

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

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board feedback on Annual Plan 2025-2026 regional topics

Overall direction

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
The overall plan This includes prioritising investment in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport • water; and • fairer funding for local communities. An average 5.8 per cent rates increase	Support	1. Appreciate recent council conversation around supporting a localism approach to make it easier for local suppliers to access and secure procurement contracts. 2. Express our thanks for the NETR and WQTR programmes which do an excellent job in supporting local projects and priorities.
Destination management and major events Introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events	Do not support	1. We support council funding major events in the city, however, are concerned about implementing a bed levy as the visitor economy has been doing it hard over the last few years and visitors may be discouraged resulting in a negative impact to Auckland tourism. 2. We recommend funding major events through a small rates increase or finding within existing budgets.

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
3% increase to the overall waste management targeted rate for a typical household	-	-
Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.	-	-
Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450	-	-
Animal management fees: increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150.	-	-
Changes to some cemetery fees	-	-
Realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity and location	-	-
Align staff charge out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks	-	-

Other matters

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input
Fairer funding	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the implementation of fairer funding for local boards and thank the Mayor and CEO for agreeing to manage 2025/2026 cost pressures and budget oversights following the chairs letter. 2. Note its disappointment that the 2025/2026 cost pressures have only been addressed for 2025/2026 and will need to be addressed in the new term. 3. Consider that cost pressures should be funded through inflation and rates increases, noting that if not, from 2026/2027 many local boards will have to cut services to manage cost pressures and that will result in many local boards being worse off under Fairer Funding. 4. Request increased department resources and a timeframe to meet the increased advice and delivery needed to support the implementation of Fairer Funding.

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Exotic Caulerpa communications	<p>Liz Brooks and team do great work continuing the efforts to reduce the spread of <i>Exotic Caulerpa</i> in the Hauraki Gulf.</p> <p>It is a huge task managing the invasive weed in a marine environment alongside iwi, MPI, Fisheries NZ and community.</p> <p>We are requesting continued support for communications to keep educational public messaging on <i>Exotic Caulerpa</i>.</p>
Local management of Aotea coastline and fisheries	<p>With the recent closure of the inner Hauraki Gulf to both recreational and commercial spiny rock lobster fishing, we are extremely concerned about fishing efforts being displaced to the outer gulf and heavily impacting Aotea.</p> <p>Residents have already noted an increase of fishing activities around the coastline.</p> <p>We are beginning conversations with iwi, Fisheries NZ, MPI, central government and our community about the possibility of establishing local management of Aotea coastline and fisheries.</p> <p>We will keep you informed as discussions progress.</p>