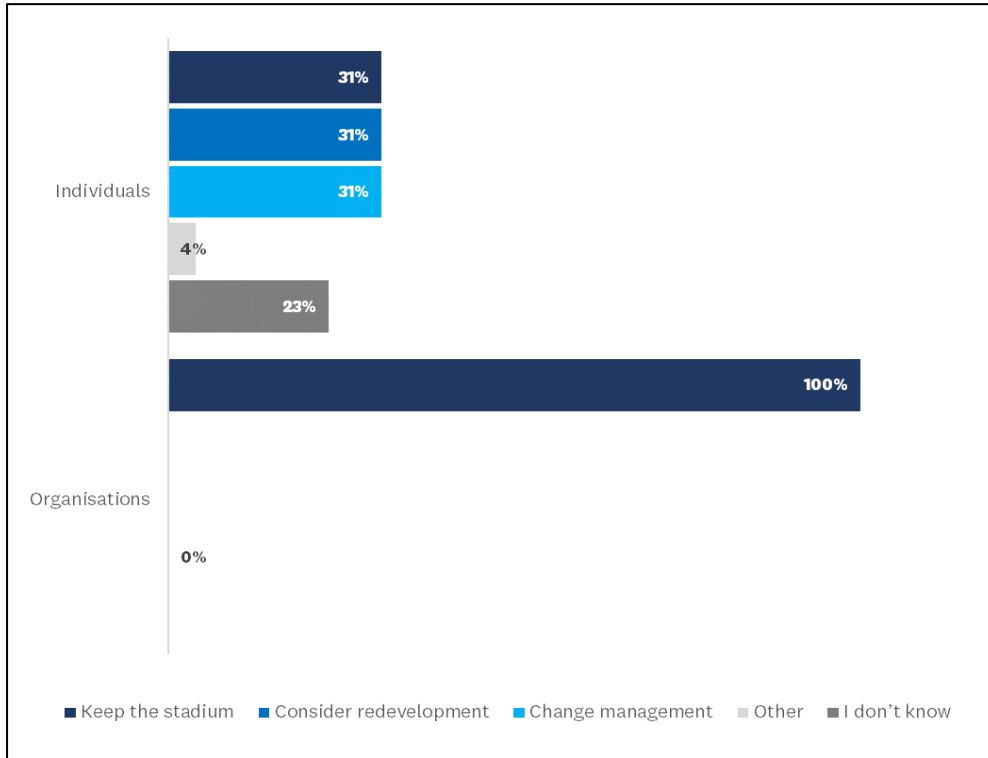
40. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on options for the future of North Harbour Stadium precinct. The options set out were:

1. to keep the stadium precinct as it is now, and maintain it at a cost of \$33 million over 10 years
2. redevelop the stadium precinct funded through reallocation of this \$33 million, the sale of some stadium precinct land while retaining the existing community playing fields and any other external funding available
3. change the operational management of the stadium to ensure greater use by the community (noting that this option could be considered in addition to either option 1 or 2).

41. Local respondents had mixed views on the proposal with no clear majority.

42. The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

Graph 6 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 3 on the North Harbour Stadium



43. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust noted support for whanau in those areas to develop or not develop.
- Ngātiwai Trust selected other.

#### Key Question 4a: Major Investments: Auckland Future Fund and Auckland International Airport Limited shares

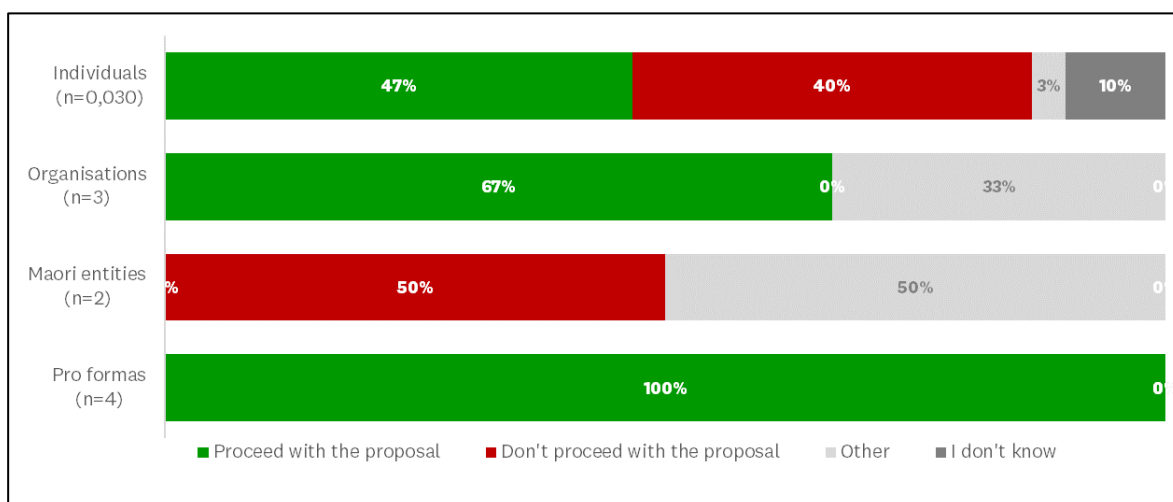
44. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal to establish a diversified investment fund for Auckland (the Auckland Future Fund) in order to spread the risk of council's investments over a range of different assets in different locations. The proposal includes the transfer of council's shareholding of just over 11 per cent in Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) to the fund to enable the subsequent sale of any or all the shares by the fund manager.

45. Local respondents had mixed views on the proposal with no clear majority. Those in favour commented on the airport being an issue, more diversity being good and concerns for management of the fund. Those who opposed commented on retaining assets, a distrust in council and short-term thinking.

46. The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.



Graph 7 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 4a on the Auckland Future Fund and Auckland International Airport Limited shares



47. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust submitted not to proceed with the proposal commenting on keeping the shares to ensure long term gain.
- Ngātiwai Trust selected other and commented that selling the shares and diversifying could provide financial flexibility but there would need to be clear rules for the fund with iwi input being essential.

#### Key Question 4b: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

48. Aucklanders were also asked for their feedback on options for the future of Port of Auckland. The two options identified were:

1. retain underlying ownership of the port land and wharves, and lease the operation of the port for a period of about 35 years with the upfront payment from the lease invested in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.
2. retain underlying ownership of the port land and wharves with the Port of Auckland Limited continuing to operate the port and implement their plan to deliver improved profitability and dividends.

#### Key Question 4c: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

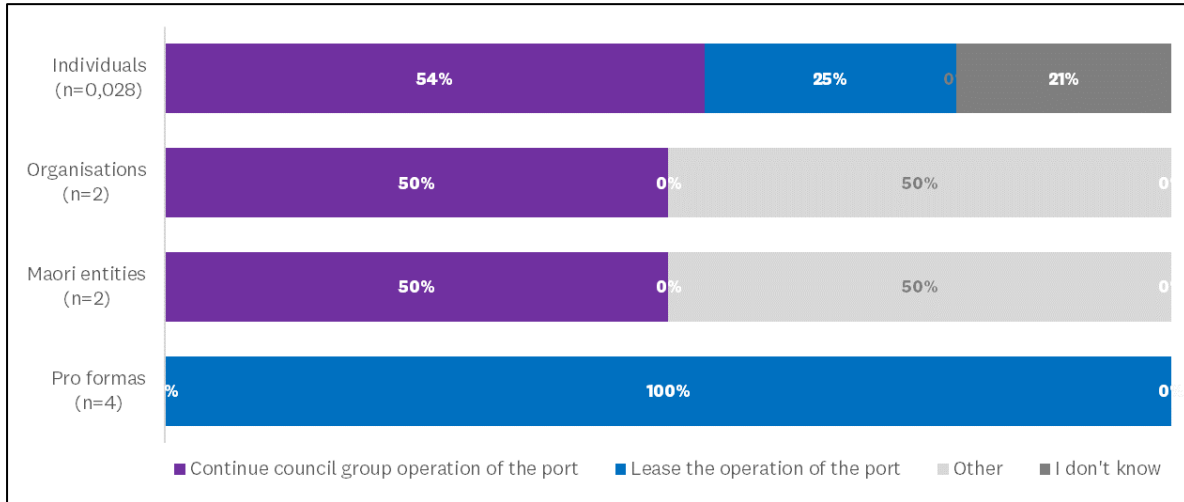
49. It was noted that if the council group continues to operate the port through Port of Auckland Limited, it could continue to use the profits and dividends from the port to fund council services, or it could invest the profits and dividends in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.

#### Key Question 4d: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

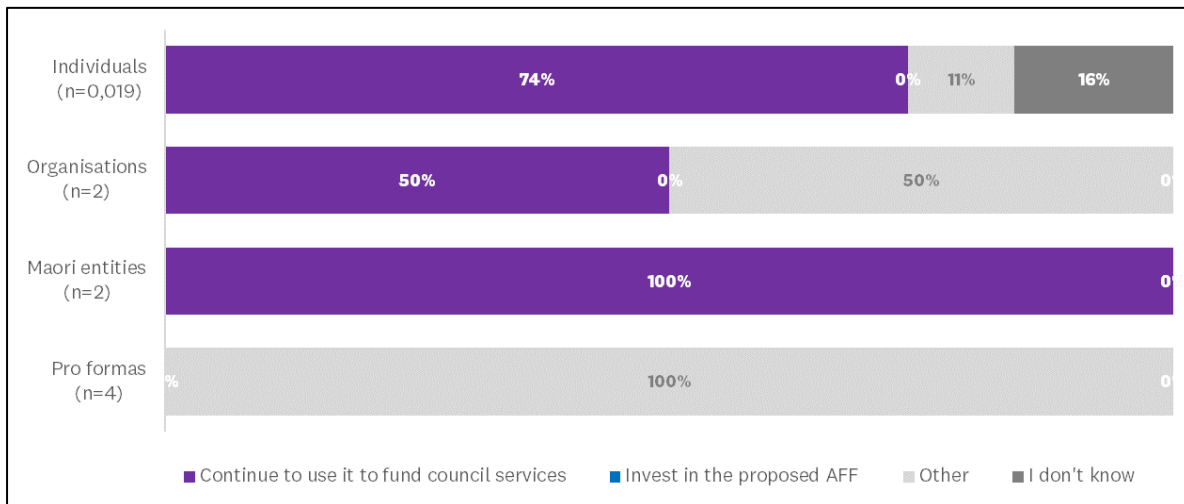
50. People were also encouraged to give feedback on other aspects of the proposal, including in relation to self-insurance, and implementation options for the proposed Auckland Future Fund and possible changes to the council's shareholding in Port of Auckland Limited and to the ownership of the Port Land.
51. The majority of local respondents leaned towards retaining ownership and operations of the port. Comments ranged from keeping our assets long-term, concerns about overseas control, private enterprise being able to provide better returns and moving port operations out of Auckland. If we keep the port operations, then most responders wanted the funds to be used for council services rather than being put into the Auckland Future Fund.

52. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

Graph 8 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 4b on the Port of Auckland



Graph 9 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 4c on the Port of Auckland profits/dividends



53. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:

- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported retaining ownership of the port land and continuing operations. Supported continuing to fund council services if we keep the port operations.
- Ngātiwai Trust selected other and supported continuing to fund council services if we keep the port operations.

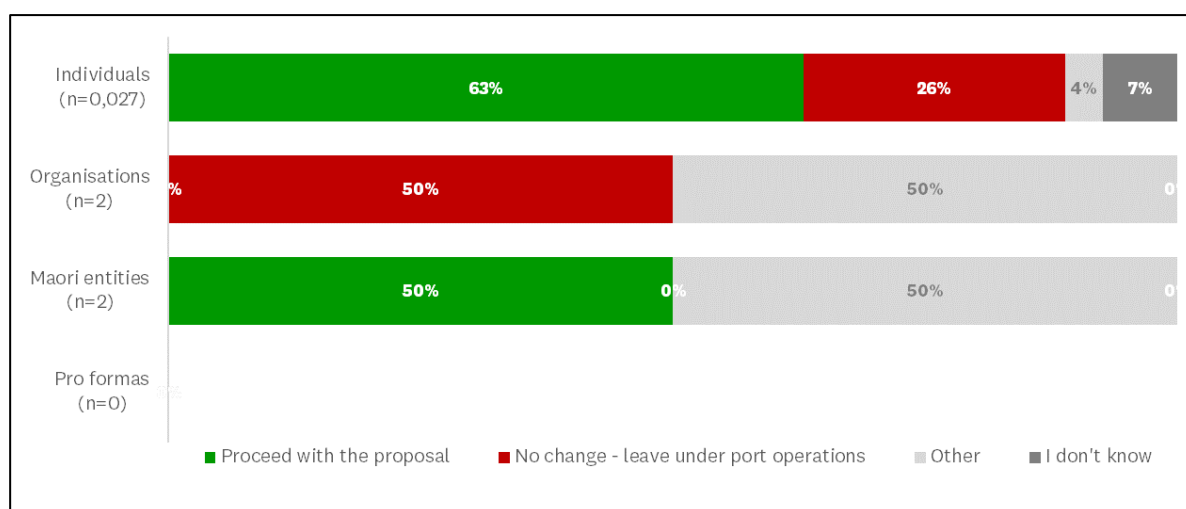
### Key Question 5: Port Land

54. Aucklanders were asked for their feedback on a proposal whereby some land and wharves currently used for port operations could be transferred to Auckland Council and used for something else that provides public benefit. This could include the creation of some new public spaces and/or new waterfront residential or commercial developments.
55. Captain Cook and Marsden wharves could be transferred to council within 2-5 years provided that resource consent can be obtained for work at the Bledisloe Terminal. These

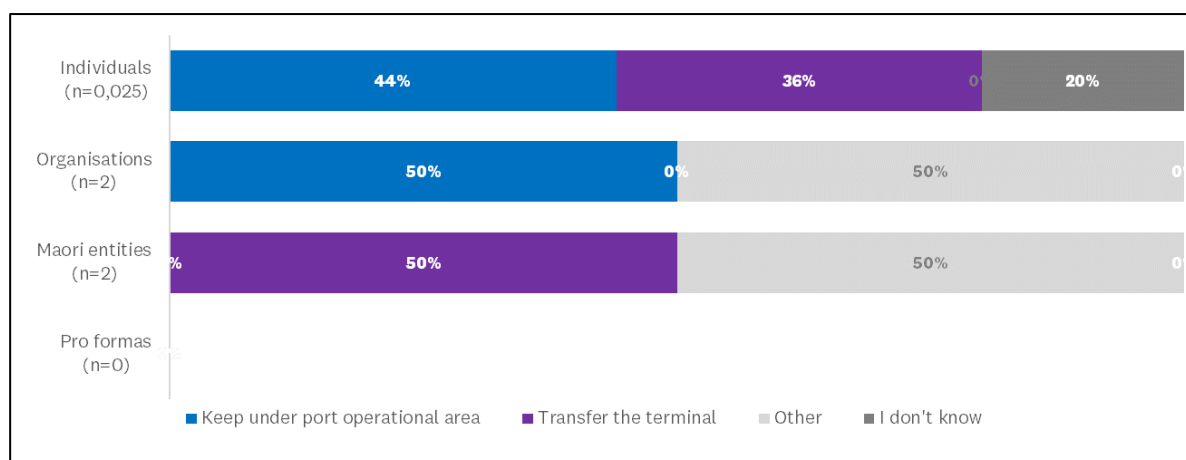
works are required to allow some port operations to be moved and would cost around \$110 million, but otherwise there would be no significant impact on the operations or value of the port.

56. The Bledisloe Terminal site could be freed up and transferred to council for use in another way within 15 years. However, this would significantly reduce the scale of port operations in Auckland with many shipments needing to be transported into the Auckland by truck or rail. It would also lower the value of the proposed port lease by an estimated \$300m or reduce the future profits and dividends the council earns from the port.
57. The majority of local respondents wanted to proceed with the proposal to transfer Captain Cook and Marsden wharves from the port to Auckland Council for public use. Responders mostly supported keeping the Bledisloe terminal with the port operations.
58. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

*Graph 10 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 5a on Captain Cook and Marsden wharves*



*Graph 11 – Submitter responses to feedback form question 5b on Bledisloe Terminal*



59. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:
  - Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported returning Captain Cook and Marsden wharves and Bledisloe Terminal to public usage.
  - Ngātiwai Trust selected other noting support for the position of haukāinga on this issue.

**Key Question 6: changes to other rates, fees and charges**

60. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on proposed changes to business rates, targeted rates and charges as set out below.

**Waste management rates changes**

- 61. Auckland Council is proposing to continue the planned roll out of rates funded refuse collections to the North Shore, Waitākere and Papakura in 2024/2025, and Franklin and Rodney in 2025/2026 replacing the current pay as you throw service, and consequent rates change. During the rollout it is proposed the refuse targeted rate will be applied to properties in these areas based on the approximate number of months the rates funded service is available to them.
- 62. It is also proposed to adjust the Waste Management Targeted Rates in 2024/2025 to maintain cost recovery levels and to re-introduce recycling charges for schools.

**Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

- 63. Other proposed changes to rates and fees and charges included in the consultation document for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 include:
  - Resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and extend it to 2034/2035 to continue to invest in the protection of native ecosystems and species
  - Resuming the full Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) and extend it to 2034/2035 at a level that only covers the annual programme operating and interest costs. This ensures water quality improvements in harbours and streams across the region can be funded but at a lower amount for next year than previously planned
  - Broadening the description of bus services funded by the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) to reduce the need to consult each year for minor changes to the bus programme
  - Discontinue the Long-Term Differential Strategy which gradually lowers the share of general rates paid by businesses and raises the share paid by other ratepayers, and raise the share of the NETR, WQTR and CATTR paid by businesses to align to the share of general rates paid by businesses
  - Changing the Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate to reflect public feedback and updated analysis of the benefits to properties and boundaries
  - Increasing the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate from \$296.75 to \$336.80 (per year) for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026, and 2026/2027 years to maintain cost recovery in the three-year contract cycle, and avoid an annual subsidy of around \$117,000 from general rates.
- 64. The majority of local responders supported all but one of the proposed changes to rates. Most responders did not want to proceed with the re-introduction of the Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools.
- 65. The table below give an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

*Table 5 - Submitter responses to feedback form question 6 on changes to other rates, fees and charges*

Rate	Support	Do not support	Other/I don't know
<b>Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR)</b>	30	6	2

Rate	Support	Do not support	Other/I don't know
<b>Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR)</b>	24	2	6
<b>Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR)</b>	23	2	5
<b>Long-Term Differential Strategy</b>	22	1	6
<b>re-introduce recycling charges for schools</b>	10	18	3
<b>planned roll out of rates funded refuse collections</b>	15	3	10
<b>Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate</b>	9	3	15
<b>Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate</b>	15	0	12

66. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area provided the following feedback:
- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported the proposed changes for NETR, WQTR and CATTR. Did not support the re-introduction of the Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools.
  - Ngātiwai Trust selected supported the proposed changes for NETR, WQTR and Rodney drainage districts targeted rate. Did not support the Long-term Differential strategy and re-introduction of Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools.
67. In addition to most other fees and charges which will be adjusted in line with inflation, there are also specific changes to the fees outlined below.:
- new fees to recover the cost of processing new requirements under the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022
  - increased deposit levels for a number of consenting fees
  - an increase to film-permitting fees to adjust for cumulative inflation since 2015. It is also proposed that this fee is adjusted for inflation yearly
  - adjusted fees for all services provided from pool and leisure centres to ensure an appropriate level of cost recovery
  - baseline fees across similar venue hire and bookable spaces so that they are charged appropriately. This includes community halls, community centres, art centres and bookable library spaces.

### Other matters for feedback

68. The following proposals were also included in the consultation in the Long-term Plan:

#### Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2024/2025

69. Aucklanders were asked to feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2024/2025 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of 14 Tūpuna Maunga.

Fairer funding for Local Boards (Local Board Funding Policy)

70. Auckland Council is proposing to shift to a fairer funding model, where some local boards will receive additional funding to deliver for their communities. Other local boards, where there is a disparity of funding, would need to make changes in their priorities to manage within a reduced budget. The proposal is to address local board funding equity through the first three years of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
71. The central proposal is to achieve this through a 50/50 combination approach, i.e., reallocating some existing funding between local boards and providing some new funding (\$20 million opex and \$30 million capex) over the first three years of the LTP 2024-2034.
72. As the extent of funding disparity between local boards is significant, and the council's capacity for new funding is limited, the proposal is for 18 local boards to be within 5 per cent of their equitable funding levels (opex and capex) by year three of the LTP 2024-2034. Of the 21 local boards, three local boards will remain funded above their equitable levels but to a lesser degree than current levels.
73. A fixed funding allocation is proposed for Aotea / Great Barrier and Waiheke Island Local Boards, who will be allocated 1 per cent and 2 per cent of the available funding respectively, given their smaller population sizes.
74. These changes would require an amendment to the Local Board Funding Policy.
75. In addition to the central proposal being put forward, there are also scenarios to 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less'. Under the 'pay more, get more' scenario no reallocation among local boards would be required. A funding uplift would be provided to get all local boards to their equitable funding levels. To achieve full equity under this option, close to \$900 million would be required in additional operating funding and about \$1 billion in capital funding over 10-years.
76. To achieve local board funding equity under the 'pay less, get less' scenario, where no additional funding would be available, a significant reallocation would be required from local boards that are currently funded above their equitable level of funding to boards who receive lesser funding. Local boards that could lose funding may not be able to deliver projects previously agreed, asset renewals or services without increasing fees, imposing local targeted rates or rationalising assets.
77. There were three feedback points from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area which referenced fairer funding. The majority supported the local board funding model of one per cent for Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board.

Any other feedback

78. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
  - Caulerpa being a big concern for the island and requiring more resource.
  - Tū Mai Tāonga being an important project on island and requiring more resource.
79. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area gave feedback as follows:
  - Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust provided feedback on Tū Mai Tāonga being an important project for the motu and requiring more resource.
  - Ngātiwai Trust had no further feedback.

**Recommendations on local matters**

80. This report allows the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Long-term Plan process, in May 2024. This includes:

- any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
- any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
- proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
- release of local board specific reserve funds
- local advocacy initiatives.

### **Local targeted rate and business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals**

81. Local boards are required to endorse any new or amended locally targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area. Note that these proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented.
82. This does not apply to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board for the 2024/2025 financial year.

### **Funding for Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI)**

83. Local boards are allocated funding for local 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:
  - 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.
84. This does not apply to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board for the 2024/2025 financial year.

### **Local board advocacy**

85. Local boards can also agree advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Governing Body to consider these advocacy items when making decisions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 in May.
86. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will then be included as an appendix to the 2024/2025 Local Board Agreement

### **Local board input on regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034**

87. 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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
88. Local board plans reflect community priorities and preferences and are key documents that guide the development of local board agreements (LBAs), local board annual work programmes, and local board input into regional plans such as the Long-term Plan.

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

89. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next 10 years.

90. Projects allocated funding through this Long-term Plan 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**

91. The Long-term Plan 2024-2034 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**

92. 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.
93. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034. Local board agreements form part of the Long-term Plan. Local board chairs have also attended Budget Committee workshops on the Long-term Plan.

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

94. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact Māori. Local board agreements and the Long-term Plan are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori Outcomes.
95. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
96. There is a need to continue to build relationships between local boards and iwi, and the wider Māori community. Ongoing conversations enable local boards and Māori to understand each other's priorities and areas of mutual interest. Ongoing relationships influence and encourage Māori participation in council's decision-making processes.
97. Some projects approved for funding could have discernible impacts on Māori. For any project or programme progressed by Auckland Council, the potential impacts on Māori, will be assessed as part of relevant reporting requirements.
98. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Long-term Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, mataawaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
99. Ngā Mātārae led the council-wide approach to engagement with Māori entities. This included:
- Two information sessions for mana whenua
  - One information session for mataawaka organisations
  - Two submission workshops (to provide help with developing submissions)
  - A hearing style event for mana whenua, Māori organisations and community groups.
100. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Fourteen of the 19 responded to the Auckland Council's proposals for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 as well as nine mataawaka entities.



101. Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board engaged locally with mana whenua through a one-on-one workshop with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust held on Tuesday 19 March.
102. Māori comprise 20.5% of the population in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area. Five submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area. This represents 15% of total submissions.
103. The following mana whenua organisations gave feedback on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board priorities:
  - Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported all local priorities noting particular support for marine and environment projects such as Tū Mai Tāonga and Caulerpa response.
  - Ngātiwai Trust supported most priorities apart from the implementation of the Destination Management Plan noting particular support for funding of community groups and continued maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

### Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

104. The local board 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

105. The council must adopt its Long-term Plan, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2024. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Long-term Plan by mid-May 2024, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Long-term Plan on 16 May 2024.

### Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

106. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the relevant Governing Body committee for consideration as part of decision-making for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
107. The local board will approve its local content for inclusion in the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (including its local board agreement) and corresponding work programmes in June 2024.
108. The final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 27 June 2024.

### Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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