

10-year Budget 2021-2031 Feedback form

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We want your feedback on our 10-year Budget 2021-2031

Feedback must be received by 12pm midday Monday 22 March 2021. Please read the Consultation Document available at akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget or at any library, service centre, or by phoning **09 301 0101** before you give feedback. It has more information about the issues and choices that we want your feedback on. Please refer to the online rates guide at akhaveyoursay.nz/ratesguide and Glossary of terms on page 80 of the Consultation Document.

All questions are optional. We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget, or you can complete this form and return it to us using one of these options:



Email

Scan your completed form and email it to akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



In person

Drop your completed form off at your local library or service centre.



By post

Place your completed form in an envelope and send it to freepost address:
AK Have Your Say, Auckland Council, Freepost Authority 182382, Private Bag 92 300, Auckland 1142.

Your feedback will be included in public documents.
All other personal details will remain private.

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Email or postal address: _____

Your local board: _____

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business?
(If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf) Yes No

Name of organisation or business: _____

The following information is optional but will help us know whether we are hearing from all Aucklanders.

Are you: Female Male Gender diverse

What age group do you belong to?

Under 15 15-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which of the following describes your ethnicity?
(Please select as many as apply)

Pākehā/NZ European
 Māori – which iwi/Hapū do you affiliate with?

Chinese South East Asian

Samoan Tongan

Indian Korean

Cook Islands Māori

Other (please specify) _____

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Proposed Recovery Budget

To answer the following question please refer to pages 17 to 29 of the Consultation Document

Our proposed 10-year budget would see capital investment of \$31 billion in Auckland over the next 10 years. This would allow us to deliver key services Aucklanders rely on, renew our aging assets, have a focused approach to building infrastructure to support population growth, and make progress on addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability.

As a result of COVID-19, it is projected that our revenue will be impacted by around \$1 billion. In light of this, and to provide the investment outlined above, we are proposing a one-off 5 per cent average general rates increase for 2021/2022, rather than the previously planned 3.5 per cent increase. The increases would return to 3.5 per cent each year thereafter. We are also proposing to increase our borrowing in the short term, continue to make cost savings and sell more surplus property.

Without this greater use of rates and debt, around \$900 million of much needed investment in Auckland would be delayed from the next three years to later in the decade. This would slow Auckland's recovery, put our services and assets at risk, lose hundreds of millions of dollars in matching government subsidies, and limit our response to our climate and environmental challenges.

What is your opinion on the proposed 10-year budget?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Climate change

To answer this question please refer to pages 30-31 of the Consultation Document

Through Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan, we heard Aucklanders want greater action on climate change. The proposed 10-year budget includes additional investment to respond to the challenges of climate change.

The proposed additional investment will mean we do not need to buy any more diesel buses and it will help us replace our diesel buses with electric and hydrogen buses sooner. It will also help us divert more waste from landfill, plant over 2 million more native trees and other initiatives.

What is your opinion on this proposal to invest more in responding to climate change?

Support the proposed increased investment

Do not support increased investment

Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Water quality

To answer this question please refer to pages 35-36 of the Consultation Document

Since 2018 the Water Quality Targeted Rate has allowed us to fund initiatives to improve the water quality of our harbours, beaches and streams. This was initially intended to run from 2018 to 2028.

We are proposing to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031.

Extending the targeted rate

Extending this targeted rate to June 2031 will help continue to improve water quality in other areas of the city, including coastal water quality from Hobson's Bay to St Heliers, as well as the Manukau Harbour. Extending this targeted rate would enable this additional work to begin in 2028/2029.

Increasing the targeted rate

To start construction on major new water quality projects six years earlier (in 2022/2023), and to increase our

investment in regional water quality programmes across all of Auckland, we are also proposing to increase this targeted rate annually in line with proposed average increases in general rates.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

Support the extension and the increase

Support the extension only

Do not support either change

Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Community investment

To answer this question please refer to pages 33-34 of the Consultation Document

We have hundreds of community assets like libraries, halls, community centres, community houses, arts venues and assets in our parks that are getting older and some are in urgent need of repair. The cost of operating, repairing or rebuilding these assets over the next 10 years could leave no money for anything new or upgraded. To maintain our current assets and upgrade or provide new assets, rates would likely need to be increased over time.

We propose a new approach for community services, such as leasing or shared facilities, that does not rely as much on us building and maintaining physical assets. This will reduce our carbon footprint and lower our costs by partnering with others to deliver services and deliver more community services online.

Over time, we propose to consolidate the number of our community facilities and services (which may result in some facilities being closed) and instead focus on multi-use facilities and online services to provide for our diverse communities.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Rating policy

The following are some of our proposed changes to the way we charge rates on properties. These changes affect each property differently. They may, or may not, affect your property.

To see how your rates may change, or for more information on these and other proposals before answering, please read Part Four (pages 38-47) of the Consultation Document or go to our rates guide at akhaveyoursay.nz/ratesguide.

What is your opinion on the following rating policy proposals?

	Support	Do not support	Other	Don't know
Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extending the Urban Rating Area so land that has an operative urban zoning, or which has resource consent to be developed for urban use now (except for Warkworth), pays the same urban rates as nearby properties that have access to a similar level of service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties that have access to a similar level of service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate. Which of the following options do you support?

Support option 1 – targeted rate of \$238 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located up to 500m walking distance of a proposed bus stop

Support option 2 – targeted rate of \$153 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located in the wider Paremoremo and Lucas Heights area of the Upper Harbour Local Board

Do not support either option

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the affected area?

We are proposing other changes to rates and fees, including the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector to fund council's tree management programme around the Vector overhead power lines and options to reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges (see pages 35, 36, 39-47)? (please be clear which proposal you are talking about).

Local boards

To answer this question please refer to Part Six (pages 55-66) of the Consultation Document.

Which local board area does your feedback relate to?

Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?

I support all priorities

I support most priorities

I do not support most priorities

I do not support any priorities

Other

Don't know

Tell us why: _____

What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets (pages 32, 48-53)?



Need more room? You can attach extra pages, but please make sure they are A4 and also include your name and contact information.