

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

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 April 2025  
**Time:** 11:30am  
**Meeting Room:** Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board office  
**Venue:** 81 Hector Sanderson Road  
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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.



# Annual Plan 2025-2026: local board consultation feedback and input

File No.: CP2025/07402

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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 and activities for the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2025/2026
  - regional topics for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
2. To recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body for consideration or decision-making as part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

4. Local board agreements outline annual funding priorities, activities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and initiatives for each local board area. The 2025/2026 local board agreements will be included in the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
5. Auckland Council (the council) publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to gather community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. This included consultation on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region of which 34 submissions were from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area:
  - Written feedback (hard copy and online forms, emails and letters): 10,011 (seven from Aotea / Great Barrier)
  - In person / event feedback: 3,001 (27 from Aotea / Great Barrier)
  - Neurodiverse Online Audio only feedback form: four (none from Aotea / Great Barrier).
7. Of those 13,016 submissions, we received 162 submissions from individuals, organisations and Māori entities from Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area and outside the local board area. Submitters from outside the local board area may have ticked multiple local board areas in the feedback forms and/or answered the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board priorities questions.
8. As part of the Annual Plan process, 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 matters during the Annual Plan decision-making process in May and June 2025, including:
  - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
  - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
  - the release of local board specific reserve funds
  - any other local board advocacy initiatives.

9. 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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board priorities and activities for 2025/2026.
- b) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 from people and organisations based in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.
- c) tuku / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 and key advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body.

## Horopaki Context

10. Each financial year, Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the relevant local board) for each local board area. The local board agreement outlines how the council will reflect priorities of 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 on budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
11. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
12. Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. 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 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and initiatives for 2025/2026.
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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## 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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

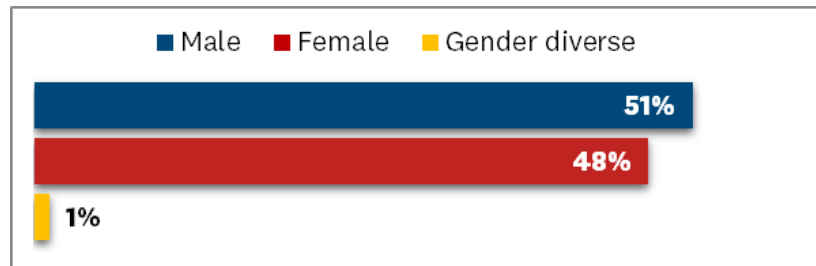
## Consultation feedback overview

15. As part of the public consultation for the Annual Plan 2025/2026, 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, council received feedback from 13,016 people during the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
  - written feedback – 10,011 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
  - in person – 3,001 pieces of feedback through 89 Have Your Say events (one of which was held in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area), and four Neurodiverse Online Audio only feedback form. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic

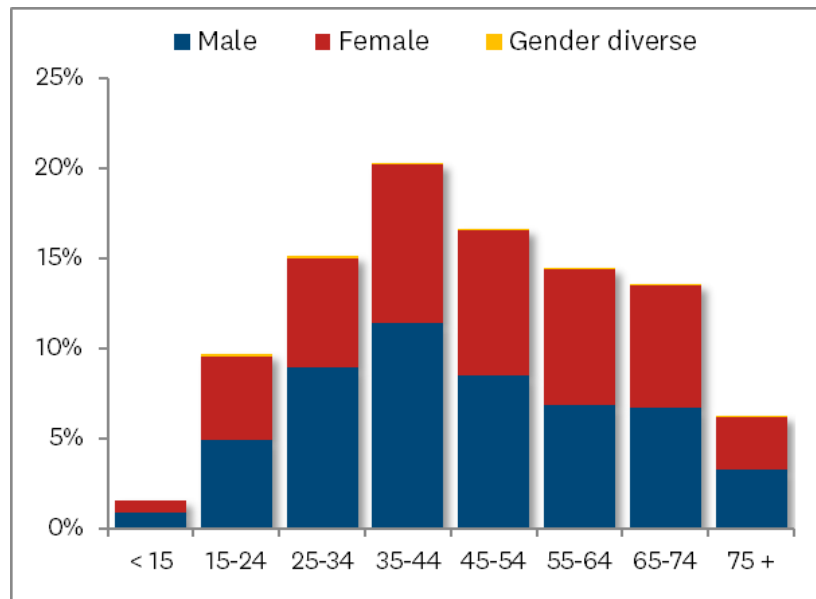


categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

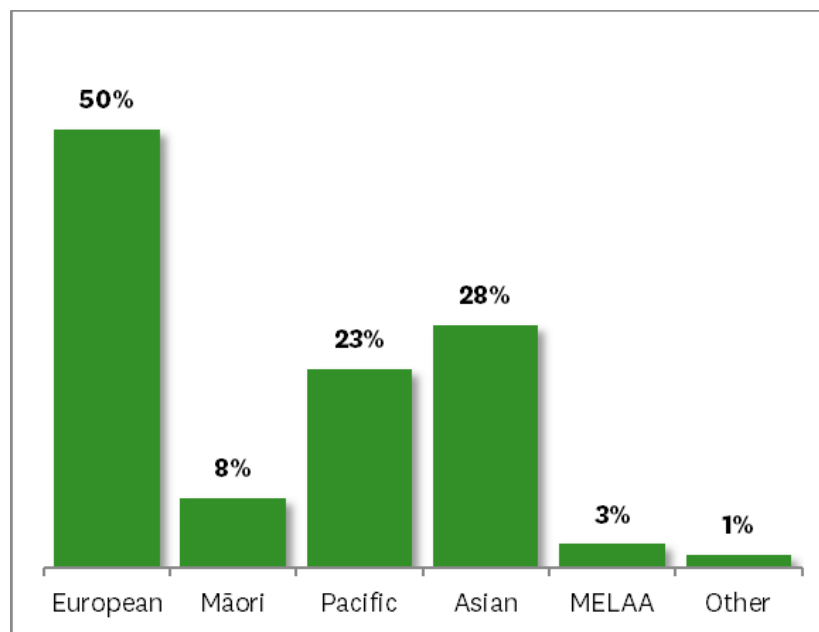
Graph 1: Regional demographic information on submitter gender



Graph 2: Regional demographic information on submitter gender and age



Graph 3: Regional demographic information on submitter ethnicity



- All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>.

18. During the consultation period, the question “What do you think of our proposals for our local board area in 2025/2026?” was discovered to be missing from the online feedback form, affecting 13 submissions for Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board (around 1,700 submissions in total). The issue was later corrected, and affected submitters were contacted with a link to provide feedback on this question before the consultation closed on 28 March. Of the affected submissions, four submitters responded to the missing question (55 submitters in total answered the local board question). A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

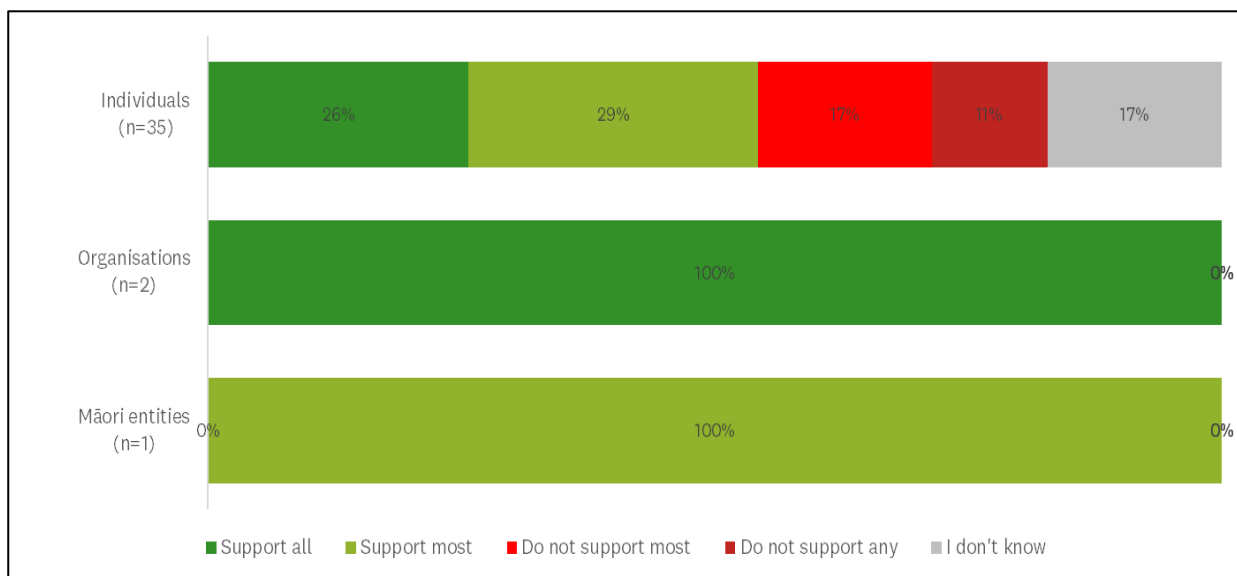
### Feedback received on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

19. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
- all current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades
  - set up of a new community-run local fish-supply
  - community marine education and marine biosecurity work.
20. Overall, 55 submissions were received on Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026.

#### Key Question 4: Local Board priorities for 2025/2026

21. Out of the 55 submissions, 38 provided feedback to question four on whether they supported or did not support the priorities:
- Most of the submitters supported some, if not all, of the priorities
  - Six submissions were from local residents with 80 per cent supporting all the priorities
  - Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust supported some of the priorities noting that the priorities did not align with mana whenua aspirations, in particular: environment and service investment needed to be higher, education needed to be prioritised, and more consultation was required around marine biosecurity.

Graph 4: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area overall responses to Question 4: Local Board priorities for 2025/2026



*Graph 5: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board local residents responses to Question 4: Local Board priorities for 2025/2026*

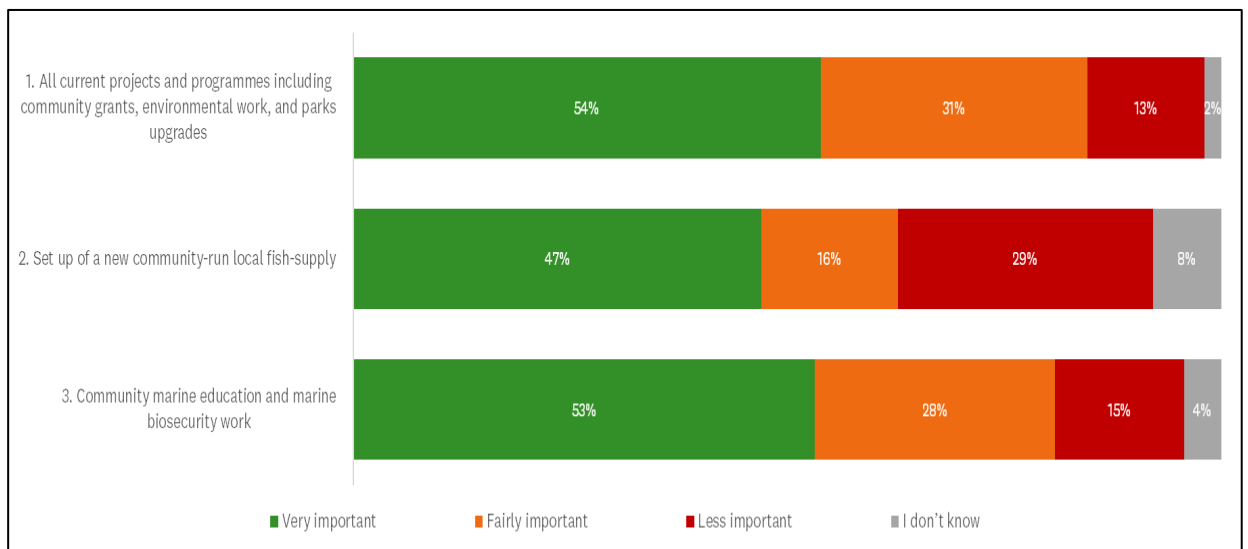


**Key Question 5: How important are these priorities to you?**

22. Of the 55 submissions feedback was provided on how important the priorities were to them:

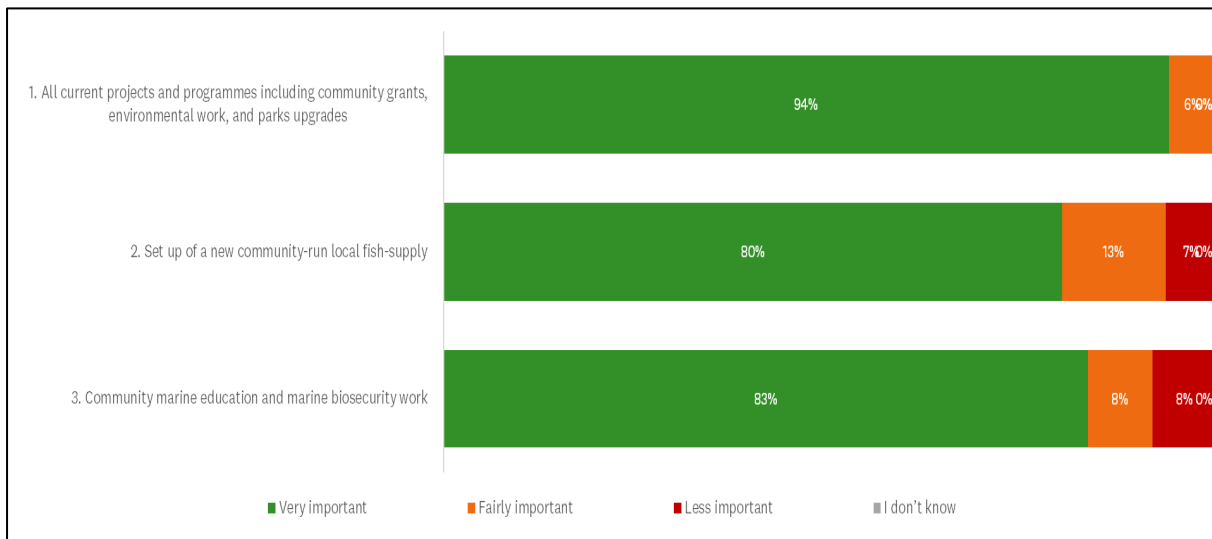
- Most of the submitters noted greater support for continuing all current work programmes and marine biosecurity work
- 43 submissions were from local residents who noted high support for all priorities especially to continue current work programmes
- Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust board did not provide feedback on this question.

*Graph 6: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area overall responses to Question 5: How important are the local priorities*



Graph 7: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board local residents responses to Question 5: How important are the local priorities

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23. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 10-12 June 2025. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

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

24. The proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP), setting out council's priorities and how services and investments are proposed to be funded. Consultation on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 asked submitters to respond to key questions related to:

- the overall plan
- destination management and major events
- changes to other rates, fees and charges
- local board priorities.

25. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.

26. 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 Plan

27. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan, including prioritising investment in:

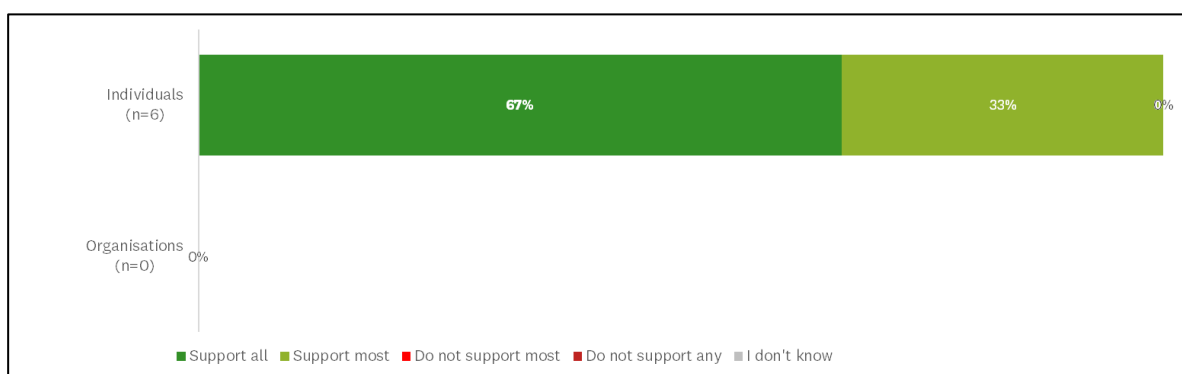
- transport
- water
- fairer funding for local communities.

28. The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 also outlined the proposed funding approach which includes a 5.8 percent rates increase for the average value residential property, consistent with the LTP, and additional debt financing to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure.

29. The proposed 5.8 percent rates increase for the average value residential property for 2025/2026 includes the following proposed rates changes:
- an average general rates increase of 6.40 per cent for existing ratepayers
  - an average increase of 3.5 percent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) for existing ratepayers, as set out in the LTP
  - an average increase of \$2.12 in the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) to cover the operating and interest costs for the programme, as set out in the LTP
  - a 3.3 percent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate (WMTR) for the typical household.

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

*Graph 8: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area overall responses to Question 1: Overall Plan*

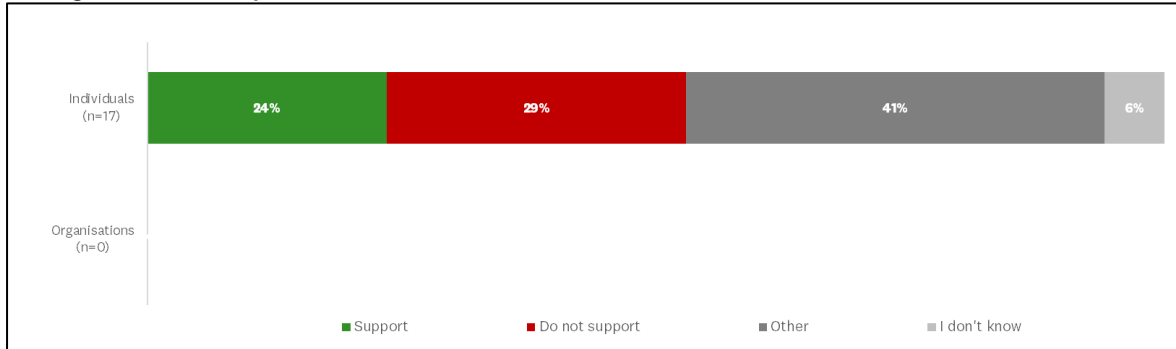


31. Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust board did not support the proposed Annual Plan noting *“These priorities do not align with mana whenua aspirations. Investment based on population and size of the local board will place further burden on Aotea than almost every other area because we have compounding costs due to our isolation”*

**Key Question 2: Destination management and major events**

32. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events. Without such a levy, a \$7 million budget shortfall for the 2025/2026 financial year could impact the funding for major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival.
33. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation would raise around \$27 million annually to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland. However, this requires central government legislative change. Auckland Council continues to work with central government on this, with public feedback helping to inform this work.
34. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.

Graph 9: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area overall responses to Question 2: Destination management and major events



35. Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust board stated that “Tourism and environmentalism are two main sources of economic activity”

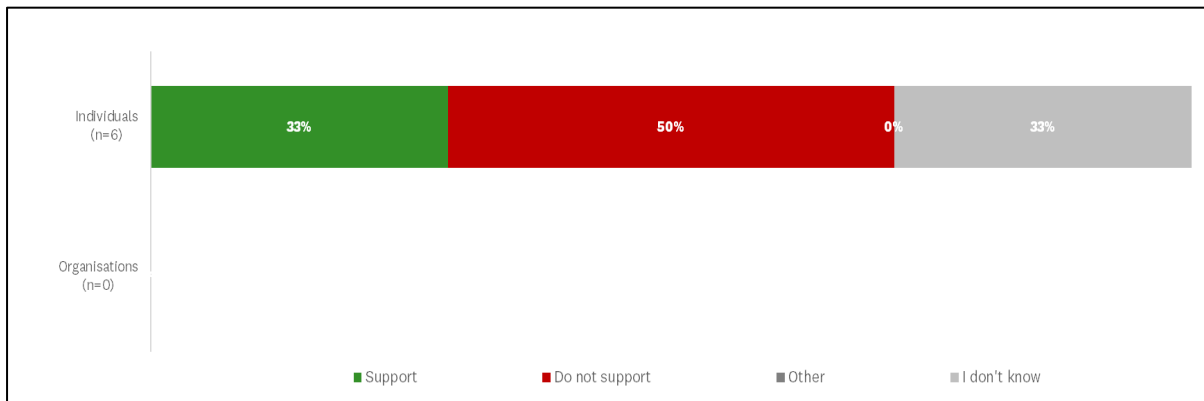
**Key Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges**

36. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on proposed changes to certain targeted rates and some fees and charges as outlined below.

**Waste management rates changes**

37. Aucklanders were asked whether they support applying the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to fund the council’s rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.
38. Starting in 2025/2026, residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney will be charged a refuse targeted rate for the first time. Franklin's rate will cover a full year of service, while Rodney's will be about 83 percent of the full charge due to its scheduled September 2025 start date. Additionally, from July 2025, waste management services and targeted rates will be introduced in Manukau's commercial areas where the service isn't presently available.
39. There were six submissions from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area which referenced these fees.

Graph 10: Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area overall responses to Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges



40. Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust board did not provide feedback on this question.

**Changes to fees and charges**

41. Other proposed changes to fees and charges included in the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 include:
- changes to some animal management fees including an increase in the dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450 and an increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150
  - fees for some cemetery and cremation services

- realigning bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity, and location
- aligning staff charge-out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks

### **Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026**

42. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of the 14 Tūpuna Maunga, under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

### **Recommendations on local matters**

43. This report provides for the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Annual Plan process, in May 2025. This includes:
- any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
  - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
  - release of local board specific reserve funds
  - local advocacy initiatives.

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

44. Local boards are required to endorse any new or amended local targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area. These proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented. The local boards then recommend these proposals to the Governing Body for approval of the targeted rate.
45. This does not apply to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

### **Local board specific reserve funds**

46. Local boards are allocated funding for the delivery of local services, projects and programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision-making over the allocation of these 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
47. This does not apply to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

### **Local board advocacy**

48. 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 Annual Plan in May 2025.
49. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will then be included as an appendix to the 2025/2026 Local Board Agreement.

### **Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026**

50. 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 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 Plan 2025/2026.
51. Local board plans reflect community priorities and preferences and are key documents that guide the development of local board agreements, local board annual work programmes, and local board input into regional plans such as the long-term plan and annual plan.

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

52. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
53. Projects allocated funding through this Annual Plan process will all have varying levels of potential climate impact associated with them. The climate impacts of projects 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**

54. The Annual Plan 2025/2026 is a 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**

55. 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.
56. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Annual Plan 2025/2026. Local board agreements form part of the Annual Plan. Local board chairs have been invited to attend Budget Committee workshops. Local board members were provided recordings or briefings of the Budget Committee workshops for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

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

57. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact Māori. Local board agreements and the Annual Plan are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori Outcomes.
58. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
59. 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.
60. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, matawaaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
61. The Governance team led the council-wide approach with support from Ngā Mātārae on engagement with Māori entities. This included:
  - three information sessions for mana whenua on submissions and the process for submissions
  - five information sessions for mātaawaka on submissions and the process for submissions
  - one hearing style event for mana whenua and mātaawaka groups
62. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Thirteen of the nineteen provided verbal or written submissions on the council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.



63. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mātaawaka at the Have your Say Event.
64. Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board engaged locally with Māori by arranging an Annual Budget hui with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust on 4 February 2025.
65. Māori comprise 18 percent of the population in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area. No submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area.
66. Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust gave feedback on the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board priorities which is outlined in paragraph 21.

## **Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea**

### **Financial implications**

67. 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**

68. The council must adopt its Annual Plan, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2025. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Plan by mid-May 2025, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Annual Plan on 28 May 2025.

## **Ngā koringa ā-muri**

### **Next steps**

69. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of decision-making for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
70. The local board will approve its local content for inclusion in the final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including its local board agreement) and corresponding work programmes in June 2025.
71. The final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 25 June 2025.

## **Ngā tāpirihanga**

### **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **Ngā kaihaina**

### **Signatories**

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