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**10-Year Budget 2021/2031
Regional Organisations**

**WRITTEN FEEDBACK Vol. 1
(89–12730)**

Sub #	Organisation	Local Board	Volume
89	Urdu Hindi Cultural Association of new Zealand inc	Regional organisation	1
2896	Whanau Hakaraia	Regional organisation	1
3121	Nga Takiwa o Tamaki Trust	Regional organisation	1
4764	TLC Financial Systems Ltd	Regional organisation	1
5027	SAVE NZ	Regional organisation	1
5055	New Zealand Nepal Chamber of Commerce	Regional organisation	1
5067		Regional organisation	1
5074	New Zealand Nepalese Association (NZNA)	Regional organisation	1
6179	Innovate Group Ltd trading as Forte	Regional organisation	1
6303	Auckland Cricket Association	Regional organisation	1
6355	Normanby Trust	Regional organisation	1
7045	National New Zealand Trust Limited	Regional organisation	1
7050	Ngati Tamaoho	Regional organisation	1
7080	Century Partnership Ltd	Regional organisation	1
7118	Floorball New Zealand	Regional organisation	1
7146	Accommodation Association of New Zealand - Auckland Branch	Regional organisation	1
7288	Tamaki Estuary Protection Society (TEPS) [Executive Committee member]	Regional organisation	1
7302	Save Our Shore Public Spaces Inc.	Regional organisation	1
7416	New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust	Regional organisation	1
7428	Cooper and Company NZ	Regional organisation	1
7458	Rockhopper Limited	Regional organisation	1
7590	Auckland United Football Club	Regional organisation	1
7924	Rhema Media Inc	Regional organisation	1
7956	Quest Apartment Hotels	Regional organisation	1
8986	Auckland Filipino Trust	Regional organisation	1
9882	S & MB spencer and sons ltd	Regional organisation	1
9939	NZ Marine Transport Association	Regional organisation	1
10037	MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS NEW ZEALAND LIMITED	Regional organisation	1
10066	The All Seasons Community Trust	Regional organisation	1
10079	New Zealand Opera	Regional organisation	1
10094	SpeakData Ltd	Regional organisation	1
10101	Edison Health	Regional organisation	1
10102	TrackIt Limited	Regional organisation	1
10103	Europian	Regional organisation	1
10104	Conrad Properties Ltd	Regional organisation	1
10129	GZ NEW ZEALAND INFORMATION CENTRE	Regional organisation	1
10248	Friends of Regional Parks	Regional organisation	1
10548	Many Niue and Pacific groups, eg: Mutalau Ululauta Matahefonua Trust; Tuapa Uhomotu Trust; Fatuaua Magafaoa Trust, Niue Pacific Community Church Trust; Pacific Leadership Forum (PLF), Leataata Ole Samoa Trust....and many other Pacific community group	Regional organisation	1
10720	Rainbows End & Rivers Environmental Group Inc	Regional organisation	1
10773	Bio Steel Ltd	Regional organisation	1
10788	Fullers Group Limited (Fullers360)	Regional organisation	1
10923	Bluemoon Ltd	Regional organisation	1
10941	Cordis Auckland	Regional organisation	1
10957	Parafed Auckland	Regional organisation	1
10964	Aktive – Auckland Sport & Recreation	Regional organisation	1
11116	Indian Ink Theatre Company	Regional organisation	1
11243	Forest and Bird Warkworth Branch	Regional organisation	1
11496	Green Business HQ	Regional organisation	1
11750	Four Points By Sheraton	Regional organisation	1
11759	Uptown Business Association	Regional organisation	1
11903	Synergy Projects Trust	Regional organisation	1
12331	FIRST Union	Regional organisation	1
12394	Auckland Museum	Regional organisation	1
12459	Sustainable Coastlines	Regional organisation	1
12466	Harbour Sport	Regional organisation	1
12492	Kaipātiki Project	Regional organisation	1
12513	Forme Planning, on behalf of Cabra Developments Ltd	Regional organisation	1
12516	The Committee for Auckland	Regional organisation	1
12568	North Harbour Sports Council	Regional organisation	1
12583	Neil Construction Limited	Regional organisation	1
12603	Squash Auckland	Regional organisation	1
12631	Auckland Transport Consultancy	Regional organisation	1
12648	Auckland Dragon Boat Association	Regional organisation	1
12671	Hapua Thrive	Regional organisation	1
12686	Auckland, Counties Manukau and North Harbour Hockey	Regional organisation	1
12698	Flaming Star Trust	Regional organisation	1

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12711	Hugh Green Limited	Regional organisation	1
12717	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.	Regional organisation	1
12730	Manukau Harbour Forum	Regional organisation	1



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

Support

Tell us why:

2. Climate change

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why:

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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

Tell us why:

5. Rating policy

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Which option do you support?

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Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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?

Tell us why:

What is your opinion on the Dominion Road Business Association boundary expansion of the Dominion Road BID programme? Support

Tell us why

Kaipātiki Local Board

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?

Tell us why

With additional regional funding likely to be limited in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, do you support us investigating options for a future locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects that are beyond the existing funding available to the local board?

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how would you rank these key initiatives from our 2020 Local Board Plan? (1 = most like to be funded, 3 = least like to be funded)

Addressing flooding and seawater inundation at Little Shoal Bay, Northcote

Multi-sport facility and improved aquatic play space at Birkenhead War Memorial park

Commuter and recreational walking and cycling links, such as shared paths, bush tracks and connections to the Northern Pathway (to be prioritised in the update of the Kaipatiki Connections Network Connections Plan)

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how much would you be willing to pay annually on top of your rates bill?

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

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

Other

Tell us why: We all need to have our day yet this survey is too confusing

What a waste of time and my fates money

Complicated doesn't amuse me

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Confused

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

Tell us why: Confused

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

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Housebuyers. We all need to have our day yet this survey is too confusing. What a waste of time and my fates money. Complicated doesn't amuse me

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

Do not support

Tell us why: An increase in rates during what is already tough times would NOT provide confidence in council or its plans.

There are too many people who work at council getting significant salaries and perks as it is and I don't believe that there is enough done to mitigate the heavy top tier management structure already creating budgetary issues.

A significant amount of reshuffling and sacrifice need to be entered into the plan rather than hitting rate payers as it is.

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: There are more pressing matters at hand as a result of COVID that requires Councils attention than that of Climate Change.

This is not supportive towards Aucklanders and the local communities rebuild where resilience should be rewarded to get the community acting in unity. This matter is not as important than rebuilding and creating champion communities who are struggling. Invest in the people and the people will follow the leadership to tackle these types of challenges together.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension only

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: I don't believe building new facilities should be a focus at all. Maintaining the current for the time period would be more fiscally sound than building new.

Moving to online services is a norm and becoming more popular. However, let this not be the key driver to mitigating community inclusiveness.

Community services should be increased to support the need where services identify and deliver initiatives to help rebuild trust and resilience in the people.

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[Waitākere Ranges Local Board](#)

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Tell us why

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Community development and social service supports. Grassroots leadership.

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Support

Tell us why: The population of Auckland keeps growing and its important council keep up with preparation for this.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: Increase investment speed up our respond to climate change

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: Water quality is important in that its a healthy issue. Its irresponsible to delay health and safety issues or costs will increase i.e. council could be taken to court for sidestepping health & safety issues

4. Community investment

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: These are investments thats vital for our people to enjoy

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Tell us why: Cheaper

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No

6. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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?

Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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Letting Council prepare Auckland for its future growth

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

Do not support

Tell us why: As the law was written rates cannot rise higher than the rate of inflation which is now at 1.4% that is all you are allowed to raise it. Covid or no Covid that is the law but be the period of Covid surely the rates would decrease during the disaster?

As for the sell off surplus council land that we paid for it must come back as a refund as it was bought with our money

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: Diesel Buses? what? the waste from Diesel falls to the ground how would that affect global climate change?

CO2 is heavier than oxygen

Don't change them before time. Keep the current diesel vehicles until they have run to their max.

Climate change in NZ?

This looks like a con for an increase in tax (UN more debt) to fix what? where's the tax money going? to Goldman Sachs for research and development under the noose of the Kyoto agreement? Western countries must join because they have all the money and NZ, oh yes massive manufacturing nation all that waste from such a large land mass generating poison that's destroying the earths atmosphere - UN says... NZ needs more debt to fix their poisonous ways!!

NZ causes climate change. Really?

BUT THIS IS REAL

Bankrupt Greece now owned by the UN/EU/World Bank same thing different name... is NZ next?

Question... Is the NZ government working for the UN not NZ?

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What is your view on this proposal? Do not support either change

Tell us why: What? waste of tax payers money - the water quality is tidal and is better then most of the world. Who is proposing this? is this a hoax like NZ is causing climate change?

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: Carbon footprint? is this a joke? If you can't maintain the community assets with all the money you have been charging us then it's time to shut them down. NZ and it's taxpayers can't afford to pay for your over spending.

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Other

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Other

Tell us why: How will council work with the business community, how are arguably the one of the big emitters of green house gas?

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

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No

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**Submission on the Auckland Council long-term plan / 10-Year
Budget
2021-2031**

To
Auckland Council

On the matter of
Proposed rate increase for 2021-2022
&
Investment on struggling business community
&
Ethnic communities

From
New Zealand Nepal Chamber of Commerce

6 March 2021

Kia Ora

New Zealand Nepal Chamber of Commerce (NZNCC) represents the interest and voice of the business community of people of Nepali origin located throughout New Zealand. While we have a nation-wide network, NZNCC represents 20 small and medium size businesses located in Auckland. This submission is provided on behalf of those business owners and ratepayers who are based in Auckland.

NZNCC's particular attention has been drawn towards the following three matters in the proposed long-term plan / budget:

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Thank you for this opportunity to make this submission. hearing.

Nga mihi,



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

Do not support

Tell us why: Kia Ora,

Established in 2005, NRNA NZ is a nation-wide organisation with an outreach to 5,000 people of Nepali origin residing throughout New Zealand. Within the Auckland region, we have outreach to 2,000 members of Nepali community. Since

its establishment, NRNA NZ has been actively advocating and representing the voice of the Nepali community in Auckland and throughout New Zealand.

Instead of our members submitting hundreds of carbon copies of the same submission, we think this single submission is a more effective and efficient use of both council's and our time and resources.

We are submitting particularly on the following two matters in the proposed long-term plan / budget:

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Other

Tell us why: How does the council intend to work with one of the most vulnerable section of its ratepayers, the smaller and ethnic communities? From the materials available, it is not clear what is council's strategy for this.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: Oppose the lack of provisions and budget to invest on ethnic communities

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Representation and engagement -

Council should make it easy to make submissions for those sections of ratepayers who don't usually give submissions. For example, ratepayers from the small business owners, smaller and ethnic communities, younger residents, non-pakeha population, and smaller [ethnic] communities such as the Nepali community / ratepayers. At the moment council's engagement process favours certain demographics (middle-aged, middle and high income earner, pakeha population), whose voice dominates the representation in feedback given to council. Council must figure out ways to reach out to those whose voice continue to be historically less-represented, if it is to listen to all its ratepayers, rather than make decisions based on a skewed representation of a certain section of its ratepayers.

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

Tell us why: Kia Ora,

Established in 2006, New Zealand Nepalese Association (NZNA) has been actively advocating and representing the voice of the Nepali community in Auckland. NZNA enhances mutual support and co-operation among Nepalese and friends of Nepal throughout New Zealand. This submission has been made as part of the NZNA's function of being a voice of the Nepali community.

NZNA has outreach to about 1,000 members of Nepali community. We represent 200 rate payers from the wider Auckland region. This submission is made on behalf of those 200 rate payers. Rather than our members submitting multiple identical copies, we think this single submission on behalf of our members is an efficient use of our and council's time and resources.

NZNA's particular attention has been drawn towards the following two matters in the proposed long-term plan / budget:

Proposed rate increase of 5% for 2021-22; and

Budget allocation to invest on communities

Within the "Key issue 1: Proposed Investment Package, Transport", NZNA is of the view that council should increase and accelerate budget allocation towards investing in bus services and cycling to improve transportation choice. NZNA will support investment of the proposed additional funding of 550M towards such public transport initiatives to improve community connectedness. Are there ways for Auckland Transport to maintain community connectedness in case there is no additional funding, or reduction in the allocated budget? As a community organisation, we would like to understand how highly prioritised this is in comparison to the other planned developments?

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

Other

Tell us why: Within the "Key issue 2: Responding to climate change" it is mostly higher-level general matters. We strongly oppose the lack of community-focussed provisions in the long-term plan / budget. It doesn't seem to have sufficiently envisaged the impact of climate change at the grass-root community level, let alone collaboration with the ethnic communities. Ethnic communities are one of the most vulnerable communities to be impacted by effects of climate change. What is the council going to do to help those ratepayers help themselves to mitigate the effects of climate change? We asked this question at one of the Zoom hui sessions organised to discuss the proposed 10-year budget but were unable to get any helpful or specific answer.

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What is your view on this proposal?

Tell us why:

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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? Other

Tell us why: We oppose and are disappointed with the proposed budget's lack of acknowledgement of the communities, including the ethnic communities. We submit that the council allocates a budget to invest in its communities. In our view, such a budget should include allocation for specific service deliveries at the Local Board level.

Within the "Key issue 4: Investment in our community" it is all about parks, libraries and so on i.e. total focus on asset management. The section is silent about communities i.e. the people. NZNA strongly opposes this disregard towards communities in the long-term plan, and will support people-focussed initiatives.

As part of the multicultural fabric Auckland, we were expecting to see more investment to support the various communities. From the documents provided in council website (<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/10-year-budget-2021-2031>), it is disappointing to see almost nothing in the long-term plan that directly speaks to the needs of the communities.

We would appreciate having the recovery budget focus towards community services more than prioritising asset investment but this needs to be actioned in a way that delivers initiatives at the community level. We acknowledge that asset management is an important aspect of service delivery. However, it is time to change the way the council does business by increasing investment towards strengthening the communities. With the changing context, more effective and efficient ways to achieve resilient communities within Auckland Whanau need to be explored and adopted.

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Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges?

We oppose the proposed 5% rate increase. We submit that the rate increase for 2021-22 be set at 2% maximum.

Anything over 2% increase is too high, given the pandemic situation. While we acknowledge that less than 5% rate increase might compromise council

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Which option do you support?

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

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

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

Support

Tell us why: for progress you need infrastructure

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: its about being responsible

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: We need to preserve the harbour for future generations

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Don't know

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No

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good question,

Pukekohe is sadly deficient in acceptable short and long supply of industrial land for business development.

This has prompted us to purchase future industrial land in the Drury area so we can manage our business growth over the next 3 years

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

Do not support

Tell us why: If Council addressed the wastage factor and took a firmer line with it's expenditure, I'm pretty sure we wouldn't a rate rise at all, from what I see we'd get a rebate! Cut out the bureaucracy.

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: No matter how much we spend as a country, never mind as a city, it will make no difference to the bigger picture. Whilst much larger countries ignore climate change, we're just urinating in the wind. Spend the money where it can make a big difference to peoples/children's lives today.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension only

Tell us why: We must cut our cloth to suit our budget, you just cant keep increasing taxes, that is a remedy for revolt.

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No

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What is your opinion on this proposal?

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Which option do you support?

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

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10-year budget 2021/2031

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Ngati Tamaoho

Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Do not support

Tell us why: rates never do "come back down", and Auckland is already in debt by billions

2. Climate change

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.

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

Other

Tell us why: diverting waste from landfill is supported. Auckland Council has been removing mature trees at an alarming rate, why bother to replant when we already have trees. Preference is to go back to protecting what we already have.

3. Water quality

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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension only

Tell us why: we pay [in good faith] a water target, you slashed the stormwater budget in half. council does not take seriously maintenance or water enhancements or you would support initiatives that actually work, instead of saying "no, we don't have enough budget"

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: consolidating community services makes sense.

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Franklin Local Board

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? Don't know

Tell us why I don't have any engagement with our local boards

Papakura Local Board

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why Papakura local board do not engage with local mana whenua to include their ideas/aspirations, and just go ahead with what they think is right.

What is the most important advocacy issue for Papakura? stormwater, the town centre all drains untreated into the Puhurehure Inlet, which now has a health rating of an F

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

I have concerns about all the new housing being undertaken, Auckland has a water shortage, yet it is not yet mandatory to install rain tanks for outdoor reuse. more people are being encouraged to live in Auckland, but no forward thinking or planning around accumulative water uses or accumulative road contaminants.

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22 March 2021

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Tēnā koe,

Re: AUCKLAND COUNCIL 10-YEAR BUDGET FEEDBACK – Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Council’s 10-year Budget 2021 – 2031. We understand that the Auckland Council is currently developing the 10-year Budget 2021- 2031 (Our Recovery Budget). The Recovery Budget sets out the assets and services that will be provided over the next 10-years and how they will be paid for. Since 2010, Auckland has grown by 227,600 people and it is projected that the Auckland population will grow by another 658,500 people by 2051. Growth and development will potentially adversely affect traffic, housing, the environment, and quality of life. Managing the impacts of this growth requires planning and long-term thinking. It also requires clear priorities and investment that will help drive Auckland towards its vision of becoming a world-class city.

The Recovery Budget will **increase total capital investment in our city from \$26 billion to \$31 billion over the next 10 years and will support operational expenditure of \$55 billion to maintain and operate community assets** that Aucklanders rely on, such as museums, libraries, the zoo, parks, playgrounds sports facilities, rubbish collections, recycling, roading and public transport.

We also understand that Our Recovery Budget proposes three priority areas where investment should be focused. These priority areas include:

1. Aucklands recovery from the impacts of COVID-19
2. Maintaining and renewing community assets
3. Protecting the environment and responding to climate change

Specifically:

1. Proposed recovery budget
2. Responding to climate change
3. Responding to housing and growth
4. Investment in our community
5. Protecting & Enhancing Our Environment
 - a. Water quality targeted rates
 - b. Natural environment targeted rates
6. Other Priorities
 - a. Maori Outcomes
 - b. Social Investment
7. Rating Policy (including a one-off rate increase of 5% for 2021/2022)
8. Local Board Priorities (see separate submissions)

We recognise that Auckland Council faces enormous challenges. Auckland Council is facing rising investment demand due to rapid growth; changing community needs and transport demand; ageing assets; need to respond to climate change; and the need to support the recovery, while being constrained by COVID-19 revenue impacts; existing commitments; the need to keep borrowing at responsible levels, and leave enough headroom to deal with future shocks; and considering the overall impact of our proposals on the wellbeing of our community.

Where applicable to our organisation, we have provided general feedback to Auckland Council on Key Feedback Topics & Local Board Strategic Initiatives and Proposals (separate submission).

We have also outlined our communities' strategic objectives and priorities to identify areas where we would like to work in partnership with Auckland Council to develop proactive and enduring solutions. It is our intent that our feedback continues to enable a more collaborative partnership with Auckland Council for the benefit of the people and the environment.

To this end, please contact us anytime to discuss how we could move forwards. The best way to contact me is via email geneva@tamaoho.maori.nz or mobile 021 057 3419.

Kind regards

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**10-YEAR BUDGET 2021 – 2031 (the Recovery Budget)
SUBMISSION – Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust**

22 March 2021

About Us

Pepeha

*Ko Maungaroa te Maunga,
Ko Waikato te Awa,
Ko Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa te Moana,
Ko Tainui te Waka,
Ko Mangatangi ko Whātapaka ko Ngā Hau E Whā ngā Marae*

History

Colonial war, land confiscations, colonisation, westernisation, and urbanisation through the growth of Auckland over the last 180 years have significantly impacted on our people and the natural environment, however we have adapted, we have survived, and we are still here

Whakapapa

Our people, though here, through the isthmus, whakapapa goes back to the earliest people of the area. At times, people were said to be here on the isthmus rekindling some of that whakapapa and we largely rely on whakapapa, and we have not left the isthmus but over time have had to retreat strategically into unrest and like other iwi have suffered a lot in different ways

Rohe

Ngāti Tamaoho is a Waikato-Tainui hapū and are beneficiaries of both the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995 (Waikato Raupatu Act) and the Waikato River Settlement Act 2010 (Waikato River Act). Ngāti Tamaoho have three marae represented on Te Kauhanganui (the Waikato-Tainui Parliament). The Ngāti Tamaoho area of interest includes the Manukau Harbour and extends to Franklin, the Hūnua Ranges, Awhitū Peninsula, the Waikato wetlands, Tikapa Moana (Firth of Thames) and north to central Auckland including Remuera and Ellerslie. Historically the tribe also maintained ancestral connections (through their Ngariki and Ngaiwi antecedents) with the North Shore and Waiheke Island. Please refer to **Appendix 1** - Rohe – Ngāti Tamaoho.

Marae

In the larger isthmus is our three marae that we currently have under what we call our korowai. These are old marae Nga Hau e Wha is probably the newest and they are situated in key places where there were quite a few people from Te Waiohua that resided within and commanded most of those areas. Whatapaka is in the coastal area. We have links to our core Mataawaka marae under the korowai of our people that centre around the food basket of Pukekohe. Our marae was the recipient of the cultural initiative funding. However, COVID-19 got in the way and numerous initiatives have been put on hold.

Our Organisation

We have a tribal population of about 5,000 people, living mainly in Taamaki Makaurau, Kawhia and Australia. The Ngāti Tamaoho Trust Board was officially registered in 1991 and is a Charitable Trust. All Trustees are from Mangatangi, Whātapaka and Ngā Hau e Whā Marae. The Ngāti Tamaoho Trust Board is the mandated management group of the people of Tamaoho. The Board has the responsibility to govern, develop and protect the interests of its people and to be kaitiaki in their tribal boundaries (kaitiakitanga is guardianship).

The Trust is accountable for the responsibility of and ensuring that all Maunga (mountains), Ngāhere (forests), Awa (rivers), Motu (islands), Moana (foreshore) and Wāhi tapu (sacred places) within the rohe of Ngāti Tamaoho in our tribal boundaries are safeguarded and nurtured. This will be an on-going joint responsibility for the Trust Board and our people. Over the years there have been many developments and activities, one of which is the development of the Trust Board. The Trust

underwent a review of its systems and one part of the process was to be more transparent and be more open with the Ngāti Tamaoho members.

Our Concepts

- **Mana Whakahaere** – Leadership and Decision-Making – Each manawhenua iwi, hold and represent their own mana Whakahaere, no other body or entity can usurp our mana and authority
- **Whakamana Te Tiriti** - Enable the Treaty Partnership – Each of our iwi are a Treaty partner with Auckland Council and the Crown
- **Kaitiakitanga / Manaakitanga** – Guardianship and Care – We hold fundamental obligations and responsibilities as traditional and customary guardians of Tamaki Makaurau. We as the kaitiaki of the receiving waters of the Manukau support Council and Watercare working in partnership with Waikato-Tainui to resolve our current water crisis and working to achieve long-term water security and sustainability for Tamaki Makaurau
- **Whaanaunga** - Relationships – We acknowledge and recognise the mana of our whanaunga iwi / manawhenua of Tamaaki Makaurau and the importance of working together to achieve better outcomes for our people and Auckland as a whole. We acknowledge the Maaori Statutory Board, it is not a representative body of Ngaati Tamaoho

Key Principles

- **Mana motuhake** – self-determination
- **Rangatiratanga** – self-sufficiency
- **Kaitiakitanga** – obligations and responsibilities to accord mana and value to those that live, visit, and engage with our tribal rohe
- **Manaakitanga** – Obligations and responsibilities to accord mana and value to those that live, visit, and engage with our tribal rohe
- **Kingitanga** – Obligations and responsibilities to the house of Potatau Te WheroWhero
- **Sustainability** – we need to look after the environment so it (in turn) will look after us
- **Supporting the future** – sometimes we must look to the past, our hearts beat with the old people, fundamentally, we looked after each other
- **Putting things into action**

Strategic Priorities

Our visions is: Navigating future prosperity together for Tamaoho

Our strategic priorities are:

1. Hoe Atua – Tamaoho Identify is preserved for our future prosperity
2. Hoe Taiao – Healthy environment and healthy people to prosper via smart use of our resource allocations
3. Hoe Manawa – That Tamaoho governance is fit to create and manage in future prosperity
4. Hoe Tangata – Our people are living with dignity and in prosperity
5. Hoe Ahua – Economic aspirations will enable future well being of our people of Tamaoho

Topic 1 – Proposed Recovery Budget

Take matua 1: Mōkī haumitanga e marohitia ana

What is your opinion on the proposed recovery budget?
(Pages 17-29 of the consultation document)

Proposal – Proposed recovery budget

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Rationale for our response – Proposed recovery budget

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Our financial response		
Continue and intensify our search for savings and value for money – we propose locking in at least \$90 million as permanent ongoing annual savings.	Yes	
Continue to sell or lease surplus properties and reinvest the proceeds to meet Auckland's critical infrastructure needs. We propose to increase our budget for this to \$70 million a year over the next three years.	Yes	<i>We would expect to see transparency in all disposal transactions</i>
Increase our borrowing to a temporarily higher debt-to-revenue ratio of up to 290 per cent for the first three years, gradually returning to 270 per cent thereafter. This would be prudent and appropriate under the circumstances and because of high uncertainty around the impact of COVID-19. Advice from our credit rating agencies indicates that this is unlikely to have a negative impact on our credit rating.	Yes	

Retain our long-term commitment to a 3.5 per cent general rate increase each year but increase the average general rates for 2021/2022 by 5 per cent before returning to 3.5 per cent from the following year onwards. This one-off increase would help us meet the crisis caused by COVID-19.	Yes	We understand the need for the increase to maintain current assets and enable us to respond to climate change and housing and growth
		A lot of people are already struggling because of COVID-19. The rates increase is likely to be a struggle for many families
		Need Installment arrangements
		Need Rates relief
If the targets for cost savings and asset recycling are not achieved, we would look to reduce or defer investment rather than further increase rates or debt. The cost of the proposed one-off increase represents approximately \$38.50 a year on a residential property valued at \$1.08 million, in addition to the currently planned increase of 3.5 per cent.		
As outlined earlier, the revenue impacts of COVID-19 could be up to \$200 million worse than we have projected under our assumptions. In this case our debt-to-revenue projections would be higher reaching a maximum of 289 per cent in 2023 and would be projected to be 248 per cent at the end of 2031. Alternatively, we could choose to mitigate the impact of further revenue changes by deferring or reducing investment.		
Alternative options		
With even greater use of rates and debt we could achieve a 10-year investment programme higher than the proposed \$31 billion and achieve further improvements to service levels sooner. We have considered investment scenarios of up to \$35 billion. This would enable more provision for Auckland's growth and greater ability to achieve the strategic outcomes of the Auckland Plan 2050 sooner. However, we consider that the higher rates and debt required would not be prudent or affordable.		
Without higher rates and debt, the capital programme would need to be reduced to a highly constrained level averaging \$2.6 billion over the next three years. This would mean 3.5 per cent average rates increases in all years and the debt-to-revenue ratio returning to 270 per cent within three years. However, up to \$900 million could not be accelerated to the first three years and this would result in severe consequences for council services and service levels from delaying that investment. This chart compares the capital investment of the highly constrained and proposed scenarios.		
Implications for our activity areas		
To provide an indication of the difference the proposed additional \$900 million of investment over the next three years could achieve, the following pages show examples for each of our seven council activity areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would be delivered over three years without the proposed increase in rates and debt. • What the risks and implications of this would be. • What more could be delivered over the next three years with the proposed greater use of rates and debt. 		
Anticipated Outcomes	<i>Note – summary proposals only (see left hand column) – refer to pages 17-29 of the consultation document for details}</i>	
With proposed additional funding we could:	Response	Comments (as applicable)
\$550m extra for Auckland's transport network (\$4,245m capex over 3yrs)	Yes	High priority
\$145m water supply, wastewater, and stormwater (\$2,313 capex over 3yrs)	Yes	High priority
		Please ensure all new developments have provision for retention tanks
		Please change policy to enable the use of stormwater for gardening in urban areas
\$54m additional funding for stormwater infrastructure (\$410m capex over 3yrs)	Yes	High priority
		Please refer to our comments above
\$65m additional parks & community funding (\$739m capex over 3yrs)	Yes	The importance of parks and community funding has elevated due to COVID-19
		Parks provide key spaces for people to connect
\$0m no additional funding for city centre and local development (\$438m Capex over 3 years)	Yes	

\$10m additional funding for environmental management and regulation (\$100m capex over 3 years)	Yes	
\$50m additional funding for economic and cultural development (\$159m capex over 3 years)	Yes	
\$26m council support (\$406m capex over 3yrs)	Yes	
Specific Feedback (<i>as applicable</i>)		

Our Response – Proposed recovery budget

Categories for Response	Our Response (<i>delete as applicable</i>)
Support	Support
Do not Support	
Other	
Don't know	

Topic 2 Responding to Climate Change

Take matua 2: Urupare ki te huringa āhuarangi

Additional actions to reduce emissions and deal with the effects of climate change

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

(Page 30-31 of the consultation document)

Context

In June 2019 we declared a climate emergency reflecting the threat that climate change poses to our economy, environment, and way of life. This was followed in June 2020 by the adoption of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan, which sets out a plan for the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030, achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and a pathway to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

How we are addressing climate change

We are already doing a lot of work tackling emissions through encouraging a more compact city form and providing people with walking, cycling and public transport options. We are also contributing by making our water supply infrastructure more resilient to climate impacts, using more electric vehicles and phasing out gas boilers in aquatic centres.

Our climate change challenge

We need to do more as a region to achieve the goals of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan. We are proposing additional actions to reduce emissions and deal with the impacts of climate change funded within the rates and debt settings proposed under key issue 1. Even with these additional actions the council group will still not be able to come close to achieving these goals through our efforts alone. We can make a meaningful difference and demonstrate our leadership in the areas we're responsible for, but we also need urgent climate action from central government, mana whenua, businesses, households, communities and others.

Proposal

*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.

Rationale for our response – Responding to climate change

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Additional Actions being proposed		
All new buses will be electric, or hydrogen powered from 2021 (rather than 2025 as previously planned) and we will work with the government to achieve 50 per cent of the total bus fleet being hydrogen or electric powered by 2030	Yes	
Making progress towards Queen Street Valley (currently Aotearoa's	Yes	

most polluted black carbon area) becoming a zero-carbon zone		
Planting 11,000 more street trees and establishing a nursery to grow 200,000 seedlings a year	Yes	Please make provision for food plant species along urban streets
		Include rongoa (medicinal) plant species
		Ensure plant species selected cater for the needs of native species (e.g., keystone pollinators and dispersers such as kereru and tui)
		Please make more effort for social procurement and enabling purchase of rongoa from manawhenua/ Maori businesses
Planting an additional 200 ha of native forest	Yes	Please advise if there are any opportunities for people to work with Auckland Council to plant trees; undertake pest control
		Please make more effort for social procurement and enabling purchase of rongoa from manawhenua/ Maori businesses
Increasing our zero-waste resource recovery network	Yes	Plastics are still a major issue despite policy reform. Plastics are still being used for planting containers and wrapping food
		We need considerably more innovative approaches to waste management
Providing more advice and support to Aucklanders to reduce household emissions	Yes	Ensure that educational material is digital, there is no need to print a lot of paper
Further increasing the efficiency of our facilities, including the installation of solar panels	Yes	We know of instances where solar panels have been installed and remain un-operational
		Ensure that policies and procedures enable ready adoption of solar panels
Improving planning for coastal change and enhancing our ability to respond to worsening natural hazards	Yes	This is a high priority for us
		We have several sites and places of significance along the coast including urupa (burials)
		People need to be disaster ready
		Auckland Council need to recognise that a lot of communities are very capable of mobilising quickly. Auckland Council should be facilitating community-led initiatives rather than trying to lead. Communities are considerably nimbler than Auckland Council
Partnering with others regionally to tackle our biggest emission challenges and supporting Māori-led climate change action	Yes	We appreciate Auckland Councils support in supporting Maori led climate change action
Supporting communities in need to reduce their energy costs and better access healthy, low carbon food.	Yes	Auckland Council could help communities help themselves by enabling communities to grow their own food
		Subsidising the purchase of fruit trees and produce
		Providing seeds/seedlings
		Supporting marae in education and training people
How we'll fund this Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
In this recovery budget we are proposing \$150 million of additional investment to accelerate our climate change actions. This investment is included within the proposed investment plans outlined already in Key Issue 1 and is able to be funded using the proposed changes to the four funding levers set out in that section. ie \$90m	Yes	Please include performance measures to enable us to track progress over time
		Ensure that performance can be readily measured and evaluated eg dashboards
		Please include feedback mechanisms to enable lessons learnt to be used to enhance desired outcomes

ongoing savings; \$70m asset recycling target for the next 3yrs; increased short-term borrowing; a one-off 5% rate increase in general rates		
Alternatives Considered	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We considered an alternative investment package of \$320 million which might require higher rates but would not materially affect the council's debt. This would allow us to more significantly accelerate our climate action work in some key areas:		
Alternative 1 – a large investment package	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Showing leadership by halving all of our organisational emissions by 2030	Yes	2030 is a very long lead in time Emissions can be readily reduced using effective policy and planning tools
Achieving a 100 per cent zero emissions bus fleet by 2030	Yes	
Faster progress with addressing coastal erosion and greater protection of coastal closed landfills	Yes	
Planting 18,000 more street trees - 29,000 in total	Yes	Please include food plant species
		Please include rongoa (medicinal plant species)
		Please ensure that street trees cater for the needs of native species
		Target the needs of keystone dispersers and pollinators eg kereru and tui
Further investment in Māori-led climate change action.	Yes	Please contact us to discuss Maori led climate change action more
		Make provision for Matauranga Maori
Some earlier work on targeted rate funding options identified that if this alternative larger package were to be funded using additional rates, then it would add a one-off additional 0.9 per cent to the average general rates increase for 2021/2022. Another way to fund the larger package would be through reprioritising \$170 million of other planned expenditure and accepting any impact that might have on other council services.		
Even with this additional spend we could not achieve everything we would like to do. We also considered other additional programmes to reduce emissions and respond to climate impacts. For example, more work is urgently needed to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts. These programmes have not been proposed for funding in this budget but will require additional action in future.		
Alternative 2 – No change to the current plan	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We also considered the status quo as an alternative. This would see us continue what we had already planned in the area of climate action, but nothing further. If we maintained this status quo and proceeded with the proposed changes to rates and debt, then this would enable us to invest \$150 million more on other priorities and potentially improve some council services. However, we do not consider that to be a preferred option as it would fail to respond adequately to the climate emergency.	Yes	
Specific Feedback (as applicable)		

We are already adversely affected by climate change and regular flooding of coastal sites. We are grateful to be involved in Maori led initiatives. The simultaneous increase in housing and development has exacerbated problems in some cases. We need fast and effective solutions to climate change.

Our Response – Responding to climate change

Categories for Response	Our Response <i>(delete as applicable)</i>
Support	Support
Do not Support	
Other	
Don't know	

Topic 3 Responding to Housing & Growth –
Take matua 3: Urupare ki ngā take kāinga noho me te tupuranga

What is your opinion on this proposal to invest more in responding to housing & growth?
(Page 32 of the consultation document)

Context

Over the next 10 years we expect 260,000 more people will choose to call Auckland home. We are required to provide services to that increasing population. Through our regulatory role we also ensure safe and high-quality development.

The Auckland Unitary Plan

Through the Auckland Unitary Plan, expanding zoning for new homes enables the potential development of more than one million homes in existing residential zones and 137,000 in planned future urban areas. The Auckland Unitary Plan encourages a more compact city which uses infrastructure more efficiently.

Proposal

See description of the proposal in the table below.

Rationale for our response – Responding to housing & growth

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We're investigating additional infrastructure requirements to support a large number of growth areas across Auckland. [However, funding and financing new infrastructure in all of those areas is a major challenge]		
We are proposing to take a more focused approach to providing infrastructure, working within the \$31 billion proposed 10-year investment programme and the rates and debt settings proposed under key issue 1. We will focus our limited infrastructure investment capacity in a few key areas:		
Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Areas agreed with the government as part of the Auckland Housing Programme, including Mt Roskill, Māngere, Tāmaki, Oranga and Northcote	Yes	We are keen to see housing progress and hope Council plans for future procurement include social procurement and have specific Maori outcomes that will enable manawhenua to participate
Where significant government investment has been made, such as Drury in Auckland's south, and areas in Auckland's north-west	Yes	This is sensible – and as above
Where investment in significant projects, such as the City Rail Link, is being made	Yes	
This focused approach will mean that we will not be heavily investing in infrastructure to support other growth areas in the short to medium term beyond that which is already committed. We would continue to work with central government and private sector developers to explore alternative ways to progress development. This would include using the new Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020.		
Alternative 1 – increased funding	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We considered an alternative of increasing funding to support the investment in growth that we would like. This investment would be substantial at several billion dollars more than provided for in this proposed budget. Much higher	Yes	We agree with the approach taken – and would like to see clear social procurement targets and Maori outcomes

increases in rates and debt than proposed would be needed for this. We believe this wouldn't be affordable or responsible. It would also result in existing ratepayers subsidising new Auckland residents.		
Alternative 2 – No change to our current plan	Response	Comment (as applicable)
We also considered the status quo as an alternative (with the same rates and debt settings as proposed) under key issue 1. This would see us continue to attempt to progress growth in many parts of Auckland with no additional funding. This simply will not work and will fail to deliver the housing and development outcomes that everyone is looking for.	Yes	We agree with the approach taken
Specific Feedback (as applicable)		
<p>The supply of sufficient housing at a reasonable cost is a significant area of failure. This has disproportionately affected Māori. We seek to partner with Auckland Councils (and associated Council Controlled Organisations) the council group and government to establish a programme that tracks the scale and pace of the response to this crisis – what is being done, is it happening fast enough, how is social and affordable housing being delivered.</p> <p>We are well-placed to develop housing on Maori land. However, progress is slow because we lack the technical expertise to help progress housing initiatives. We would appreciate Auckland Council technical expertise and support to help us develop Maori land. This would benefit the entire population of Auckland</p>		

Our Response – Responding to housing & growth

Categories for Response	Our Response (delete as applicable)
Support	Support
Do not Support	
Other	
Don't know	

Topic 4 –Investment in Our Community

Te take matua 4: Te whai haumi i tō tātou hapori

What is your opinion on this proposal?
 (Page 33-34 of the consultation document)

Context

This recovery budget is proposing a move away from an asset dominated approach to community services. We propose to consider how to better use partnerships, grants, digital and non-asset-based approaches more tailored to community needs.

Councils have traditionally provided community services through building community assets and delivering services through those. This means that Auckland now has a large network of community facilities, many of which are aging and require significant renewal investment. Auckland’s population continues to grow and become increasingly diverse. The needs of our communities are changing over time. We need to become more adaptable in how we provide community services to keep up with the changing needs

Our community investment challenge

With much of our investment locked into aging community assets, we are spending more on renewals and maintenance. This detracts from the amount we can spend delivering the services Aucklanders need. Our current asset-based approach is becoming financially, socially and culturally unsustainable.

Proposal – Investment in our community

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.

Rationale for Feedback – Investment in our community

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We are proposing a focused investment approach, working within the \$31 billion proposed 10-year investment programme and the proposed rates and debt settings under key issue 1. Services will be tailored to the greatest needs of our communities. We will use alternative ways of delivering services, through partnerships and digital channels and multi-use facilities. These are less	Yes	This is sensible
		We agree with the approach being taken
		We know that Auckland Council facilities are under-utilised
		We support harnessing digital technology to provide Auckland Council services

dependent on having many community assets. We would maintain the same service levels for our communities, just delivered differently.		
Over time, implementation of this new approach would see us divest aging community assets that aren't fit for purpose and reinvest in services and facilities that better meet the needs of our communities. We propose to do this by working with our local boards who understand the specific needs of their local communities. Moving fully to this new approach will take time, with some changes implemented over the next three years and others to be implemented through the next 10-year Budget review. In the meantime, we will provide an additional \$65 million over the next three years to address the highest priorities for community services and facilities.	Yes	We support partnership models
		Please be aware that many Maori communities need access to digital technology eg laptops
		Please be aware that many Maori communities need help accessing digital communities eg WIFI
		Please support families with subsidies to help them access digital technology
		Please support families with subsidies to help them access WIFI
		Please ensure that WIFI is readily available eg community WIFI hubs
This would provide a level of renewals to safeguard our facilities from asset failure and will support high priority growth projects such as the Scott Point sustainable sports park and the Flatbush combined library, community, and arts centre at Ormiston. It will also:		
Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Provide new neighbourhood space in greenfield areas	Yes	
Support Kāinga Ora developments , sports park investments in areas of greatest need	Yes	The current framework makes it difficult to develop land
		We need support progressing initiatives
Allow for progress on coastal protection areas such as the Orewa Seawall.	Yes	
Consider how to better use:	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Partnerships	Yes	See above
Grants	Yes	See above
Digital	Yes	See above
Non-asset-based approaches more tailored to community needs	Yes	See above
Other	Yes	
Alternatives Considered	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Alternative 1 – increased funding		
We considered an alternative of increased funding with higher rates and debt. This would see need for \$1.9 billion additional investment in assets over the next 10-years to achieve the same levels of service and portfolio offerings expanded to cater for growth. This would ensure all assets are well maintained and adequate for growth, but not	Yes	

necessarily ensure these will be the assets that our diverse and changing community actually need. It would require significant further increases in rates and debt than proposed, but not necessarily achieve the intended community outcomes set out in the Auckland Plan.		
Alternative 2 – no change to our current plan	Response	Comments (as applicable)
We also considered the alternative of the status quo with no additional funding and no change to how we deliver services. This would mean rates and debt settings as proposed under Key Issue 1 but would lead to a renewals gap that would grow exponentially. Many facilities would likely need to close for health and safety reasons as they deteriorate past our capacity to maintain and repair them. Multiple facility closures with no alternative service delivery would likely lead to a significant deterioration in community service levels over time.	Support Alternative 1 (above)	
Specific Feedback (as applicable)		
We would appreciate the right of first refusal of Auckland Council assets and/or leasing arrangements		

Our Response – Investment in our Community

Categories for Response	Our Response <i>(delete as applicable)</i>
Support	Support
Do not Support	
Other	
Don't know	

Topic 5 – Protecting & Enhancing the Environment

Te take matua 5: Te tiaki me te whakapai ake i te taiao-

Increasing our investment in improving water quality and our natural environment

What is your opinion on this proposal?

(Page 35-36 of the consultation document)

Context

The previous 10-year budget accelerated actions to improve our water quality and natural environment. This was funded by the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate.

What the water quality targeted rate pays for

The Water Quality Targeted Rate has already funded work to improve water quality. We have been able to contribute \$10 million towards a six-year clean-up of the Kaipara Harbour. We have put in infrastructure to stop wastewater overflowing into our harbours and onto our beaches and introduced proactive monitoring of septic tanks. This has allowed us to re-open five beaches that were previously closed because of public health concerns. We have focused on the western isthmus where the worst wastewater overflows have been. Work has begun on the St Marys Bay and Daldy Street outfalls, and the Freeman's Bay stormwater separation project.

Proposal – Water Quality Targeted Rate

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 the above 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.

Rationale for our Response – Water Quality Targeted Rate

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
The recovery budget is proposing to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate from 2028 to 2031, providing an additional \$150 million. This will allow us to start works to improve water quality elsewhere in the city, particularly in coastal areas from Hobson's Bay to St Heliers, as well as the Manukau Harbour. Work would begin in 2028/2029.	Yes	We recognise that many people are already struggling
		These incremental increases do create financial pressure for people that are already struggling
		Please consider potential other funding models
		Several beaches in Auckland are in need of improvement
		Please advise us why there is such a long lead-in time. The rates increase is 5% for 2021/2022 then drops to 3.5% thereafter. Is this charge necessary now? Or could it be deferred?
We are also consulting to increase the Water Quality Targeted Rate in line with the projected average increase in general rates 5 per cent in 2021/2022 and 3.5 per cent each year thereafter. This will provide an additional \$106 million. This increase combined with the extension to 2031 will provide a total of \$256 million over 10 years and will enable us to:		

Proposal	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Deliver improved water quality in the Manukau Harbour, Tāmaki Estuary and along the beaches between Parnell and Glendowie with major construction projects starting six years earlier in 2022/2023	Yes	
Fund additional litter trap projects to improve freshwater and coastal water quality through contaminant removal across the entire region	?	This appears to be a highly symptoms-based approach Please advise us what initiatives are being undertaken to reduce litter at source Please provide performance measures Please advise what feedback mechanisms are being employed Please supply cost/benefit, feasibility reports
Note: This proposal would not significantly impact our debt-to-revenue ratio.		
How this proposal will affect rates	Response	Comments (as applicable)
Under this proposal the Water Quality Targeted Rate will increase in 2021/2022:	Yes	Please be conscious that many people are already struggling Any rate increases will increase financial pressure on communities that are already struggling If this option is adopted, please provide subsidies for lower socio-economic groups If this option is adopted, please provide installment options If this option is adopted, please make provision for some kind of rates relief
For the average value residential property (\$1,083,500) by \$3.30 (0.12 per cent on total rates) to \$69	Yes	These incremental rates increase financial pressure on families who are already struggling If this option is adopted, please provide subsidies for lower socio-economic groups If this option is adopted, please provide installment options If this option is adopted, please make provision for rates relief
For the average value business property (\$2,862,500) by \$15.30 (0.09 per cent on total rates) to \$321.	Yes	Businesses are helping our economy recover from the effects of COVID-19, why increase their rates. Every cent count
Specific Feedback (as applicable)		
Environmental values are inextricably linked to our health and wellbeing		

Our Response – Water Quality Targeted Rate

Categories for Response	Our Response (delete as applicable)
Support	Support
Do not Support	
Other	
Do not know	

Natural Environment Targeted Rate**Context and Progress**

The Natural Environment Targeted Rate has funded work to address the spread of kauri dieback disease and tackle pests that are killing our native birds and trees. So far, we've:

- opened 60km of kauri-safe tracks, undertaken pest control on 88,000 ha of reserve and park land,
- set more than 1500 traps to eliminate stoats on Waiheke Island.

Proposal

The recovery budget is also proposing to extend the Natural Environment Target Rate from 2028 to 2031. This will provide an additional \$107 million allowing us to maintain our investments in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control. **We are not proposing to change the Natural Environment Targeted Rate.**

Topic 6 – Other Priorities

Ētahi atu kaupapa mātāmua

Context

Aside from the key issues covered above, some of the other key proposed priorities for this 10-year budget are:

Māori outcomes

Council is committed to Treaty-based partnerships with Māori. We enable delivery against 10 Māori Outcomes strategic priorities through our Māori Outcomes portfolio. The portfolio includes our day-to-day activities, supplemented by the targeted use of the Māori Outcomes fund (\$150 million investment over the next 10 years).

The proposed funding will support Māori-led initiatives that are aligned to Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau (the council's Māori Outcomes performance measurement framework). Examples include the Marae Infrastructure Programme, which helps marae to be healthy and sustainable cultural hubs.

The range of activities supported by the Māori Outcomes fund is varied. It enables incubation of initiatives, which over time transition into business-as-usual activities - such as Ngā Kete Akoranga, our cultural capability programme. Te Kete Rukuruku is returning names to parks and places in Tāmaki Makaurau and helps to ensure the Māori language is seen, heard, spoken, and learnt in everyday life. The fund supports papakāinga and marae development with feasibility and concept design, financial planning, governance, and asset management.

Our Long-Term Priorities and Mana Outcomes		
1	Kia Ora te Kāinga	Papakāinga and Māori Housing
2	Kia Ora te Whānau	Whānau and Tamariki Wellbeing
3	Kia Ora te Marae	Marae Development
4	Kia Ora te Reo	Te Reo Māori
5	Kia Ora te Aurea	Māori Identity and Culture
6	Kia Ora te Umanga	Māori Business Tourism and Employment
7	Kia Ora te Rangatahi	Realising Rangatahi Potential
8	Kia Ora te Taiao	Kaitiakitanga
9	Kia Ora te Hononga	Effective Māori Participation
10	Kia Hāngai te Kaunihera	An Empowered Organisation

Specific feedback

- In principle the Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau (Maori Outcomes) is a good initiative
- In reality, this funding is difficult to access and difficult to evaluate and track success
- Procurement systems and processes need to be considerably more user friendly
- This initiative needs to have tangible (and transparent) benefits for Maori communities
- It was designed without input from Mana Whenua or Mataawaka
- The accompanying Maori Responsiveness Plans were prepared by Officers with no input from Mana Whenua or Mataawaka
- Many Auckland Council staff still have a poor understanding of who we are, what we need, and the nature of our organisations

Recommendations

- Enable Maori Communities the ability to critique the Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau framework
- Ensure decision-making is guided by fundamental operating principles such as: efficiency, effectiveness; transparency; value-adds (amongst others)
- Provide us with exact figures of the spend to date
- Make provision for performance measures
- Make provision for feedback mechanisms
- Please allocate resources into ensuring everyone (ideally all Aucklanders) know who we are, what we need, and what we do
- Please ensure staff recognise that we are interfacing with multiple agencies (central government, local government, Crown Agencies, Research Institutes, the private sector; education providers, property developers; the religious sector, environmental groups, community groups, and private residences) We often lack the time and resource to be involved in every Auckland Council project, initiative and programme
- Auckland Council need to make it easy for us to be involved
- Auckland Council could significantly help us by providing forward work programmes right across Auckland Council (including the CCOs) so we can make a decision as to what initiatives are strategically aligned with our organisations and dedicate staff accordingly
- Recognise that our organisations often have a commercial and resource management arms. Our roles and responsibilities include (amongst others): planning and policy development; consenting; compliance; ecological restoration and management; supporting processes and procedures; and furthering our own strategic initiatives internally (including business development)

Social investment

If there is one thing that COVID-19 has taught us, it's the importance of continuously protecting our communities. The recovery budget reinstates contestable funds which were impacted in the Emergency Budget 2020/2021. We have recognised the need to protect our most vulnerable communities. We propose to embed a \$500,000 annual homelessness operational fund to work alongside others to support homeless people through early intervention, targeted outreach, dedicated city centre initiatives, research and innovation initiatives.

The impact of COVID-19 and the recession has seen many people lose jobs and income. The Southern Initiative and the Western Initiative will help disadvantaged sections of our community with skills training and employment pathways, and Auckland Unlimited will support job creation and job skill programmes. We remain committed to providing a Living Wage to our contracted cleaners and enable a fair day's wages for a fair day's work. We also propose to work with Māori and Pasifika communities through the Amotai social procurement initiative. Amotai connects buyers with businesses with a potential pipeline of contracts estimated at \$900 million. It also identifies industry gaps and provides training and support.

Topic 7 – Rating policy

[To see how your rates may change read Part Four (pages 38-47) of this document or go to our rates guide at akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget]

Proposal – 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.

Proposals – Rating Policy	Our Response – Rating Policy			
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	Yes			
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	Yes			
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	Yes			
Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre	Yes			
Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services	Yes			

Proposals – Rating Policy		Our Response – Rating Policy
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	Yes
Our Response – Rating Policy		
Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to manage kauri dieback and predator and weed control		
Please make provision for the effective management of predator and weed control in urban areas		
Ensure that weed control prevents the sale of pest plant species from nurseries/plant centres		
Include the control of competitor species that compete with native fauna and flora		

Proposal – Rating Policy

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).

Our Response – Rating Policy

Comments	Needs
Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector	This initiative seems sensible at face value
	Please advise what provisions have been made to ensure this change doesn't get transferred to customers?

Other Priorities – The Management Framework – over-arching management framework; the framework that governs decision-making at the project, programme, and initiative level.

Issue	Comments	Recommendation
Principles	This 10-year budget 2021-2031 appears highly reactive “responding” to climate change. “responding” to housing and growth	We need proactive management strategies
		We need proactive management strategies that are firmly focused on where we want to be
	Proposals appear piecemeal	We need holistic, fully integrated approaches
		We need to ensure that management enables win/win outcomes for people and the environment
	Uninspiring	We need to employ innovative approaches to embrace opportunities for positive change
	Slow	We need to recognise that it is possible to effect fast, positive and proactive change using management tools such as effective policy and follow-through
	Unimaginative, uncreative	We need imaginative and creative approaches to move proactively into the future
Inflexible	Auckland Council needs to ensure the organisation is sufficiently nimble to implement fast and effective management strategies despite rapid changes in context ie COVID-19; natural disasters; natural hazards	
Approach	Te Ao Maori	The framework needs to understand our linkage to the environment, Auckland Council need to recognise that everything is connected to everything else
Operating Principles	Inefficient	We need to ensure we capture efficiencies
	Ineffective	We need to ensure that management is highly effective
	Merky	We need to ensure that management practices are fully transparent
	Poor accountability	There needs to be accountabilities built into the system
	Poorly defined roles and responsibilities	Roles and responsibilities need to be clear
Context	Water management is costing Auckland millions	Please ensure effective management of our valuable water resources
Monitoring	Proposals are expending a lot of resources to achieve desired outcomes. Yet, lack of performance measures make it impossible to evaluate, let alone track success	Performance measures need to enable evaluation of success over time

Reporting	Lack of clear reporting	Auckland Council needs to provide succinct reports on progress.
Feedback	Lack of robust feedback mechanisms	There needs to be robust feedback mechanisms to ensure that ineffective management strategies can be changed to achieve desired outcomes
Processes	Engagement	We need to be involved at the inception of these engagement projects to help design feedback forms
	Engagement material is overly bulky – an 82-page consultation document with over 500 pages of supporting appendices. We lack the time and resource to wade through over 600 pages of consultation documents, let alone feedback as much as we like	There needs to be effective summary documents that are complemented by feedback forms that make it easy to feedback into the process
	The webinars on the website were useful. They enabled us to better understand proposals and alternatives that had been considered	Ensure that communication (educational) materials are complemented by feedback forms that enable us to provide considered feedback readily
	Engagement Feedback Forms – Auckland Council has designed feedback forms that provide little room for comprehensive feedback. We are involved with Auckland Council on a regular basis and the feedback forms do not recognise this	Design feedback forms that enable us to readily provide feedback
		One on one meetings with the Maori engagement technical lead were useful. We gained a much better understanding of what is being proposed
		Feedback forms provided by the Maori engagement technical lead were very useful
		We appreciated the opportunities to present our feedback to the Governing Body
		We would appreciate more regular meetings with the Auckland Council Governing Body – rangatira to rangatira
		We are grateful for the support we received during the engagement process
	Provide us with at least 6 weeks to provide feedback	

	Engagement timeframes We require more than 20 statutory working days to input meaningfully into the engagement process. Internally, we prepare our written and/or oral submissions and then these need to go through an internal approval process; and our internal approval processes often are out of sync (i.e., they meet monthly)	Advise us of upcoming of upcoming engagements at least 6 months in advance so that we can make provision for staff time and resources
Management Tools	Lack of a clear implementation plan	This budget needs to have a clear implementation plan that incorporates principles, values, operating principles, effective monitoring and reporting mechanisms and supporting processes and procedures to enable management strategies to be implemented effectively and efficiently
General Auckland Council processes	Several proposals (including Local Board Priorities and Initiatives) referred to providing support, however the exact nature of this support was not identified	Provide clearer proposals to enable us to understand exactly what is being proposed
	Funding support sounds good, but in reality, it is difficult to apply for	Funding support needs to have supporting procurement policies and procedures to make this easy
Close-out	Reporting of findings. We have provided a comprehensive written submission with several follow-up actions	Please ensure that you provide us with the findings of this engagement
		Please provide us with a clear rationale as to how decisions are made
		Please advise us how our feedback has contributed to the decision-making process
		Please ensure that there is follow-up

Appendix 1 - Rohe – Ngāti Tamaoho.



Appendix 2 – Our Local Boards

	Local Board	Local Board within our Rohe
1	Albert-Eden	Yes
2	Aotea / Great Barrier	
3	Devonport-Takapuna	
4	Franklin	Yes
5	Henderson-Massey	
6	Hibiscus and Bays	
7	Howick	
8	Kaipātiki	
9	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Yes
10	Manurewa	Yes
11	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	
12	Ōrākei	
13	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Yes
14	Papakura	Yes
15	Puketāpapa	
16	Rodney	
17	Upper Harbour	
18	Waiheke	
19	Waitākere Ranges	
20	Waitematā	
21	Whau	

Appendix 3 – Actions We Would Like Followed Up

No.	Follow-up Action
1	Please contact us to discuss our feedback further
2	Please advise us of upcoming initiatives
3	Please advise us of upcoming programmes
4	Please advise us of upcoming projects
5	Know that we want to work closely with Auckland Council as partners – working together to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes

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Re: AUCKLAND COUNCIL 10-YEAR BUDGET FEEDBACK – Submission to the Albert-Eden Local Board - Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Council's 10-year Budget 2021 – 2031. This written submission comprises our submission to the **Albert-Eden Local Board** from - **Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust**. To provide you with context, our submission provides an overview of our organisation. We have also provided feedback to your Strategic Priorities & Initiatives.

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PROPOSAL – ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD

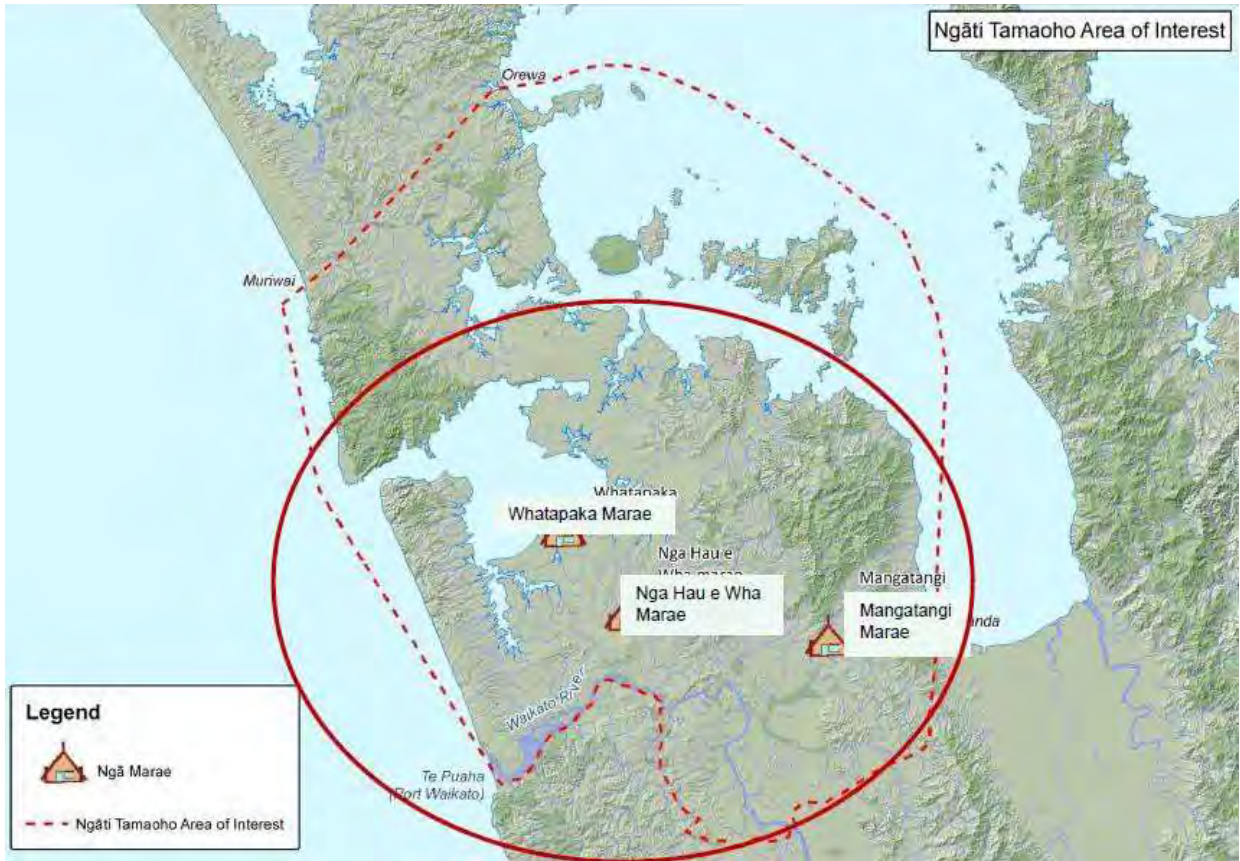


OUR RESPONSE – ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD

ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD The Albert-Eden Local Board includes the established suburbs of Pt Chevalier, Waterview, Mt Albert, Mt Eden, Kingsland, Balmoral, Epsom, Greenlane, Greenwoods Corner, Sandringham, Owairaka, Eden Terrace and Western Springs.	
<i>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>	
ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	Our Response
I support all priorities	
I support most priorities	Yes
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	Follow-up Actions
	Please contact us as soon as possible to clarify our current “neutral – for now” feedback comments (see below). The best way to contact me is either by phone or email (see front page for contacts)

PROPOSAL – 2021/2022	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
<i>Support volunteer groups and initiatives that encourage social connectedness and strong communities, recognising the impacts of COVID-19 and changes brought about by urban development.</i>	Yes	
<i>Protect our natural environment by supporting projects like the Albert-Eden Urban Ngahere (Forest) Project and restoration of the biodiversity of our rock forests, urban streams, and coast.</i>	Neutral	Please contact us to discuss
<i>Ensure a range of programmes, tailored to serve the needs of our local, diverse population, are delivered at our community facilities, libraries, and recreation centres</i>	Yes	Please advise us what programmes you will be undertaking. We would like to be involved
<i>Consider climate change impacts in our decisions and projects, and support education, awareness raising and action</i>	Yes	
<i>A boundary expansion of the Dominion Road Business Improvement District.</i>	Yes	
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES		
<i>Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to upgrade our sports fields to address the current and future shortfall in sports capacity. We need an increase in playing and competition hours for the growing numbers of sports teams.</i>	Neutral for now	Please contact us to clarify the areas that you are referring to
<i>Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to realign the Chamberlain Park 18-hole golf course, to develop a new park, walking and cycling connections and stream restoration.</i>	Yes	
<i>Advocate to the Governing Body for the continuing provision of aquatic facilities in the Mt Albert area.</i>	Yes	
<i>Advocate to the Governing Body for a civic square to be funded at 915-919 New North Rd, Mt Albert, to provide a focal point for the town centre and connection to the train station.</i>	Neutral for now	Please contact us to clarify how this will impact our future
Specific Feedback	Follow-up Actions	
We are conscious that much of new developments includes provision for apartments, so it is likely targeting the needs of elderly, small families, and young professionals	Please contact us to discuss how the area could provide for the needs of young families	

Appendix 1 - Rohe – Ngāti Tamaoho.



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PROPOSAL – FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD

Franklin Local Board

Key areas of spend	 COMMUNITY SERVICES	 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 PLANNING SERVICES	 GOVERNANCE
OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$15.2M	\$210,000	\$829,000	\$1.2M
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$7.1M	-	-	-

OUR RESPONSE – FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD

FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD	
<i>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>	
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	Our Response
I support all priorities	
I support most priorities	Yes
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	
	Follow-up Actions
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PROPOSAL 2021/2022 – Franklin Local Board	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
<i>Support and develop community-led environmental restoration initiatives, including those led by mana whenua eg. Te Korowai o Papatūānuku stream restoration, the C.R.E.S.T project and</i>	Neutral for now	Please contact us to discuss the Te Korowai o Papatūānuku stream restoration, the C.R.E.S.T project
<i>Pest-Free Franklin</i>	Yes	
<i>Fund a local economic development broker to support local businesses to leverage and grow economic development opportunities</i>	Yes	
<i>Review our community partnerships and community grants programme to ensure the community is empowered to deliver local outcomes e.g., support rural hall committees to develop five-year operational plans and three-year funding agreements with local social service agencies. We will also review the event and ecological partnership funding approach.</i>	Yes	
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES		
<i>Reinstate local board transport funding to pre-COVID levels</i>	Yes	
<i>Increase the AT 2021/2024 budget for renewal, rehabilitation and maintenance and prioritise rehabilitation of Whitford-Maraetai Road, Papakura-Clevedon Road, Alfriston-Brookby Road, Glenbrook Road, Hūnua Road, and the Pukekohe ring road</i>	Yes	
<i>Fund AT to provide a bus service connecting Wairoa sub-division communities to transport nodes at Papakura Train Station, Pine Harbour and Botany to allow for environmentally sustainable transport choices and access to council services and facilities</i>	Yes	
<i>Allocate \$23 million for the development of Karaka Sports Park and community hub.</i>	Yes	
Specific Feedback		Follow-up Actions
We would like further engagement regarding footpaths traversing the Waitete Pā (Waiu Pā)		Please contact us to discuss this further. We would like to continue to be involved in these discussions. In addition, we are cognisant that Auckland Council refer to Waitete Pā as Waiu Pā. Please provide us with confidence that Auckland Council recognise the statutory acknowledgements relating to this area.

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PROPOSAL – MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

Key areas of spend	COMMUNITY SERVICES	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	PLANNING SERVICES	GOVERNANCE
OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$18M	297,000	\$2.2M	\$944,000
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$3.3M	–	–	–

OUR RESPONSE – MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD

MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD	
<i>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>	
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	Our Response
I support all priorities	
I support most priorities	Yes
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	
Follow-up Actions	
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PROPOSAL 2021/2022 – Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
<i>Support business partnerships to help the local economy recover from the effects of COVID-19.</i>	Yes	
<i>Invest in initiatives that can help communities build awareness of how our lifestyles can minimise our emissions, and how we can help support the region's aspiration of becoming zero waste by 2040, and zero-emissions by 2050.</i>	Yes	
<i>Improve local youth leadership capacity and participation on local matters by working closer with the youth.</i>	Yes	This needs to be significantly clearer. Please contact us to discuss exactly what initiatives you are proposing relating to this proposal
<i>Additional investment and attention are needed to improve the car park and accessibility to onsite facilities at Seaside Park</i>	Yes	
<i>Deliver Massey Homestead full refurbishment by advocating for more resources for structural improvements.</i>	Neutral	Is this a priority at the moment?
<i>Maintain and improve facility networks - such as playgrounds, open spaces and council facilities to meet local needs of all ages and abilities</i>	Yes	Great.
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES		
<i>The local board requests the Governing Body funding for the Ōtāhuhu Town Centre Streetscape project to complete the remaining development works and deliver a safer, attractive and vibrant town centre for the community.</i>	Yes	
<i>The Māngere Mountain Education Trust successfully delivers education programmes to visiting local schools and community groups. The local board seeks ongoing investment support from the Governing Body's 10-year budget to continue the delivery of these programmes</i>	Yes	
<i>The local board transport capital fund is important in improving the local transport network. The local board requests the Governing Body for this fund to be reinstated to pre- Emergency Budget levels through the 10-year budget.</i>	Yes	
<i>The local board continues to advocate to the Governing Body to approve budget for the Māngere East Precinct and initiatives to enhance this centre as a thriving and liveable community. The local board advocates to the Governing Body to allocate long-term funding for the Ōtāhuhu Portage route project as a priority. The site is of national significance in terms of history and culture, with enormous potential to make the area accessible and connected for local and international visitors.</i>	Yes	Absolutely.
Specific Feedback		Follow-up Actions
		Please contact me regarding projects
		Please contact me regarding programmes and initiatives

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PROPOSAL – MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD

Manurewa Local Board

Key areas of spend	 COMMUNITY SERVICES	 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 PLANNING SERVICES	 GOVERNANCE
OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$16.2M	\$107,000	\$1.1M	\$1.2M
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$2.5M	–	–	–

OUR RESPONSE – MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD

MANUREWA Local Board	
<i>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>	
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	Our Response
I support all priorities	Yes
I support most priorities	
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	

PROPOSAL 2021/2022 - Manurewa	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
<i>Fund youth and community groups to lead initiatives that:</i>		
<i>deliver vibrant, multicultural arts, events, and festivals</i>	Yes	
<i>strengthen community and cultural connections</i>	Yes	
<i>deliver placemaking activities</i>	Yes	
<i>improve wellbeing.</i>	Yes	
<i>Partner with mana whenua and mataawaka on cultural storytelling and participation in local planning and delivery of economic benefits.</i>	Yes	
<i>Renew more play spaces that build the play network, ensuring children of different ages and abilities are challenged, and families have comfortable and accessible places to spend time at.</i>	Yes	
<i>Work with our sports and recreation partners to progress works at War Memorial Park, Netball Manurewa, Gallaher Park, Totara Park</i>	Yes	
<i>Support initiatives that improve our environment, clean our waterways, and prepare our diverse communities for disasters and climate change.</i>	Yes	
<i>Support the expansion of the Manurewa Business Improvement District.</i>	Yes	
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES		
<i>We propose to advocate to the council's Governing Body:</i>		
<i>For retention of funding in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 to progress work at War Memorial Park, to be completed in stages that include sports field improvements, floodlighting and a multipurpose community facility.</i>	Yes	
<i>For the reinstatement of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to pre-Emergency Budget levels.</i>	Yes	
<i>For funding in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 to create a community recycling centre in Manurewa, plus a recycling centre and a resource recovery park for the south in partnership with other local boards.</i>	Yes	
<i>The Manurewa Business Association is proposing to expand the boundary of the Manurewa Business Improvement District (BID) in our local board area. If the BID boundary expansion is successful, the Manurewa Business Association membership will also increase, and the BID targeted rate will increase from \$157,000 to \$315,000 as of 1 July 2021.</i>	Note	
Specific Feedback		Follow-up Actions
In 2020 we are aware the Auckland Council developed Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau (Maori Outcomes Framework)		Please contact us to discuss further, we are keen to know exactly where this has got to

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PROPOSAL – ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

Key areas of spend	 COMMUNITY SERVICES	 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 PLANNING SERVICES	 GOVERNANCE
OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$19.5M	\$277,000	\$1.1M	\$1.1M
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$4.8M	–	–	–

OUR RESPONSE – ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD

ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD	
<i>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>	
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	OUR RESPONSE
I support all priorities	Yes
I support most priorities	
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	

PROPOSAL 2021/2022 - Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
Community-led COVID-19 recovery initiatives <i>Resilience in our community is our top priority. COVID-19 has forced all of us to adapt to new ways of living and working. We are committed to supporting our community to continue to deliver programmes, projects, and initiatives in new innovative ways.</i>	Yes	If you want to support your community, we strongly recommend you support the Otara Kai Village that appears to be doing very well. We don't understand why you are blocking this. It appears contrary to this proposal
Māori responsiveness <i>We will continue to work with mana whenua to deliver projects, and explore co-governance and co-management opportunities, specifically at Puhinui Reserve.</i>	Yes	This should be a simple process; please advise how you will speed up desired outcomes
Progress the Manukau Sports Bowl master plan and Papatoetoe facilities gap Analysis <i>We intend progress these two projects plans. This will give us a better understanding of what facilities and amenities; you would like to see in the local board area.</i>	Yes	
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES 2021-2031		
Sportsfield and lighting upgrade: Rongomai and East Tamaki Reserve <i>Our sportsfields are in use for formal and informal recreation all year round. We need better fields to provide quality surfaces for our communities. We will advocate for regional funding for sports field and lighting upgrades at Rongomai and East Tamaki Reserve.</i>	Yes	
Reinstatement of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to pre-Covid-19 levels <i>We will advocate to the Governing Body alongside other local boards for the Local Board Transport Capital fund to be reinstated to the pre-COVID-19 level of \$21 million per annum. We will also advocate for previously allocated funding of \$38 million – lost through the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 process – to be fully restored. This funding pool is a major contributor to delivering local transport projects.</i>	Yes	
Specific Feedback		Follow-up Actions
Please provide your decision-making criteria used to make decisions regarding your support of programmes, projects and initiatives		Provide decision making criteria
		Please contact us as soon as possible

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PROPOSAL – PAPA KURA LOCAL BOARD

Papakura Local Board

Key areas of spend	 COMMUNITY SERVICES	 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 PLANNING SERVICES	 GOVERNANCE
	OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$12.6M	\$65,000	\$392,000
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$2.9M	–	–	–

OUR RESPONSE – PAPA KURA LOCAL BOARD

PAPA KURA LOCAL BOARD	
<i>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>	
PAPA KURA LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES	OUR RESPONSE
I support all priorities	Yes
I support most priorities	
I do not support most priorities	
I do not support any priorities	
Other	
Don't know	

PROPOSAL 2021/2022 - Papakura Local Board	Our Response	Comments (if applicable)
<i>Continue to work with the Papakura Commercial Project Group to plan and support continued development of the town centre and immediate surrounds, to develop Papakura's future as a vibrant metropolitan centre.</i>	Yes	
<i>Invest in community-led arts, events, and multi-generational activities, which use and celebrate our parks and open spaces and promote health, movement, and discovery for all age groups. We want to bring people together to meet and have fun at no cost.</i>	Yes	
<i>Work in partnership with Māori to develop an annual Waitangi Day event in Papakura, as well as opportunities for Matariki and Māori Language Week Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebrations and activities.</i>	Yes	Wondering if its possible to co-ordinate with other areas eg Otara. Please contact us to discuss.
PROPOSAL - KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES 2021-2031		
<i>Seek Panuku support to progress Papakura as a future vibrant metropolitan centre (as identified in the Auckland Unitary Plan). This will ensure Papakura develops over time into a larger commercial and retail centre on a key transport hub to support residential growth in surrounding areas.</i>	Yes	
<i>Advocate to Auckland Transport to develop additional park-and-ride capacity, an expanded bus interchange and other actions such as an on-demand bus service, to manage car park demand at the Papakura train station.</i>	Yes	
<i>Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding, including the reinstatement of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund, to continue the development of the shared walking and cycling pathways from Elliot Street to Pescara Point and the Hunua Trail.</i>	Yes	
Specific Feedback		Follow-up Actions
We would like to know if you have any youth activities and initiatives given the high Maori demographic in the area		Please contact us to discuss
It would be useful to have an employment broker in the area given your proximity to Drury and other areas & new housing development		Please contact us to discuss
We suggest there should be more emphasis on employment and growth projects, programmes and initiatives		Please contact us to discuss



10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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.

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I am in receipt of your letter dated 22 February 2021. We own the property at
and wish to object to the new proposed rate.

We purchased this property in March 2001 as part of a rural lifestyle holding for the purposes of us
to run in conjunction with our current rural property at . When
Costello Road gets too big for us to manage we plan to move to

At the time of purchasing this property the surrounding properties were all lifestyle properties.
Since that time we have seen subdivision encroach upon us although across Pukekohe East Road it is
still rural/lifestyle farmland.

Our intention for this property is that we will not change it to an Urban property we use it for hay
and winter stock grazing and the primary when we move there in the future will be to graze animals
and horses. The property meets your own classification of farm/lifestyle property as it is between
4000m² and 1 ha and has some farming activities undertaken on the property.

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subdivision on this property and do not intend to.

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reason to penalise us just because development has encroached upon us.

I hope this information helps you to make a more balanced decision considering that we live in a
rural, food production area that is essential for the health of our Nation.

Please contact me if you require further information



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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Agree consolidating into larger multi-use facilities will be beneficial to the community. However, thought is required as to how these facilities best service a more diverse group of people and activities.

Auckland has a desperate shortage of indoor sports facilities. Last year our sports club enquired with 41 schools or council facilities before finding availability. Futsal clubs provide similar reports, often having to change venue week by week to fit in.

Furthermore, these facilities are almost entirely tailored toward basketball and netball and do not properly cater to the needs of a growing number of European & Asian indoor sports being adopted by Kiwis (Floorball, Futsal, Handball, Badminton, Volleyball).

The Auckland community would be greatly served by a home for indoor sports. A large central multipurpose facility built for a broader range of sports. Wellington has benefited from such a venue (ASB Sports Centre) where in 10 years our sport has grown 17 fold, while in Auckland, hamstrung by venue availability, we have barely got off the ground.

A home for indoor sports would nurture a more diverse range of activities, allow us to host national and international tournaments and the crowds that follow, and increase uptake of sport among those for whom Netball and Basketball may not be their cup of tea. Indoor sports are becoming more popular as they involve higher inclusion, higher energy and are generally structured in a more social manor. Indoor sports have also proven to be more manageable under COVID restrictions, as we have held tournaments under Level 2 restrictions using careful crowd and player segregation. But these sports cannot grow without a proper home.

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Regarding the APTR I am proposing option 3 - July 2022 to reinstate.

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Good morning Mayor Goff, Councillors and Finance Committee

My name I am the chair of Accommodation Association New Zealand's Auckland Branch, board member of Hospitality New Zealand, member of Auckland Unlimited Destination Committee and owner of two motels; Whangaparaoa Lodge located here in Auckland and Kerikeri Park Lodge in the Bay of Islands.

Thank you for allowing me some time today to present to you some background information as the Chair of the Auckland Branch - Accommodation Association New Zealand who represent over 75 accommodation providers across a broad spectrum including hotels, lodges, backpackers, serviced apartments and motels here in the Auckland region on the topic of the extension to the current suspension of the APTR.

At this point I would like to thank the previous ATEED board, Chair Mark Franklin, and Steve Armitage and his operations team for initiating and supporting the Commercial Accommodation providers in our proposal for the original suspension of the APTR last year. This support showed understanding and willingness to work together. It has been incredibly difficult for all of our businesses to operate over these last 12 months to manage expenses and major changes in our organisations - still with a recovery no where near in site.

My submission is in line with Accommodation Association New Zealand's stance, out of the three options presented by the Finance Committee that option 3 - to extend the suspension of the APTR to June 2022 is the only option that can realistically be considered - simply on the basic understanding that accommodation businesses in Auckland have been the most affected and continue to be severely affected financially by Covid 19 as Auckland continuously yo-yo's in and out of lockdowns.

In addition a review should be put in place to further extend the suspension or to abolish the APTR completely in the future. This should be based on levels of forecast growth of International tourism to Auckland, the ability to secure and hold major international events, borders re-opening, airlines being able to fly with limited or no restrictions and the NZICC being open and operational. Only then will Auckland be able to attract tourism back, bringing hotel occupancies and room rates to sustainable and growth levels.

To give some insight I will share some information about my motel - Whangaparaoa Lodge over the last 12 months; which typically reflects that of the small accommodation provider here in Auckland.

(the figures below are comparing 2021 financial year with 2019)

- Revenue down 41%. Occupancy dropped from over 70% to less than 43%. The average rate also dropped by 10% with low demand

- Through major cost cutting, negotiating with suppliers and banks, landlord support, consolidating assets, redundancies and staff cuts I was able to maintain our gross profit margin. However in dollar terms this was over 40% down.
- Net profit I just managed to just break even - i.e., money coming in equals money going out. This may sound like a success story given the situation however the Govt wage subsidy supported our employees payroll - this will not happen in 2021.

I want to give you an insight to what does a 2 week level 3 lockdown mean for us:

- Immediately all the business on the books for 2 weeks is cancelled
- At week 2 business for weeks 3 and 4 starts to cancel
- No new bookings for any time in the future are received
- Bookings start to come in from the end of week 3; very slowly
- I mentioned Break Even point before - for me that is about \$1400 per day. Over these lockdowns I did not make \$1400 for the 2 weeks - and this is supposed to be our busiest time of the year to save money for the winter.

In short I need more revenue - I need more travellers to Auckland, and I need uninterrupted, non-lockdown sustained periods of time to operate my business.

Given the recent level 3 lockdown, a slow vaccine roll out program and the Government's lack of appetite to take any risk with the borders, my forecast for the next financial year is only slightly improved. Some of the reasons include:

- New Zealand's domestic tourism market is fueled by Auckland - leaving a small pool of Aucklanders on the weekends and holidays to attract business from
- Auckland's number of hotel rooms is increasing over the coming years; and the number of Airbnb operators is still very high (who are massively discounting prices to gain business)
- The continuous level 2 and 3 lockdowns have decimated our business but also damaged the level of confidence travellers from outside Auckland have to visit the city. These lockdowns and the negative impression about Auckland and Aucklanders within New Zealand are affecting levels of tourism to Auckland NOW. Travellers are simply just not coming here for a holiday.
- Quarantine hotels in the city centre are also a massive disincentive for tourists to visit the city
- Nothing appears to be changing from a strategy perspective from the Government as far as community outbreaks go so I foresee the continuation of level 3 lockdowns in Auckland.
- Ongoing issues with the city still in a serious state of reconstruction and the growing homeless population is a problem that needs to be addressed.
- Major events continuously being cancelled and postponed - I foresee that this will damage the reputation that we have to hold major events in the future. Convincing major

events that are already locked in to commit will be challenging if this situation remains unchanged.

- Our 2021 Summer is now over - the time we had to make any money to cover the slow winter months is done.

I fully understand that the city needs to provide Destination marketing, and agree somewhat with the concept that all those who benefit from the marketing should contribute in some way - the APTR however was never the correct tool for this - made more apparent by these times.

Now is not the time to look to take money from those businesses and industries that clearly have been affected the most - it should be to support them. Mayor Bolt for example is leading by example by saying recently that he is not even thinking about the Queenstown bed tax. There will be a right time, but he doesn't expect to pick up that conversation again for 2 or 3 years. His focus now is on helping Queenstown businesses to survive. I ask that this is also the view of our local Councilors - to help Auckland accommodation businesses survive.

The Accommodation Association New Zealand and the industry are more than willing to work with those responsible on alternative ways for funding and collaboration to market our city as a destination. For example:

- Lower the amount of spend on marketing the destination until we are clear the expenditure will lead to confirmed events and visitation. This would mean industry working with Auckland Unlimited to estimate what the budget for visitor attraction, major events and destination marketing should be for the short term. We all - from small to large hotels market the destination - we have to work together on how this can be achieved more efficiently - an example is Wellington rolling out the Eat, Drink, Stay and Play promotion exclusively created by Hospitality New Zealand and its members to stimulate the market.
- We need to utilise the potential benefits from the merger of ATEED and RFA to Auckland Unlimited.
- Given the benefits from tourism, the Central Government should provide additional funds (such as the Regional Events Fund already provided to stimulate domestic tourism around events) to promote New Zealand as a destination internationally - this responsibility should not fall on Auckland ratepayers particularly at this time.
- Industry and local Council led proposals to Central Government around funding for tourism; in all honesty local councils cannot afford to market their city as a destination over the next 12-18 months. Priorities have to lie in other basic tasks councils are responsible for. However accommodation providers also cannot afford this now.
- Reality is that the Government has been reaping the benefits from Tourism for many years now - and it's Covid monetary support and response for the industry falls well short of those benefits gained in the past. I am suggesting we work harder together to get fair funding for our destination - as New Zealand will again benefit from the regrowth of Auckland's tourism industry.

In closing I ask that you - the Councillors consider not just mine, but the other related presentations today - who also support the extension of the suspension of the APTR until June 2022 and longer. Their presentations will include more specific facts, figures, data from an industry perspective and proposals to work with the Central Government and industry closely to find a better, more equitable and fair solution for funding tourism.

In reality you only need to ask one question to decide if suspending the APTR until June 2022 is the right moral and fair decision for accommodation providers:

What marketing spend can be made this year that can improve my occupancy in Whangaparaoa Lodge this year? Honestly speaking - Given the current conditions we are living in there is not a lot that can be done; instead prioritising saving our businesses so we have them for the future must be our focus....exactly the same decision that each and every accommodation business has had to make this year in order to survive.

Thank you for your time. Are there any questions?



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

Support

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

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

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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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

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Other target areas for improving water quality mentioned in the consultation document include coastal areas from Hobson's Bay to St Heliers, as well as the Manukau Harbour. We support the delivery of improved water quality in these areas, with major construction projects starting six years earlier in 2022/2023. We also support funding of additional litter trap projects to improve freshwater and coastal water quality through contaminant removal in the catchment of the Tāmaki Estuary and across the entire region.

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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.

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Which option do you support?

Tell us why:

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No

6. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why

Feedback we received during the local board plan consultation last year clearly told us that we need to focus on renewals and upgrades for the 69 play spaces in our local board area.

In addition, we want to explore the idea of a “destination” play space and would love to hear your thoughts on what one would look like.

What should a "destination" play space include for all ages?

Where do you think is the best location for a "destination" play space in the Howick Local Board area?

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why

We are proposing to increase fees and charges on community places of hire by 6 per cent. This increase would reflect inflation adjustment cost of 1 per cent per year for the previous six years, as the rates have not been adjusted for inflation over that period. This increase will go towards the running costs of the community places.

What is your opinion on this inflation adjusted increase in fees and charges?

Tell us why

Are you a regular user of community places in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area? (e.g. Ōtara Music Art Centre, East Tāmaki Community Hall, Papatoetoe Town Hall, Te Puke ō Tara Community Centre)

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

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Rating policy – Natural Environment targeted rate - SUPPORT

Predator and Pest control

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10-year budget 2021/2031

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Submitter details

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Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Do not support

Tell us why: I oppose the sale of the public spaces and parks and community spaces. There needs to be a greater control on expenditure, outside the community area, or else the pursuit of different forms of revenue taht the high reliance on rates to make up the shortfall.

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Other

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why: Don't live in those areas so comments best left to those affected.

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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

Tell us why The alternative cycle route from Opuia across Lowe St and up Fraser and across to Esmonde Rd is an essential add-on to the much needed Lake Rd upgrade.

But, Support addressing climate change and water quality (especially at the Wairau Creek) but the use of targeted rates has shown the ethical fraud perpetuated when targeted rates are collected for projects that never, rarely happen or are delayed for many years. We oppose the sale of the public spaces and parks and community spaces. There needs to be a greater control on expenditure, outside the community area, or else the pursuit of different forms of revenue that the high reliance on rates to make up the shortfall. The existing DTLB remits opposing the sale of the parks and community facilities should stand. See attachment.

Kaipātiki Local Board

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?

Tell us why

With additional regional funding likely to be limited in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, do you support us investigating options for a future locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects that are beyond the existing funding available to the local board?

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how would you rank these key initiatives from our 2020 Local Board Plan? (1 = most like to be funded, 3 = least like to be funded)

Addressing flooding and seawater inundation at Little Shoal Bay, Northcote

Multi-sport facility and improved aquatic play space at Birkenhead War Memorial park

Commuter and recreational walking and cycling links, such as shared paths, bush tracks and connections to the Northern Pathway (to be prioritised in the update of the Kaipātiki Connections Network Connections Plan)

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how much would you be willing to pay annually on top of your rates bill?

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

Targeted rates should be spent in the years collected or detailed community communication as to why not. Otherwise its an ethical fraud.

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Dear Auckland Council,

I wish to register my formal objection to the revocation of the reserve status of 24R Linwood Ave, Sunnynook as proposed by Auckland Council.

Submission from Save our Shore Public Spaces Inc. (SOSPS).

To Auckland Council

Re:- 10-year budget 2021-2031 (long-term plan) consultation

12 March 2021.

1. Save Our Shore Public Spaces Incorporated (SOSPS) is an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 (Number 50048900)
2. Our objections relate to the properties listed for disposal on page 560 of Auckland Council 10-year Budget 2021-2031 Supporting Information and including two properties (2 The Strand, Takapuna and 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport) that are further elaborated upon in pages 601- 606.
3. SOSPS was incorporated in 2020 and our public interest objects at the Purposes section are:-
 - a) *To acknowledge and affirm that Devonport/Takapuna local Board area's community, neighbourhood, suburban, network and other park, and open space areas, are recognized and valued by its residents and others.*
 - b) *promote the interests of residents of the Devonport Takapuna Local Board area and community including but not limited to:-*
 - i. *protecting and enhancing our parks, roads, reserves and open spaces*
 - ii. *protecting and enhancing our built, natural environmental, and cultural assets and heritage*
 - iii. *protecting and enhancing our community buildings and facilities and other assets*
 - c) *To take an active interest in all matters pertaining to good local government affecting the interests of the residents of the Devonport Takapuna Local Board and the communities within the Board's area.*
 - d) *To receive financial gifts and subscriptions for the express purposes of the above objects.*

SOSPS oppose the privatisation of the reserve at 24 R Linwood Ave, Forrest Hill and support its retention for local community open space as requested and proposed by several community groups.

We understand that the Sunnynook Community Association also had advocated (and still do) for the retention of the open spaces in the Sunnynook Forrest Hill areas as uses for community gardens and pocket parks.^[1] The Association lobbied both the local board and Auckland Council in March 2019, and again more recently in 2020 for the park to be retained and used by the community.

Former North Shore City District Plan maps show this portion of park, proposed for sale, as part of the main reserve. There is no boundary or separate property line. Therefore, it is probably part of the same block of land and gazetted under the Reserves Act 1977. However, the reserve is listed as number 24 but on some maps it is 24R, and Council have allocated as 24R. There is some confusion as to the exact size of the piece resolved for disposal. The Council agenda describes a strip (for disposal). But recent (October 2020) planning zone change maps show 24R as most of the reserve.^[2]

Even if it is considered just a strip of land, no. 24R is surrounded by houses on two boundaries and forms a well-used accessway to the main reserve. It is not the only access, but it is an important access to a busy park.

The park is located between 13 and 15 Woodstock Road, Forrest Hill described as part of Lot 251, Deposited Plan 53183 comprising approximately 130m²

The disposal of this park was opposed by the Devonport Takapuna Local Board 20 October 2015.

Resolution number DT/2015/205

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

a) opposes the revocation of the reserve status and disposal of the portion of Linwood Reserve located between 13 and 15 Woodstock Road, Forrest Hill described as part of Lot 251, Deposited Plan 53183 comprising approximately 130m² (subject to survey), for the following reasons:

i. reserves should be excluded from the Auckland Council Long-term Plan policy/direction to obtain revenue from the sale of council property, except in situations where a compelling case has been made, and no such case has been made in this instance.

ii. the Sunnynook /Forest Hill area has had and continues to have significant population growth making it critical that all reserve land in that area is retained to assist in providing sufficient public open space for that anticipated growth.

b) recommends to the governing body that, in future before internal evaluation is undertaken on disposal of reserves, that the local board is notified, and initial input sought.

CARRIED

18. a Local Board again on 20 October 2016 "... noted that the Sunnynook area has significant population growth and the reserve land is crucial to the community. The Board also expressed frustration at the Council's processes during the proposed disposal'.^[3]

I understand that the local board resolutions still stand as they have not been revoked.

The Regional Development and Strategy Committee of Auckland Council resolved on 3 December 2015 to not sell the land.

"Carried That the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee: a) agree that council not revoke the reserve status and dispose of the portion of Linwood Reserve located between 13 and 15 Woodstock Road, Forrest Hill described as part of Lot 251, Deposited Plan 53183 comprising approximately 130m2 (subject to survey). Resolution number REG/2015/105".^[4]

Council advise that any sale of this land would be subject to s 24 of the Reserves Act 1977. However, they also state that if Council revokes the reserve status then it would just proceed with the sale.

Pursuant to section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977, public notification is required of a proposal to revoke a reserve, with such notice to include the reason for the proposal. If any objections are received these are to be referred back to the Regional Policy and Strategy Committee for consideration, and the decision of the committee must be forwarded to the Department of Conservation for completion of the revocation process. Advertising of the proposal to sell the land as required under the Reserves Act 1977 will give the public the opportunity to consider the proposal and submit comments or objections. Should a resolution be obtained from the Regional Policy and Strategy Committee to revoke the reserve status and dispose of the subject site, Panuku, on behalf of the council, will negotiate an agreement to sell the land at current market value to an adjoining owner. The other adjoining landowner will be consulted as part of this process. The purchaser would be required to meet the costs of the proposed reserve revocation. The terms and conditions of the agreement will be approved under the relevant financial delegation.

The site in question is not subject to section 40 Public Works Act 1981 offer back obligations.

We recognise that the subject property is not one of council's strategic assets to which the Significance Policy applies.^[5]

But this property, in Forrest Hill, is identified in the Open Space Network plan that advised of open space shortfalls in the Board's area. Several of those suburbs are listed as *also* having gaps in the 'Neighbourhood park' and 'suburb park' categories: (so they have a double gap).

In the Open Space Network Plan, the gaps are highlighted as being in Crown Hill, Westlake, Hauraki, and Seacliffe. The 2 Forrest Hill park falls in the Westlake gap. The Open Space Network Plan document (shows at fig 11) depicts the whole of the Devonport Takapuna Local Board area, apart from Devonport in the south, to have park gaps.⁶

The proposed sale reflects no substantial purpose except to try and raise revenue for the Council. It is inappropriate to sell off open space, reserves and parks just to meet a budgetary shortfall.

We request that the Council refuses to revoke the reserve status and opposes the sale of this piece of much loved and valued community reserve.

Kind regards

^[1] Sunnynook Community Association "Proposal to develop Number 2 Forrest Hill Road as a pocket park" (March 2019, Auckland: Sunnynook Community Association).

^[2] Tony Reidy "Proposed Plan Change - Open Space 2020: Map 71 R 24 Linwood Avenue in Open Space 2020" (27 October 2020, Auckland Council, Auckland) at 71

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I am writing to you on behalf of Jo Coughlan, Chair of New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust. Please find attached a letter from Jo seeking your support for the 2021 New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW). We wish to speak orally to this submission if possible.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to working with you and the Auckland City Council to deliver a successful NZCLW 2021

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C/o Office of the Mayor,

Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West,

Auckland 1142

18th February 2021

Dear Mayor Phil Goff and Councillors,

Annual Plan Submission 2021/22

Please consider this a submission to the council's annual plan. I am writing to bid for \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 26th of September to the 2nd of October 2021.

Background

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders' understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then, New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment.

As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum, the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China.

Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

NZCLW 2021

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting the delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China;
- Publishing a trilingual children's book for distribution to schools and libraries across New Zealand;
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day;
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material;
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders;
- Media promotion; and
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media.

In terms of council involvement, many Mayors have taken up the #5Days5Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China-themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand's future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19, having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don't hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: www.nzclw.com

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2021/22 submission. If you have any further queries or

Warmest regards,

Chair
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust



2021 SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION





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ABOUT NZCLW

New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) is a Kiwi-driven initiative designed to increase Chinese language learning in New Zealand and deepen cultural understanding with our largest trading partner.

NZCLW seeks to bridge the cultural and linguistic knowledge gap between China and New Zealand by delivering fun and practical initiatives that assist Kiwis to learn Chinese.

The initiative is the first of its kind in any Western country and emerged in the context of a rapidly strengthening relationship between New Zealand and China.

WHY DO WE NEED NZCLW?

NZCLW helps New Zealanders feel familiar with China and its people, enhancing cultural understanding and linguistic communication to boost interaction both in trade and cultural exchange.

This involves New Zealanders becoming more “Asia literate” and fostering political, economic, and social relationships. China is a key area of focus for this.

China is now our largest trading partner, as well as being a vital source of tourism and international students. NZCLW builds on the Government’s objective to strengthen our relationship with Asia by actively participating in the growth and prosperity of the Asian region.

Supporting NZCLW will encourage the ongoing development of cross-cultural connections within our Kiwi Chinese ethnic community, as well as leveraging New Zealand’s ability to connect to China.



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2020 BY THE NUMBERS

700

Books donated to schools, libraries and politicians in 2020. Up from 500 in 2019.

313,649

Individuals reached on Facebook and Instagram in 2020. Up from 225,805 in 2019.

239

Celebrations and events we are aware of in 2020 despite COVID-19.

1.09M +

Individuals reached through traditional media in 2020.

\$251,390

NZD Total advertising space rate in Kiwi media coverage up from \$165,635 in 2019.



NZCLW is enormously grateful to all the sponsors and supporters of NZCLW who have provided advice, in-kind support, and financial assistance to date.

For NZCLW to maintain momentum and achieve its goals we are seeking to reaffirm existing partnerships and secure new sponsors for 2021 and beyond. To continue our sustainable future growth, we would prefer a two-three year commitment for the trust to maintain momentum.

WHY SUPPORT NZCLW?

1

Demonstrate your commitment to ensuring New Zealand is accepting and welcoming.

2

Demonstrate your commitment to diversity and social responsibility with key stakeholders

3

Use our platform to promote and show your commitment to the NZ China business relationship

4

Catch the attention of your Chinese audience and grow your community therefore enhancing business connections

5

Increase brand reach on social media and in the national media



WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

COMMITMENT

PLATNIUM

OPPORTUNITIES

All Gold opportunities plus:

- Position on the Trust as an Honorary Advisor
- Acknowledgement in media releases

INVESTMENT

**\$20,000 +
GST**

GOLD

All Silver opportunities plus:

- Logo on promotional material, including posters to all schools
- Space at events for promotional banners/stands where possible
- Direct engagement with project team to leverage opportunity to highlight your engagement with China

\$15,000 + GST

SILVER

All Bronze opportunities plus:

- Links and marketing on social media channels

\$5,000 + GST

BRONZE

- Logo on website and in presentations
- Sponsorship pack with useful phrases brochure, trilingual book and lapel badges.

\$2,000 + GST





NEXT STEPS

We would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with our team if you would like to have a meeting with our Chair Jo Coughlan to discuss further.

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SUBMISSION ON AUCKLAND COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

TO: AUCKLAND COUNCIL

FROM: COOPER AND COMPANY NZ

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

1. Cooper and Company NZ (Cooper and Company) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021 – 2031, the proposed Long Term Plan/10 year Budget 2021 - 2031(LTP) for Auckland Council (Council).
2. Cooper and Company, through its Britomart group interests, is a key landowner and manager of the Britomart Precinct, and the Council's development partner under the Britomart Development Deed. Cooper and Company manages the Precinct's public spaces as well as footpaths adjoining the Precinct on Quay and Customs Streets. Cooper and Company also has interests in a number of other sites in the City Centre occupied by carparking structures.¹
3. Cooper and Company has taken an active role in all of the relevant city centre planning processes (including the recent City Centre Masterplan Refresh), and the downtown project's planning, consenting and designation processes in order to ensure that the Precinct continues to achieve the vision set out in the Development Deed.²
4. Cooper and Company is concerned that the approach proposed in the LTP of not providing any additional funding for the City Centre and Local Development (and in particular the downtown waterfront area) will undermine the achievement of the outcomes envisioned in the City Centre Masterplan 2020 – particularly the Harbour Edge Stitch; and is inconsistent with the vision set out in the Development Deed. Cooper and Company therefore request that the Council revise the LTP to include further funding for the waterfront/downtown area.

¹ Britomart Carpark, 88 Quay Street; Arena Carpark, 10 Taporā Street; Viaduct Carpark, 15 Sturdee Street; and Maritime Carpark, 14 Parkenham Street.

² This vision includes ensuring the Precinct integrates with the Britomart Transport Centre, maximises 24/7 usage and vibrancy, is vibrant, people dominated and safe.

IMPORTANCE OF DOWNTOWN AREA

5. The waterfront is the jewel in Auckland's crown. It is a focal point for those who live, work, and play in the city and a major drawcard for international and domestic tourists alike. It is an area where people congregate, recreate and transition through. The waterfront provides significant amenity in its own right, as well as acting as a Harbour Edge Stitch – connecting the Engine Room of the City to the Sea. The waterfront is lined with many historic and heritage features, including the iconic red fence, the Ferry Building, and the heritage buildings which line the southern side of Quay Street; all of which contribute to the City's unique sense of place.
6. Britomart Precinct directly adjoins the waterfront area (between Lower Queen Street and Britomart Place) and is an important component of the Harbour Edge Stitch, connecting and integrating the City with the sea. The vision for Britomart (as set out in the Development Deed) is that it:

“...continue to develop and evolve by building from what has been achieved to date consistent with the following objectives:

 - *quality low rise heritage based precinct;*
 - *integration with the existing Britomart Transport Centre;*
 - *a mix of uses and activities to maximise 24 hour usage and vibrancy;*
 - *retail components which reinforce and reinvigorate retailing in downtown Auckland; and*
 - *is vibrant, people dominated and safe.”*
7. This context is important when considering how development should be planned, constructed, and funded, for projects within the waterfront area.

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE LONG TERM PLAN

8. The downtown programme currently includes a number of existing projects which are intended to enhance the waterfront area and better connect the waterfront to the city. It is understood such projects are intended to give effect the vision for the waterfront harbour edge stitch set out in in the City Centre Masterplan 2020, namely a *“city centre waterfront area that is a world-class destination, that excites the senses and celebrates our sea-loving Pacific culture and maritime history”*.
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Street" will be achieved when funding has not been prioritised and allocated for the pedestrian areas on these streets. Being people focused requires more than just the removal of lanes of traffic; it requires creating an environment that is pedestrian friendly and where people are encouraged to, and wish to visit, pass through and congregate.

10. Given the adverse amenity effects that the waterfront and downtown area has experienced over the past four years (and will continue to experience) while construction of the City Rail Link and other large infrastructure projects is completed, it is more important than ever that the restoration and enhancement of the waterfront area is prioritised, and appropriately funded.
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13. Cooper and Company is available to meet with the Council to discuss this submission should that be helpful.

DATE: 9 March 2021

Address for service of submitter:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Email:

Contact person:



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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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

Tell us why We need destination play space in Howick Ward

Feedback we received during the local board plan consultation last year clearly told us that we need to focus on renewals and upgrades for the 69 play spaces in our local board area.

In addition, we want to explore the idea of a "destination" play space and would love to hear your thoughts on what one would look like.

What should a "destination" play space include for all ages?

Apart from play space itself, it should either be close to other services such as parking and food offerings. If not the play space should include commercial activities to encourage visitors

Where do you think is the best location for a "destination" play space in the Howick Local Board area?

Somewhere accessible with ample of car park, such as lloyd elsmore park

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

Key issue 3: Responding to housing and growth, Auckland Council needs to do what they can to increase productivity and efficiency for housing and growth, whether it is responding to government agency or private developers. Streamlining consenting and infrastructure support for all scale of projects are essential.

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Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Don't know

Tell us why:

2. Climate change

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

Don't know

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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Extending the targeted rate

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Increasing the targeted rate

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why:

4. Community investment

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

Tell us why:

5. Rating policy

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6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

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As a football club we believe it is important that Auckland Council continues to invest in developing great facilities like grounds and clubrooms to ensure great programmes can be delivered that get Aucklanders out and active. This is even more important after Covid when a lot more people have quit sport. More assistance with operating costs for buildings would also help, upkeep and improvements are consuming a lot of the fees we charge our members.

In our particular area we have an ethnically diverse population and it is important for us to make football as accessible as possible.

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Your local board: Regional organisation

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

Support

Tell us why: Will good idea about future

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension only

Tell us why:

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Which option do you support?

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

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

Yes

6. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why:

What is your opinion on the Dominion Road Business Association boundary expansion of the Dominion Road BID programme? Support

Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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Your local board: Regional organisation

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

Don't know

Tell us why:

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Don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your view on this proposal? Don't know

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In principle, given the uncertainty of when major international travel will return reinstating the APTR would significantly damage an industry already bearing the brunt of C-19 travel restrictions. It is clear that many sectors are suffering due to the la

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

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

Support

Tell us why: I support selling surplus properties, not at this time for increasing the rates, due to people not having enough income to sustain their everyday needs. We should focus both Investment and people. What is the used of investment when we can't help people to survive.?

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: Support investing in transport for Electric buses. What more we can do to keep our trees, and the rubbish.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: This needs to be more clear and not just increasing and extending and yet actions is focus more on money instead of actions and results of the purpose.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Would it be possible that those building that needs repair, be given to some organisation who can maintain and used the property into something worthy. Our organisation would like to have one of the unused, building into a clinic which we will maintain and use for the community. Can the Council invest into that initiative?

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My proposal is the introduction of Electricity Network but not so much on increasing the rates please also consider that people have problems in their household income.?

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

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No

6. Local Boards

Whau Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why Whau is a diverse community and we need lots of support like low doctors fee, we would collaborate with the Board to have a low doctors fee for people who are at the very low or no income at all. We need sports facility for young kids to get busy at,, we need to review the yellow sign on the recent marking on the roads specially Golf Rd. Please have a review on that. Our organisation would like to collaborate to the local board for the suggestion above.

7. What is important to you?

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Yes, I also would like to have feedback on the growth or infrastructure; i.e the booming housing. Assets land or building.

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Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Do not support

Tell us why: Every body has suffered financially due to covid and now you want more rates as well.

Will the rates rise be for one year only ?? probably not they will keep putting it up each year.

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: Electric busses are not the answer. they cost more, how long will the batteries last and cost of replacment batteries every 10 years.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension only

Tell us why: There are more important things to spend money on.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: I don't use any council facilities but still have to pay for them in the rates every year.

Should be user pays and private operators will probably provide better service.

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We are already paying high power bills, power companies should be paying for the tree maintenance under their lines.

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

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Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

We are a small farm on the out skirts of Drury. Every year our rates are going up. Last time we had a review the inspector said it was because we had good views and the land was worth more. The sheep and cows don't care what they look at. We don't have town water or sewer.

No public transport , rubbish collection we have to pay for bags, recycling every second week if they turn up.

The roads are rubbish and not maintained, we quite often have to do our own repairs. We have other farms around us contaminating the waterways. we have neighbors subdividing causing damage to our land, when we ring the council they tell us to plant more trees ???

Very annoy rate payer

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

Other

Tell us why: I do not support the spending allocated for Transport but do support spending in all other areas. Cycle ways and bus lanes have not resulted in reduced traffic and will not do so in my view. The transport money should be spend on electrification of our ferry fleet (through private enterprise, not rate payers money). Also do not support the sale of public assets, particular waterfront.

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: As per above, if you are spending more money on climate change, a greater focus on our transport vehicles is required. Cycleways are not the answer as apart from the central city, Auckland is too spread out to see a major increase in people biking to work so the investment in this area is not practical.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: This is long overdue - our population growth means more money needs to be spent in this area. Perhaps consider private sector investment in infrastructure here, contracted to the Council for 100 years say?

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Support this, provided investments made into these areas are holistic. In other words, not supporting just one culture or interest group. Rates should clearly fund community assets that benefit the wider community, whereas special interest applications should be funded privately or through charity fundraisers.

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Tell us why: What analysis is done to show how many residents in this area will use a new bus service? Have the residents of Paremoremo and Albany been canvassed?

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why

Feedback we received during the local board plan consultation last year clearly told us that we need to focus on renewals and upgrades for the 69 play spaces in our local board area.

In addition, we want to explore the idea of a "destination" play space and would love to hear your thoughts on what one would look like.

What should a "destination" play space include for all ages?

I don't know what this is

Where do you think is the best location for a "destination" play space in the Howick Local Board area?

7. What is important to you?

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infrastructure is key to a healthy City and with population growth expected, this should be the focus.

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Have your say on Auckland Council's proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy

About the Revenue and Financing Policy

Our Revenue and Financing Policy sets out the:

- funding tools available to us (for example rates and fees for services like building consents)
- factors we consider when deciding which tools to use
- decisions we have made on how to fund each of our activities.

What we need your feedback on

We propose the following amendments to our Revenue and Financing Policy (in line with the proposals for the 10-year Budget 2021-2031):

- change the matters used to define the general rate Urban Rating Area to include activities that are permitted, controlled, or discretionary for the area in which the land is situated, and the rules to which the land is subject under the Auckland Unitary Plan
- change service being funded by the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate to remove reference to ATEED (now part of Auckland Unlimited)
- add the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate applicable to Vector Limited only to fund the maintenance of trees near powerlines
- add the Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate to fund maintenance of drainage assets in the drainage districts
- add the Clevedon Wastewater and Water Connection Targeted Rate to fund connection costs to reticulated wastewater and water systems
- updates to reflect our revised timing for fully funding depreciation
- updates to clarify the description of the long-term differential strategy.

For more information about the proposed amendment, please refer to Section 7: Additional supporting information pages 459 - 522, 531 - 548 of the Supporting Information Document for the 10-year Budget 2021-2031.

If the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy are not made, then the council will be unable to implement the changes to rates, and approach to fund depreciation, proposed as part of the 10-year Budget 2021-31 consultation.

Feedback must be received by 22 March 2021.

Submit your application

All of the questions below are optional. We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, or you can complete this form and return it to us using one of the options below.

Email

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

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 92300, Auckland 1142

In person

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

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

First name: BIL Last name: CHIU

Email address or postal address: PO BOX 5640, VICTORIA STREET WEST
AUCKLAND 1142

Your local board: WAITEMATA

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/business: MILLENNIUM + CO PTIANG HOTEL
NEW ZEALAND LIMITED.

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 Samoan
- Cook Islands Māori Tongan Chinese
- Indian South East Asian Korean
- Middle Eastern / Latin American / African
- Other (please specify): _____

1. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Choose one

- Yes
- No
- Other

Tell us why or provide any other comments on our proposed changes. (Please be clear which part(s) of the proposal you are referring to).

PLEASE REFER TO THE DETAILED SUBMISSION ATTACHED

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SUBMISSION BY MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS NEW ZEALAND LIMITED ON THE
ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER TARGETED RATE IN 2021/2022

As the owner / operator of the M Social Auckland (196-200 Quay Street, Auckland), Millennium & Copthorne Hotels New Zealand Limited is making this submission with regard to the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate ("APTR") in response to your letter of 22 February 2021 inviting us to do so.

It is worth noting that we believe that this consultation is nothing more than a cynical tick-box exercise as you have requested that we choose from three options, none of which are appropriate, kind or economically justifiable. This is evidenced from the Budget Supporting Information Document ("BSID") where Council's intention is made clear:

"We currently plan for the APTR to resume from 1 April 2021 following the end of the current suspension".¹

In the Mayor's Message at the beginning of the Recovery Budget Consultation Document ("RBCD") he correctly noted that

"As long as New Zealand's borders remain closed, Auckland as a major tourist destination and destination for the largest group of international students will continue to be disproportionally affected".

¹ Refer Council's Budget Supporting Information Document ("BSID"), page 520.

The fact that the decision is effectively pre-determined runs contrary to the Principles of Consultation outlined by the Ministry of Internal Affairs which is the oversight ministry for local government. Amongst its stated principles for consultation, (refer http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/igip.nsf/wpg_url/About-Local-Government-Local-Government-In-New-Zealand-How-councils-should-make-decisions) is the principle that councils should "receive these views with an open mind and give them due consideration when making a decision". The options and the predetermined outcome sought by Council do not comply with this principle and we submit therefore that this consultation exercise is a sham.

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We agree with this statement. It is obviously so. We therefore put this question to the Mayor, Council and officials:

“If you truly understand that tourism, hotels and attractions will continue to be disproportionately affected, why impose any rate or charge which itself is going to cause a further disproportionate effect ?”:

If there was any industry that has had to understand first-hand the effects of COVID-19 on its operations and on its people it has been the tourism industry. Thousands of jobs have been lost at hotels, motels, visitor attractions, airlines and related services due to COVID-19 globally. We ourselves have had to let people go, reduce hours, reduce pay and make significant adjustments due to COVID-19. We get it. But unlike Council, we cannot raise our rates or prices to try and get back what we lost due to the markets and domestic and international visitors who were not able to travel and who won't travel to New Zealand for quite some time. That is not economically feasible in the current environment.

Council appears to think that regardless of the current circumstances, destination marketing activity is still required². We disagree. Given that the tourism and accommodation industries are reliant on the New Zealand domestic market for the foreseeable future, Auckland will always be a natural and important market for New Zealand being New Zealand's largest city. It does not require as much promotion as more regional centres who are more disproportionately affected by the lack of international visitors. Given the dire messaging in the RBCD and BSID, surely ratepayers will be better served if Council directs its focus on the real infrastructure deficits outlined in both.

Further, there continues to be a clear disconnect in terms of the purpose of the APTR. The BSID states:

“Auckland Council, through Auckland Unlimited, has a strong focus on developing Auckland's visitor economy into a sustainable year-round industry, including working with industry

² Refer Council's Budget Supporting Information Document (“BSID”), page 519.

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*partners such as Tourism New Zealand and Auckland International Airport Limited to attract high-value visitors, and facilitating the establishment of **world-class attractions**. The Auckland Convention Bureau team attracts business events which inject millions annually into the economy”³.*

“Auckland Unlimited is also focused on continuing to expand Auckland as a world-leading events city through attracting, delivering and/or supporting an annual portfolio of more than 30 major events”⁴.

*“The Accommodation provider targeted rate will be used to help part fund the **costs of visitor attraction, major events and destination and marketing** which are part of council’s “economic growth and visitor economy” activity”⁵.*

(emphasis added)

There is much to take issue with and we have raised these issues multiple times in the past through submissions and meetings with Council and CCO officials. In summary:

- The “visitor economy” is more than hotels, motels and accommodation providers;
- Auckland Unlimited does not work with us directly on the promotion of our hotels;
- In the current environment and given that major events are booked many months and years in advance, we question whether Auckland Unlimited can meet its annual portfolio targets much less deliver any tangible benefits to the hotel and accommodation sectors due to the ongoing uncertainty with regard to COVID-19 globally;
- The emphasis on attractions clearly excludes hotels and accommodation. As the statutory principles behind targeted rates mean that the parties on which a targeted rate is imposed on must derive a benefit, this is not fulfilled.

³ BSID, page 292.

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Council therefore appears to believe that visitor promotion in an environment where the borders are currently closed and are highly likely to remain closed until well in to 2022 will still provide “*fundamentally*” the same benefits to accommodation providers⁶. This conclusion can only be described as Kafkaesque⁷. We submit that it does not therefore comply with section 101(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 as the impact of the allocation of liability for the APTR, particularly its economic impact and well-being on hotels and their employees who form part of the Auckland community, has not taken into account

In the BSID, it is clear that Council are assuming a scenario where there will be significant disruption from COVID on Auckland. We note that the scenario modelling includes⁸:

- Fluctuations between COVID-19 Alert Levels 1 and 3 for the 2020/2021 year;
- Extended border controls with Level 1 to December 2022;
- No restrictions from 1 January 2023.

We submit that based on those assumptions alone, the APTR, if it is to be reintroduced, should not be restored until 2024 at the earliest. This would give Auckland’s hotels a chance to increase occupancy and revenue to a sustainable level and not be burdened with additional unjustified charges. This also takes into account the more pessimistic scenario used in Council’s Budget assumptions.

Since the RBDC contemplates an “intermediate” option between Options 1, 2 and 3 despite the stated intention to resume the APTR come what may, we therefore propose an **Option 4 – get rid of the APTR now and forever**. We propose this for the following reasons:

- Option 1 is incredulous, it is simply cruel. Resuming the APTR from April 2021 would only increase the severe ongoing financial burden on accommodation providers who are all

⁶ BSID, page 519.

⁷ See Franz Kafka, “The Problem of Our Laws” (*Zur Frage der Gesetze*), 1933:

“.....This view, so comfortless as far as the present is concerned, is lightened only by the belief that a time will eventually come when the tradition and our research into it will jointly reach their conclusion, and as it were gain a breathing space, when everything will have become clear, the law itself will belong to the people, and the nobility will vanish”.

⁸ BSID, page 168.

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struggling to maintain trading in light of no international visitors and a domestic market which is small and reluctant to travel in view of lockdowns and other restrictions. By its own admission in the RBDC, Council states that it “[does] not know how long the disruption to Auckland’s visitor economy caused by COVID-19 will last”. Further, it goes totally against the “Be Kind” policy that has got the “Team of 5 Million” through 2020. The stated aims of the APTR with regard to destination promotion are meaningless – how or why would you promote a destination you cannot travel to ? There is simply no logical or valid economic reason you could put up to justify resumption of the APTR;

- Option 2 is both cruel and misguided. The same reasons relating to resumption in Option 1 apply.
- Option 3 is flawed. What the RBDC is stating is that Council can only see one option no matter what the circumstances– reinstatement of the APTR at all costs. The only question which Council is seeking “feedback” is when. As stated above, this exposes the fact that Council are not looking at the matter with a genuinely open mind and only wish to corral responses to fit their pre-determined agenda. This is bad faith and only confirms that Council are unwilling to look at the current economic reality for the tourism and accommodation sectors and is single-mindedly intent on kicking both sectors as hard as it can to further hurt and damage sector participants when they are at their most vulnerable.

We submit that reinstating the APTR is therefore unnecessary, unjustifiable and inappropriate:

- Unnecessary because the funds to be raised through it would not make any meaningful impact towards the infrastructure and services deficit Council states that it faces. Auckland, as is the rest of New Zealand, is closed to overseas visitors. It is pointless wasting ratepayer funds for promotions which cannot deliver any tangible benefit like whistling in the wind;
- Unjustifiable because the amounts that are sought to be raised through the APTR will not help Council reduce the overall budget deficit it is looking to plug through other general rate increases, asset sales and other cost saving measures it is currently undertaking;

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- Inappropriate because it is clear that hotels and accommodation providers singled out yet again by Council for additional punishment⁹. For reasons which are not supported or properly explained in either the RBCD or BSID, Auckland Council has again chosen to apply the “*exacerbator pays*” principle on hotels and other accommodation. Why? Given the fact that the international borders are closed it is not possible to determine what action or inaction hotels and other accommodation are guilty of that gives rise to any need on the part of Auckland Council to undertake destination promotion or business development activities. If the intent is to share the pain equally, why is this not being done as part of the City Centre Targeted Rate¹⁰ for example? Both the RBCD and BSID continue the narrative that hotels and accommodation providers are making profits so therefore should pay for visitor promotion in a COVID environment. That is not the case and therefore completely inappropriate.

We submit that reinstating the APTR in the way that Council has undertaken could give rise to fresh legal proceedings from hotel owners and operators. Has Council taken into account section 101 of the Local Government Act 2002, has it updated its analysis of benefits and liability analysis and how is the analysis conducted in 2017 still correct in 2021?

It is therefore clear that our Option 4 makes the most sense. Given what is happening now, it is the only necessary, justifiable and appropriate response that should be considered by Council.

⁹ BSID at page 276, Table 3.1.5 outlines the services provided through targeted rates – these include waste management, business improvement (which vary depending where you are), loan repayments, rural sewage, swimming pool inspections, other infrastructure and water quality. If Auckland Unlimited’s stated aims include promoting Auckland as an international student centre, why, for example, is there not now an International Student Education Targeted Rate or a charge on all language schools to help with promotion of Auckland overseas?

¹⁰ We note from the RBCD (at page 44 that the City Centre Targeted Rate is proposed to be extended for a further six years to raise an additional “investment” of \$157.7 million in the period 2025/2026 to 2030/2031. We believe that this is the appropriate rating vehicle to use instead of the APTR.

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There is another issue which needs to be considered by Council – **the APTR or any similar charge should not be imposed on any hotel property currently serving as a Managed Isolation or Quarantine (MIQ) property.**

Unsurprisingly, in Council's Budget Supporting Information Document ("BSID"), Council's intent to grab as much money as possible is made clear at page 519:

*"In Auckland many commercial accommodation providers are operating as Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facilities under contract to central government. We anticipate that within a very short timeframe of the borders opening that demand for MIQ facilities will reduce and they will revert to providing short stay accommodation to international and domestic visitors to Auckland. **While operating as MIQ facilities we continue to view these as commercial accommodation providers as they are undertaking accommodation services with intention to provide a profit**". (emphasis added).*

The logic of our submission should be obvious to anybody – the service provided by MIQ properties is to protect New Zealand and New Zealanders from COVID-19 by acting as the front line of New Zealand's international border.

MIQ properties are not, therefore, acting as normal hotels – it is illogical to classify them as that in the current environment. This contract with the government is in no way the result of any promotion or effort by Auckland Council or Auckland Unlimited. We have paid a total of \$1.3 million in APTR alone for only one of our hotels now undertaking MIQ services since the APTR was introduced. This is on top of all other rates we have paid.

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We therefore put these questions to the Mayor, Council and officials:

“How does Auckland’s visitor and event promotion help any of the MIQ facilities now and into the future ?”

“Is Auckland Council and Auckland Unlimited planning a promotion campaign for Auckland’s MIQ facilities to Kiwi expats and global event organisers ? If yes, what amount of benefit would come from such a promotion campaign ? If no, why impose the APTR on any MIQ facility ? ”

“Will Auckland Limited now claim that the current MIQ occupancies are thanks to its destination promotion activities, thus justifying the APTR on these hotels?”

We look forward to the responses and ask that they be published.

It goes without saying that adding on the APTR would be inherently unfair to taxpayers, the returnees themselves and hotel owner / operators as they do not benefit from the rate or charge. Council makes it clear in its BSID that this is simply a revenue raising / revenue maximising exercise¹¹ with no regard to the public good.

As Council’s assumptions and proposal are both so absurd and contrary to the aims and intentions of New Zealand’s COVID-19 response policy, we intend to raise this with the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Prime Minister and ask them both whether this aligns with the “Be Kind” policy that has guided New Zealand’s successful COVID-19 response and ask them to make a public statement on this.

¹¹ BSID, page 519

Conclusion:

- None of the three options put forward are appropriate, kind or economically justifiable. They are cruel, misguided or flawed. Council should adopt Option 4 as we recommend and abolish the APTR;
- No matter how you look at it, the APTR is not an appropriate measure to support the tourism and accommodation industries after the devastation caused by COVID-19. Further, it is a charge on an already devastated industry and one which provides no benefit to the industry at all;
- The application of the “exacerbator pays” principle on hotels and other accommodation is not supported by anything put forward by Council in either the RBCD or BSID. The consultation process undertaken by Council is therefore flawed and should be recommenced with proper information and without a predetermined outcome;
- The attempt to grab rates from MIQ properties who are helping keep New Zealand and New Zealanders safe from COVID-19 beggars belief. Whoever wrote that recommendation should spend some time working at an MIQ facility. Council ought to know better and should support the border front line which these properties and employees are by ensuring that MIQ properties do not get levied with any form of additional charge or rate;
- As one of the stated aims of the Recovery Budget is to “Support Recovery”, the least Auckland Council can and should do is to forego the APTR until such time as the tourism industry in general has truly recovered at which time we would be prepared to meet with Council and other industry stakeholders to discuss how best to support Council and its overall aims for Greater Auckland.
- There is also a risk that reinstating the APTR could lead to fresh legal action by hotel owners / operators which would highlight Council’s failure to comply with section 101 the Local Government Act.



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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Funds needed for Gallaher Park - many community groups using the space - Counties Manukau Touch has moved out - Boss Fitness running classes there - safe environment for community

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Your local board: Regional organisation

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

Tell us why:

2. Climate change

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

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Waitematā Local Board

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?

Tell us why Hi There,

I am writing in support of upgrading the St Georges Bay Road streetscape.

Best Regards

Jay

[see attachment 10101 for signed form]

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Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why

What is the most important advocacy issue for Papakura? Poor infrastructure programme that is costing Aucklanders way too much time and resulting in huge economic loss. Increases in cost of public transport - counter intuitive when you want more people to actually use AT's services.

Waitematā Local Board

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Your local board: Regional organisation

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

Support

Tell us why: As a tourist country, New Zealand will suffer a devastating blow on the overall economy under the impact of the global pandemic. The government needs to take corresponding measures to help local enterprises tide over the difficulties.

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: All funds need to be prioritized according to its level of urgency and importance. In the face of the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, if New Zealand continues to close the borders, the number of people entering the country will be limited, the dependence on transportation will also be limited. In this case, vigorously developing clean energy, etc. will not produce much effect

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

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Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

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Other

Tell us why: Our submission relates to ensuring there is adequate budget to maintain, improve and operate regional parks to its present high standard as in the detailed management plan. See attachment 10248

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Tell us why: Spend the \$\$\$, time, etc to control, etc the actual polluters and a lot are the large overseas industrial nations, eg burning coals in China with massive smoke emissions that flow on to us. Locally - monitor and enforce and punish the industrial polluters of our waterways apart from the farmers...

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

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Yes

6. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why Act outside the square = spend some \$\$\$ by investing in \$\$ earning initiatives such as what I outlined in the above questions rather than just social focus only and spending \$\$\$ in "wasteful ways" due to the fact that you do not earn your revenue/income in order to be frugal and to have in place initiatives that enable communities such as us Pacific to be in the revenue generating initiatives with the Auckland Council, or more as the ratepayers being the "investors". Act investments/investors for real financial returns rather than just "spenders for social focus"

7. What is important to you?

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[Kaipātiki Local Board](#)

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?

Tell us why

With additional regional funding likely to be limited in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, do you support us investigating options for a future locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects that are beyond the existing funding available to the local board?

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how would you rank these key initiatives from our 2020 Local Board Plan? (1 = most like to be funded, 3 = least like to be funded)

Addressing flooding and seawater inundation at Little Shoal Bay, Northcote

Multi-sport facility and improved aquatic play space at Birkenhead War Memorial park

Commuter and recreational walking and cycling links, such as shared paths, bush tracks and connections to the Northern Pathway (to be prioritised in the update of the Kaipātiki Connections Network Connections Plan)

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how much would you be willing to pay annually on top of your rates bill?

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RAINBOWS END AND RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP INC (REaREG)**Submission to Auckland Council LTP/10 Year Budget Proposal****1 Transportation**

For several years, the Warkworth and Matakana area have been experiencing the escalating negative impact of the ever increasing vehicular traffic that has resulted from both local population growth and internal tourism.

REaREG has made numerous submissions to strategic council documents highlighting the necessity for upgrading the local roading infrastructure in anticipation of the increased traffic demand that would come from the growth of resident population and recreational visitors. This submission reiterates that message.

As motorway access presses further North, the rate and volume of traffic arriving in Northern Rodney increases proportionally. Basically, more vehicles arrive in the Warkworth and surrounding coastal areas faster, placing heavier demand on the already inadequate local road infrastructure. This increased traffic has also raised safety concerns, especially for traffic joining major arterial roads.

During peak periods of internal tourism we are experiencing urban levels of gridlock that create extreme inefficiency and frustration for local residents as well as the visitors. At times, these traffic gridlocks effectively inhibit us from accessing our local services and amenities; and we find ourselves having to re-programme our lives as we attempt to predict when traffic will allow us to conduct business and get on with our daily activities.

While we acknowledge that there is a pressing need to address the urban Auckland traffic problem, it is also incumbent on the Council to address traffic across the entirety of greater Auckland. The arguments and justifications are the same everywhere.

We Rodney residents also experience lost hours of productivity as we languish in traffic. We waste fuel and create unacceptable additional pollution as our vehicles idle in gridlock. We have to programme additional commute time to make appointments on time.

In addition to the normal frustrations and inefficiencies associated with traffic attendant to population growth, we also find ourselves avoiding being on certain roads when we know that internal tourists are trying to get to and from Rodney in pursuit of recreation. Between day tourists attending local activities such as the Matakana Market, and bach owners commuting to their residences, the attendant surge in vehicle traffic can be staggeringly large.

As a result, our road infrastructure simply cannot be ignored. Rodney roads are being used far in excess of the local resident demand.

While the Matakana link road will take some pressure off Hill Street intersection, it will deliver greater volumes of motorway discharge to the Matakana Road, and create congestion between there and Matakana Village, where traffic is physically constrained by a road and bridge that cannot be widened. In short, it will move congestion from Hill Street to Matakana and its approaches.

As a significant portion of the internal tourism and holiday traffic transits through Matakana, it argues strongly for a **bypass around the Village**. Getting back owners and other internal tourists quickly and efficiently through Matakana would not only enhance their experience of the area, but would also make it again possible for local residents to re-discover their own local services and amenities. It is worth noting that the addition of dense residential development in the vicinity of the Matakana primary school as well as other ongoing residential development activity on the periphery of the village will only exacerbate the traffic problem in the approaches to the Village. The additional traffic that will result from these new developments will hit the road well in advance of any road infrastructure improvements, making the need for a bypass even greater.

In summary, getting traffic around the Village is as important as getting it to the Village.

REaREG strongly suggests that Council address this problem as a matter of urgency.

Access to other coastal areas also requires attention. Another major source of congestion in the Warkworth area is the volume of non resident traffic transiting to and from the Snells Beach, Algies Bay, Martin's Bay, Scott's Landing area, as well as the Sandspit area. All of this currently utilises the Sandspit Road and bottlenecks at Hill Street. The completion of the Matakana Link Road will do very little to alleviate this problem.

The construction of a link road connecting Sandspit Road to the intersection of the new Matakana Link Road should also be a matter of priority.

While the above road projects are significant in scope, they are nevertheless necessary. It is obvious that, given the current inadequacy of these local Rodney Roads, one cannot reasonably expect the existing road infrastructure to begin to cope with the growth programmed for the Warkworth area as it transitions to the Satellite town anticipated by the Unitary Plan. Therefore, the 10 year budget must begin to accommodate these transport improvements.

2 Developers contributions

There is a large amount of development happening in the wider Rodney area. REaREG considers that developers contributions should be retained and used for projects in the wider local area where the development has occurred. There is a strong network of community groups doing major environmental work in East Rodney, and developers contributions could be used to support their work.

3 Reserve Management Plans

It is noticeable that with increased population growth and visitor numbers, the number of visitors to reserves in East Rodney has increased. To ensure that this increase in visitors does not degrade our local environment, REaREG considers that the development of management plans for local reserves should be a priority. These, of course, should be developed in conjunction with local communities.

4 Bicycle and walking track development

REaREG supports the continued development of bicycle and walking tracks in East Rodney.

5 Reserve Maintenance

The level of reserve maintenance in rural areas should not be reduced in budget cuts as these communities have access to fewer Council amenities than city residents and these reserves form an important part of community life.

6 Rodney Local Board

REaREG supports the Rodney Local Board funded priorities and initiatives related to environmental and roading matters.

When reviewing its 10 year long term plan in challenging financial times, REaREG considers that Council should ensure that it looks after basic services and infrastructure before committing to larger projects that have not yet commenced. These projects should not be commenced while basic services are lagging behind.

March 2021



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

Do not support

Tell us why: What about Phil Goff's Bed Tax - where Hoteliers and Moteliors had to pay an increase in rates to cover losses of rental from residential landlords running Air BnB schemes.

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

Other

Tell us why: We need to make use of the Sea. More boats that run on Bio Methanol. Cars, buses and Trains can also run on Bio Methanol. Why don't we burn the rubbish to make steam, which spins a Turbine to make Electricity
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14r7f9khK70>

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What is your view on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: Firstly How does the CEO of watercare make more money than the Prime Minister? Clearly he has more responsibility. We can now Desalinate seawater with Graphene. We can Treat brackish water and waste water with Plasma
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XUo3OObrY>

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Auckland Council, MSD and HUD need to get together and build more High Rise hotels and apartment buildings like Singapore <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cjPgNBNeLU>

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SUBMISSION ON AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

To: Auckland Council ("**Council**")

Submission on: Auckland Council's 10-year Budget 2021-2031 Long-term Plan Consultation Document ("**Draft LTP**")

Name: Fullers Group Limited ("**Fullers360**")

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

1. Fullers360 welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft LTP. This submission is concerned with one aspect of the Draft LTP, specifically the inclusion of the text "*Including Waiheke ferries within the Public Transport Operating Model and providing integrated ticketing*" under the key advocacy initiatives for 2021-2031 of the Waiheke Local Board in Part Six of the Draft LTP ("**Ferry Advocacy Statement**").
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SUBMISSIONS

3. Fullers360 owns and operates the primary passenger ferry service for Waiheke Island. The service is an "exempt service" under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 ("**LTMA**"), and is therefore run on a commercial basis, at no cost to Auckland Transport or Auckland Council (other than costs incurred in respect of terminal development).
4. The service is a key enabler of Waiheke's vibrant economy and quality of life, and Fullers360 is constantly working on ways to improve its services, as well as maintaining, upgrading and expanding its fleet. In the last 18 months, it has:
 - (a) purchased two new ferries;
 - (b) operated essential services during Covid-19 lockdown Levels 3 and 4, maintaining lifeline services while supporting local business and economic activity on Waiheke Island;
 - (c) retained and trained a marine specialised workforce;
 - (d) provided more services than any PTOM ferry service in Auckland;
 - (e) obtained and / or built at least six dedicated "fit for purpose" assets with an investment of approximately \$60 million;
 - (f) provided expanded services in each summer season to meet increased demand; and

- (g) added additional services in June 2020, which were then rolled into an even more expanded summer timetable, with half-hour sailings during peak travel times;

together which have resulted in a better, more convenient and more reliable service for Waiheke residents and visitors. Fullers360 continues to work closely with Auckland Transport to further improve the service provided.

- 5. For the reasons set out below, and in the context of the significant financial constraints on Council, we submit that the Ferry Advocacy Statement should be removed from the Draft LTP:

- (a) **Inclusion of the Ferry Advocacy Statement is premature given current relevant policy workstreams** - The Government is currently undertaking a review of PTOM as a whole, which will include consideration of the role of exempt services. Accordingly, it is premature to include the Ferry Advocacy Statement in the draft LTP when that review is underway, as significant changes may be made to PTOM that may be relevant to the Waiheke ferry service and also to the requirements of Auckland Transport.
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- (d) Further, the Ferry Advocacy Statement does not take into account the fact that there are good reasons why the service has been granted exempt status, including because of tourist / passenger use and the various fare options available such as child fares, free travel for under-fives, family tickets, discount commuter products etc, which are all provided without subsidy from Auckland Transport and therefore at no cost to the ratepayers of Auckland. Equally, there is no recognition that there could be significant downsides (including additional costs) to including the Waiheke ferry service in PTOM.

- (e) **Ferry Advocacy Statement superseded** - The Ferry Advocacy Statement has, in part, been superseded by events. Given the establishment of AT Hop card integrated ticketing in 2020 for the ferry service, there is no need to advocate for something that has already occurred, and this would simply waste government and ratepayer funds.
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 - (i) the principal options for addressing the issue;
 - (ii) the implications of each of those options;
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Inclusion of the Ferry Advocacy Statement in the Draft LTP is clearly not compliant with these requirements, including because it does not identify the issue, how or whether the Ferry Advocacy Statement will address the issue (as noted above, advocacy is ineffective without supporting analysis), or the potential consequences of advocating for the position in the Ferry Advocacy Statement.

Submitted by:

Signature:

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

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

Do not support

Tell us why: People are struggling to pay the bills as a result cash flow is tight. This is not the time to increase rates and spend.

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: Bring buses forward just not as fast and keep it within existing budgets. Plant trees just not as many.

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Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate

We believe that this targeted rate should be deferred until tourism truly returns to New Zealand in 2024 or 2025. This would allow for our business to recover from losses incurred due to Covid 19 and would also coincide with the opening of the NZICC which will bring international delegates to Auckland. Option 3 does not go far enough to allow for recovery.

As a non MIQ hotel we are currently experiencing dramatically lower business levels with lower rates and only domestic business. Even if a Trans Tasman bubble opens it would seem that it is at the travellers own risk if borders should close, so corporate companies are unlikely to accept this risk for business travel and MICE business. One could argue that the leisure traveller would also feel this way and combined with the fact that Auckland is not seen by Australian's as a leisure destination we will not see any significant increase in international business for the foreseeable future. It is also unclear what vaccines mean for travel and how the government of every country will manage this.

In addition when MIQ hotels begin to return to 'normal' business this will flood the market with additional supply resulting in an extremely competitive market with low rates.

As a last resort if the rate was reintroduced under option 3, we would suggest that the spend be further reduced to lessen the burden on accommodation providers given the reasons outlined above

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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

Tell us why

We are proposing to increase fees and charges on community places of hire by 6 per cent. This increase would reflect inflation adjustment cost of 1 per cent per year for the previous six years, as the rates have not been adjusted for inflation over that period. This increase will go towards the running costs of the community places.

What is your opinion on this inflation adjusted increase in fees and charges? Do not support

Tell us why

Are you a regular user of community places in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area? (e.g. Ōtara Music Art Centre, East Tāmaki Community Hall, Papatoetoe Town Hall, Te Puke ō Tara Community Centre)

Yes

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Sport & Rec is important to me because in order to get All Aucklanders active we need to think more about individuals living with disability and their families.

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AK Have Your Say

Auckland Council – Long-term Plan 2021-2031

Executive Summary

Introduction

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More than one million Aucklanders – adults and children – are active each week. They are supported by 308,880 volunteers contributing 22.1 million hours of their personal time per annum, worth \$391 million to keep the sport and recreation sector moving.

This sector contributes at least \$1.9 billion to the Auckland economy, providing more than 25,000 jobs for Aucklanders. In addition, there is an estimated \$372 million in healthcare savings in Auckland¹.

Sport, recreation, physical activity connects Tāmaki Makaurau, and delivers significant physical and mental health and wellbeing, social, economic and educational benefits.

We are pleased to read the statement that Council will continue working with key partners (Aktive and Sport NZ) to invest into and target populations of low participation, and or are high risk of becoming inactive.

This submission by Aktive is based on evidence: bespoke research, desk research, sector plans adopted by Council and insights from recent surveys. It outlines options, opportunities and solutions that can be implemented to help to mitigate the current situation. These include:

Acknowledging the impact of Covid-19

- Recognise the economic, social and community value of the sport and recreation sector
- Recognise the impact Covid-19 has had on our sector

Capital and Operational investment

- Retain the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund
- Increase the funding level of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund to reflect sector demand

Supporting Local Boards

- Support Local Board sport and recreation projects and priorities
- Support the Local Board sport and recreation One Local Initiatives projects which address regional priorities
- Support reinstating the local Board Transport Capital Fund to previous levels

Asset management and delivery

- Seek clarification about Council's proposal to move from an asset-based approach to alternative ways of delivering services
- Supporting a focus on renewals and proactive asset maintenance
- Urging caution around the implications and potential impacts of community asset divestment
- Ensuring Council has the capacity to deliver the budgeted projects

¹ Active Citizens Worldwide, Auckland City Report, Portas Consulting, 2019

We know our communities, clubs and recreation providers are vulnerable and struggling. They need Auckland Council's investment support to recover from the pandemic impacts. Some short-term solutions could include:

- Funding to enable making membership fees affordable or free
- Budget to fill the gap for the reduced revenue due to lack of membership fees, loss of income, funding and sponsorship reductions and ongoing administration costs
- Operational support for a loss of staff, not having enough hours for staff, staff affordability and lack of and retention of volunteers.

Overview

A thank you

Auckland Council is the major provider of our city's sport and recreation facilities. We greatly appreciate this support and investment – without it much of what happens in our sector simply wouldn't be possible. Council's commitment to the sector has provided positive outcomes across the region for an inclusive range of codes, demographics, cultures, ages and abilities. We also wish to acknowledge the commitment of council staff in supporting the sector.

We acknowledge the challenge Council faces with balancing the various competing demands impacting Auckland, such as growth, transport, climate change and water quality within a context of falling revenue. We also recognise that there are capital constraints, particularly in the immediate three years of the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

Strategic context of sport and recreation

The statistics prove what we know – Aucklanders love physical activity – it is incredibly important in our lives and the lives of our whanau and friends.

There is clear evidence of the huge and wide-ranging benefits of sport and recreation – improved physical and mental health and wellbeing, social connectedness, economic and productivity gains, and educational outcomes.

The following four aspects of wellbeing found within the Local Government Act underpin the six Auckland Plan Outcomes:

1. Environmental
2. Social
3. Cultural
4. Economics.

The sport and recreation sector provides opportunities for the people of Tāmaki Makaurau to experience all of these aspects. Similarly sport and recreation contributes to all the Auckland plan outcomes through providing for:

1. Belonging and participation
2. Māori identity and wellbeing
3. Homes and place
4. Transport and access
5. Environment and cultural heritage
6. Opportunity and prosperity.

There is a significant amount of research demonstrating the benefit of sport and recreation on the outcomes of the Auckland Plan²:

- **Belonging and participation and improving Māori identity and wellbeing**
 - Physical activity brings \$372 million of healthcare savings for Auckland, as well as adding 7,100 additional years of healthy life and contributing to 279 fewer deaths³;
 - Participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction each year⁴.

² ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting

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- **Homes and places**
 - Evidence is emerging that underspending on facilities leads directly to lower participation levels⁵;
 - Sport and recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels⁶.
- **Opportunity and prosperity**
 - Physical activity has a positive link to improved educational outcomes, leading to an increased \$8.6 million of GDP growth for Auckland⁷;
 - Physical activity is delivering \$0.02 monetary impact of reduced crimes savings⁸;
 - Physical activity brings \$210 million of savings to Auckland through increased productivity levels, due to reduced sickness costs⁹.

The Council consultation documents state that over the next three years Council will focus its efforts and investments on three recovery objectives, guided by the Auckland Plan:

1. **Community** - Strengthen social cohesion and build inclusive and resilient communities
2. **Economy** - Restore economic activity with greater equity and longer-term resilience
3. **Jobs** - Enable sustainable employment opportunities.

In our view, the sport and recreation sector align strongly with these three recovery objectives. There is significant strategic justification for the Council to consider investment in the sector to be a core role of the Council. Although often lost in the infrastructure delivery conversation, the provision of sport and recreation facilities is a critical aspect of what makes Auckland a world class city. Such infrastructure provides us with belonging, opportunities for participation, opportunities for Māori identity and wellbeing through the provision of traditional sports, a sense of place, improved access through active transport modes, a driver for a cleaner environment and improved water quality and through economic benefits.

Auckland Council's Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport Investment Plan 2019-2039 (July 2019) supports this view and clearly sets out the reasons that Council invests in sport – to provide Aucklanders with the opportunity to participate in society and develop a sense of belonging in Auckland. It acknowledges that participation in sport has multiple benefits including health and wellbeing, social and community, education and economic development outcomes. This investment plan states that Auckland Council's objective for investment is increasing participation in community sport. **Aktive urges Council to continue to reflect this objective in the LTP.**

Local Boards recognise the value of sport and recreation in their communities. We note that 16 out of 21 Local Boards have nominated sport and recreation projects in their key priorities or advocacy positions under this LTP. This is further recognition of the key benefits that are delivered through sport and recreation into our communities.

The impact of Covid-19

We acknowledge that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on Auckland Council's revenue and has exacerbated a challenging fiscal investment environment. However, the pandemic has also had a significant impact on the health of our sport and recreation providers. In August 2020 Aktive surveyed clubs and active recreation organisations, and the following impacts were identified (refer appendix 1):

- 39 per cent of these organisations have seen a decrease in membership
- Feedback suggested a decrease in junior membership has been the most significant impact
- Seven key challenges have been identified:
 1. Membership retention
 2. Financial sustainability and reduced revenue
 3. Facilities and maintenance - access to facilities, updating of facilities, maintenance
 4. Staffing and volunteers - loss of staff, not having enough hours for staff, staff affordability and lack of volunteers
 5. Member wellbeing - possibility of further lockdowns and player safety and wellbeing
 6. Cancelled events - cancellation of events, tournaments and competitions, both in Auckland and globally, as well as travel restrictions

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7. Changes in delivery - challenge of completing seasons and delivery due to delays.

- Reduced finances, cashflow and revenue are the biggest differences between now and previous years.
- Funding support would be most valuable for the sector over the next six months including awareness of funding available and support in making successful applications.

We know our clubs and recreation providers are vulnerable and struggling. They need Auckland Council's investment support while we all recover from the pandemic impacts. Some short-term solutions could include:

- Funding to enable making membership fees affordable or free
- Budget to fill the gap for the reduced revenue due to lack of membership fees, loss of income, funding and sponsorship reductions and ongoing administration costs
- Operational support for a loss of staff, not having enough hours for staff, staff affordability and lack of and retention of volunteers.

Getting Aucklanders active – the risk to our tamariki and rangatahi

The obesity epidemic and Aucklanders' inactivity remain a significant public health risk. Physical inactivity already costs New Zealand's health system hundreds of millions each year (\$200 million in 2013 alone). Thirty-two per cent of New Zealand children are expected to be overweight or obese by 2025, with 21 per cent of 4-year-old children in Auckland already in this category. These obesity rates are crippling our communities and our economy¹⁰.

Whilst most Aucklanders are physically active in any given week, their levels of activity are well below World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. If nothing changes, there is the clear risk that 1.5 million Aucklanders will be underactive or inactive by 2040. 480,000 of these will be tamariki and rangatahi. Significantly the overall numbers hide inequities: women and girls, people with disabilities, those of Asian and Pacific ethnicities, and those living in low socio-economic areas, are less active.

Without a significant focus and targeted investment, the recovery of the sport and recreation sector from the Covid-19 pandemic will take many years, while the current obesity epidemic will continue to remain a major health issue. The survey results showing that junior membership appear to be most affected is particularly concerning as there is evidence that healthy lifestyle habits are formed at a young age¹¹.

Response to the Long-term Plan Consultation Documents

Commentary on the key themes and issues identified

Capital investment

The primary vehicle for Council capital investment in sport and recreation infrastructure is the current 10-year \$120 million Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund. The fund is aimed at regional and sub-regional level facility development and is a critical funding stream for the sector.

Known, current, and well-researched regional facility plans prepared by sports codes demonstrate current, short-, and medium-term shortfalls in facility provision before this current Long-term Plan period is over. This demonstrates that we are already struggling to meet demand in certain geographical areas of Tāmaki Makaurau.

Examples of these shortfalls include¹²:

- Indoor courts shortfall of at least 30 courts right now, rising by an additional 24 within the life of the Long-term Plan
- Winter sports fields shortfall in hours the equivalent of circa 30 artificial turfs within the life of the Long-term Plan
- Outdoor netball courts shortfall of more than 70 courts
- Outdoor tennis courts shortfall of approximately 40 courts
- Hockey turfs shortfall of an estimated 15 new turfs plus replacement surfaces on existing turf.

¹⁰ Sport New Zealand Value of Sport and Recreation Auckland Report 2015 and Sport New Zealand Regional profile Auckland 2013-2014

¹¹ Sports Participation in Youth as a Predictor of Physical Activity: A 5-Year Longitudinal Study, Murphy et al. 2016

¹²National Indoor Sports Facilities Strategy updated by preliminary findings from Auckland Indoor Courts Facility Plan; individual code facilities' plans supported by findings from Auckland Council Sport Field Capacity Development Plan; individual code facilities' plans produced by independent consultants

We believe that while this fund goes some way to address the identified shortfalls it simply does not reflect the capital investment the sector needs now and into the future. **We recommend that this fund be reviewed and increased to at least partially address the shortfall.**

We are also concerned that this fund only applies to regional and sub-regional projects, leaving investment in local facilities to Local Boards who themselves have had their capital budgets reduced. **We recommend either widening the criteria and quantum of the fund or increasing the local board budgets to enable them to address local demand. We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.**

We acknowledge that Auckland Council is the significant capital investor in the sector, but also that they are not and should not be the only investor. Active is working with the sector to investigate other options for capital investment and programme delivery, as well as working to upskill the sector in alternative funding approaches.

Auckland Council's Auckland Sports Sector: Facilities Priorities Plan (2017) is a sector led plan developed to communicate the sector's priorities for investment to Auckland Council and other potential funders. This Plan was developed with input from over 80 regional and national organisations, Regional Sports Trusts and facility providers. Active believes that this Plan must continue to be at the forefront of the Council's investment in sport. Similarly, the Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport Investment Plan 2019-2039 is intended to guide Council's investment decisions in sport. Active supports Auckland Council's target areas of emerging sports, high participation sports and low participation communities. It is unclear how these documents have been realised in the proposed investment in this LTP.

The ability of club participants to access fields is a key constraint for the growth of many codes. Improvements to playing surfaces, such as sand carpeting, can greatly increase the use of fields, particularly in the winter months. The Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund is an important funding source for upgrading playing fields across the region. However, the \$5 million budget is inadequate to meet the demand. **We recommend that consideration be given to increasing the quantum of this fund to help address this challenge.**

Operational investment

As Council notes in its LTP documentation, Auckland Council owns and operates a large and ageing community asset portfolio, inherited from the amalgamation of legacy councils. As the portfolio of assets has grown over time, so too has the level of funding needed to support the portfolio. Limited funding, an ageing community asset portfolio and Auckland's population growth has put the community facilities portfolio under pressure, requiring prioritisation resulting in deferred investment.

We acknowledge and support the focus of this LTP on funding of renewals – urgently required and in many cases long overdue. However, it is concerning that Council has stated in the LTP documentation that it has insufficient renewal funding for assets assessed as being in the most need of renewal (condition 5 assets), and investment requirements will continue to rise as the portfolio ages and deferred investment becomes more costly to deliver. **We are concerned that the condition of Council's current assets will continue to decline with a lack of investment and the impact this will have on club membership and participation.**

The Council's focus on capital investment often leaves operational costs to facility users such as clubs. These users may struggle to manage the operational side of facilities, therefore impacting the quality and condition of the asset with capex implications. We know our clubs can find operational costs, such as cyclical maintenance, challenging. **We see an ongoing need to also include budget for operational costs to ensure the facilities are appropriately maintained and managed.**

An Active Sector Support Survey in March 2020 found:

- 22 per cent of organisations have cashflow and reserves to last one to four weeks
- Almost half (49 per cent) have cashflow and reserves to last three months or more
- Almost two-thirds (65 per cent) of organisations employ full or part-time staff
- Of these, just over half (53 per cent) applied for the Government Wage Subsidy Scheme
- 30 per cent are not confident the Government Wage Subsidy Scheme will provide the necessary financial support to remain operational during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Over one quarter (28 per cent) of organisations would consider structural change to remain operationally viable due to Covid-19.

As evidenced by the sector survey results set out above, operational costs are a significant issue for many clubs, and this has been exacerbated by Covid-19. Clubs are struggling with the impacts of shortened seasons, reduced members (particularly junior members), staff wages, loss of volunteers and cancelled events.

Auckland Council has introduced the contestable Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, offering it for the first time this financial year.

It is very clear that the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant is a critical mechanism for improving the sustainability and viability of our clubs, however the sector demand far outstrips the fund's budget. **We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.**

Community Asset divestment

The Council is looking to divest aging assets that are no longer fit for purpose and “*maintain the same service levels for our communities, just delivered differently.*” As an external party it is unclear which assets are to be divested or how the new approach to move away from an “asset-based approach” to alternative ways of delivering services is to be funded or achieved. Selling off community assets has the capacity to impact on sports and recreation delivery at a local level and undermine the wider regional network. As noted previously in this submission there is currently a significant shortfall in facility provision. **Therefore, we urge the Governing Body to consider the impact asset divestment can have on peoples’ access to sport and recreation opportunities, particularly at a local level and listen to the views of the relevant Local Board.**

We note Council is proposing to also fund investment through a programme to sell or lease surplus properties to the value of \$70 million a year over the next three years. It is not clear which properties have been identified for this process and what impact this might have on the sector.

Council’s Delivery Capacity

Since the impact of COVID-19, Aktive understands Auckland Council has reduced its staff numbers by more than a thousand employees, including the majority of contractors. We have a real concern that Auckland Council is not adequately resourced to deliver the capital projects it has budgeted for. Again, we acknowledge the challenging fiscal environment facing Auckland Council, but given the Council is already reducing the level of capital investment in community infrastructure over the next three years the impact might be exacerbated by an inability to deliver. **We urge that projects which are funded have adequate personnel capacity to be delivered.**

Creating sport and recreation opportunities

We commend the ongoing commitment to active transport modes through proposed investment in walking and cycling and the ongoing investment in public open spaces in the city centre including the commencement of stage one of the Te Hā Noa Victoria Street linear park and the Downtown Investment programme.

We also welcome investment which can improve water quality of our streams and beaches to enable greater and safer use for water sport activities.

Supporting Local Boards

Local Board projects

Local Boards are voices of their communities and as noted previously recognise the value of sport and recreation. This is demonstrated by the key local priorities set out by Local Boards in the current LTP with 15 of the 21 Local Boards identifying at least one sport and recreation project as a delivery priority and 16 out of 21 Local Boards identifying a sport and recreation project in their key advocacy list. There is strategic justification that they should be supported by the Governing Body. There are projects which, significantly, seek to redress the highest needs and address the greatest shortfalls across the region such as aquatic facilities in the northwest, indoor courts across the region and sportsfield investment in the southern local board areas. These include:

- Aquatic facilities proposed for the north-west (Whau)
- Aquatic Facilities at Flat Bush Aquatic & Leisure Centre (Howick)
- Scott’s Point Sustainable Sports Park (Upper Harbour)
- Covered Courts in Albany and Kumeu (Rodney and Upper Harbour)
- Chamberlain Park (Albert-Eden)

- Sports field improvements (Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa)
- Manukau Sports Bowl (Ōtara-Papatoetoe)
- War Memorial Park Improvements (Manurewa)
- Seaside Park improvements (Mangere-Ōtāhuhu).

We understand that Local Board locally-delivered initiatives' capital budgets have been significantly reduced particularly those projects funded by growth. **This is of concern given Local Boards are the primary capital investors in facilities that sit below a sub-regional level and are therefore those facilities that are not eligible for funding through the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.**

We know Auckland is growing quickly and the Unitary Plan has greatly enabled increased residential density throughout the existing urban area as well as opening up large areas of greenfield development. We know the growth of many of our clubs are already constrained by the limitations of their facilities such as fully booked and used indoor courts. As population density increases the demands for access to sport and recreation facilities will grow.

We are concerned that Local Boards will not have the necessary capital budgets to progress much-needed local projects with a consequential negative impact on sport and recreation participation. Growth funding has previously enabled local boards to deliver significant capital projects that they would not have been able to fund otherwise. Frequently, local sport and recreation delivery can be significantly enhanced through relatively low-cost investments, such as sand carpeting of sports fields, which has been successfully undertaken by Local Boards. Such investments also improve the viability and sustainability of our sports and recreation clubs through increased membership and strengthen communities.

Most Local Boards and their communities have invested significant budget and time in developing masterplans for their parks. **Without the necessary capital budget, Local Boards will not be able to implement the desired outcomes of these masterplans and they will lose value and currency.** Masterplans that sit on shelves rapidly become obsolete and inevitably cause reputational damage.

We believe that Local Board funding and the role they play in the sector needs to be closely considered, to ensure that the locally-delivered sport and recreation opportunities are not lost in the funding of regional and sub-regionally facilities.

One Local Initiatives (OLI)

We note that the OLI programme has its budget allocation deferred to outer years for all except two projects in the first three years: the Orewa seawall and the Flat Bush community hub. This is disappointing given the purpose of the OLI programme was to identify each Local Board's most important local initiative beyond their funding capability and ensure that funding would be made available. **Local Boards and their communities have committed many hours and funds into the OLI projects and we believe that they should be prioritised for funding in the first three years of the LTP.**

Many of the projects which were nominated as an OLI, such as Rodney Local Board's Kumeū-Huapai indoor courts facility and Waitemātā Local Board's Ponsonby Park project have been progressed for many years. The OLI projects have high levels of community support and address identified areas of shortfall and need. Without delivery much of the work already undertaken will become obsolete and areas of shortfall will continue to grow.

Local Board Transport Capital fund

There is evidence that busy roads create a perception of safety and encourage Aucklanders to use motorised vehicles in preference to active modes of transport. The Local Board Capital fund was an appropriate programme for Local Boards to invest in localised road safety measures and also to provide active transport infrastructure. Auckland's streets are important public spaces. **We note that 14 of the 21 Local Boards are seeking the Transport Capital Fund to be reinstated to pre-emergency budget levels. We support those local boards and welcome well designed and appropriately located active transport initiatives that support Aucklanders to be active and that provide alternative options to private car use.**

Recommendations

Acknowledge the impact of Covid-19

- Recognise the economic, social and community value of the sport and recreation sector

- Recognise the impact Covid-19 has had on our sector.

Capital and Operational investment

- Retain the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund
- Increase the funding level of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund to reflect sector demand.

Support Local Boards

- Support Local Board sport and recreation projects and priorities
- Support the Local Board sport and recreation One Local Initiatives projects which address regional priorities
- Support reinstating the local Board Transport Capital Fund to previous levels.

Asset management and delivery

- Seek clarification about Council's proposal to move from an asset-based approach to alternative ways of delivering services
- Supporting a focus on renewals and proactive asset maintenance
- Urging caution around the implications and potential impacts of community asset divestment
- Ensuring Council has the capacity to deliver the budgeted projects.

We acknowledge that that Auckland Council is contending with reduced revenue and capital constraints and has to make difficult choices about the mix of services it provides. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget. It is proven that sport, active recreation and physical activity makes a substantial contribution to the health and wellbeing of all Aucklanders, of all ages, socio-economic levels and ethnicities, in all communities.

As demonstrated, physical activity -its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities - is fundamental to meeting the outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan. Council itself notes "*community infrastructure supports the essential services in helping people to participate in society, promote health and wellbeing and create a sense of belonging.*"

We urge greater investment in the sport and recreation sector under this Long-term Plan. Without this commitment from Council our current and future community sport and recreation spaces will be compromised. This means our growing, increasingly diverse population will not have access to suitable infrastructure and spaces to participate in physical activity – whether it's a competitive rugby match, social tennis, outdoor netball, school sports events, kī o rahi or kilikiti.

We believe all Aucklanders, regardless of age, ethnicity and ability level, should be able to participate in sport, active recreation, play and physical activity in fit-for-purpose facilities and spaces to enable them to connect with their community and live active, healthy lives.

Let's recognise the social, cultural and economic value of the sport and recreation sector and let's make Auckland the World's Most Active City: Tāmaki Makaurau – te tāone ngangahau rawa o te ao



Return to Play Survey Findings

We are all in this together

Aktive’s Return to Play Survey of the wider Auckland sport and active recreation sector ran from Thursday 6 to Friday 21 August. This survey aimed to help Aktive and our partners CLM Community Sport, Harbour Sport, Sport Auckland, and Sport Waitākere to understand the needs of the sector in Auckland and to identify the areas where we can focus our support over the next six months.



39% Have seen a decrease in membership

Comments suggest a **decrease in juniors has been most impacted**, which may be due to families having less disposable income as a result of job losses and wage cuts from Covid-19, as well as parents taking their children out of contact or close proximity sports.

Seven Key Challenges

- 1. Membership Retention** Retaining members, making membership fees affordable and supporting members due to the impact of Covid-19 is the most common challenge facing organisations in the next six months
- 2. Financial Sustainability** Reduced revenue and financial implications due to lack of membership fees, loss of income, funding and sponsorship reductions, and ongoing administration costs
- 3. Facilities & Maintenance** Lack of or access to facilities, updating of facilities, repairs and maintenance, and increased cost of hygiene measures under Covid-19 guidelines
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Return to Play ACTIVE Survey Findings

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would be most valuable for the sector over the next six months including awareness of funding available and support in making successful applications.



Online forums

would be the most useful way overall to bring the sector together, followed by newsletters. Conferences were seen to be least useful.

Next Steps

Active will use these findings to guide the response across Auckland:

1. Funding Support

Communicating available funding and grants to the sector; facilitate and support with writing successful applications



2. Membership Retention

Support with successfully retaining members and potentially attracting new members



3. Volunteer Retention

Support to retain staff and volunteers as well as attract more volunteers



4. Financial Assistance

Facilitating and advocating for financial assistance; advocating on behalf of the sector to Auckland Council.



Active will provide regular communications to the sector, including updates. It will bring the sector together for networking opportunities, to discuss best practice and to share what is working for others.





10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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Note: *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Indian Ink Theatre Company

Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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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

Tell us why: Council's investment is required to enable the growth that Auckland is experiencing to be supported. Winding back Council's spending will not support the wider economic recovery. In a time of recovery and crisis the demands on Council from the community are actually greater - its not the time to retrench.

2. Climate change

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

Tell us why: The costs of not addressing climate change are exponentially greater than investing now. Both in terms of disasters but also brand

3. Water quality

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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: Our harbours are a key part of our identity. They are a major place for recreation and part of Auckland's brand. They need to be safe to swim in.

4. Community investment

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? Other

Tell us why: There is not enough detail offered to understand if this proposal is viable or not. Multi use facilities can become facilities that are not fit for purpose because in trying to meet everyone's needs they end up meeting no one's need. I support the concept of hubs, of pooling resources, of creating places where communities can rub up against one another in positive, rich, creative ways. For this to work there has to be a clear vision that is informed by a deep understanding of the needs of the various activities that will be using the spaces. This requires true consultation and in some cases may mean letting go of the ideal of "multi - use" because some activities can't be delivered in this way. However there will be opportunities to use assets in different ways so there is value in the idea as long as it doesn't become dogma and is implemented with a deep understanding of the needs of users.

5. 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.

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	Support
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	Support
Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties have access to a similar level of service	Support
Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre	Support
Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services	Support

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?

The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate.

Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

We strongly support ongoing and increased investment from Council into arts in the Auckland region. Multi use facilities can become facilities that are not fit for purpose because in trying to meet everyone's needs they end up meeting no one's need. I support the concept of hubs, of

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Feedback

Auckland Council Recovery Budget - 2021-2031

Arts and culture can make a powerful contribution to transforming Auckland into the world's most liveable city. Arts and culture are fundamental to quality of life in Auckland. Being a culturally rich city, where the arts are integrated into our everyday lives, is essential if we are to achieve the Auckland Plan vision of becoming the world's most liveable city.

Toi Whītiki – Auckland Council Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Council's proposed 10-year Budget 2021-2031.

We appreciate the financial constraints arising from the impact of COVID-19, and the many calls on the Council's funds.

We have provided some sector context, and then focused our response on four of the questions on which the Council has invited specific feedback:

- Question 1 – Proposed 10-year budget
- Question 4 – Community investment
- Question 6 – Local boards
- Question 7 – Other issues

Sector context

Key point: *Investment in the recovery and rebuild of this critical sector should be a priority, to avoid systemic weakening of the sector's ecosystem due to COVID-19 financial constraints.*

- The vibrant ngā toi / arts and culture sector of Tāmaki Makaurau is a taonga in its own right. It reflects indigenous Māori culture, and the diversity of cultures of people attracted from around the world to live in the region. It is a contributor to our sense of wellbeing; a source of connection between our diverse communities; a wellspring of talent that feeds the region's creative industries; a major employer; a domestic and international tourism asset.
- The Council has recognised the central role of ngā toi /arts and culture, in its development of a long-term vision for the Auckland region; and in the development of the Toi Whītiki Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan. Ngā toi /arts and culture can play an important role in supporting an inclusive Auckland where everyone can participate and belong.
- The sector, particularly the parts of the sector that are reliant on in-person audiences (exhibitions, concerts, theatre, dance, and events and festivals that include arts and culture, such as Matariki and Pasifika), has been hard

hit by COVID-19. The recovery from the COVID-19 crisis will require both support for the creative workforce and for financial recovery for arts companies and organisations. The Council, alongside Government, philanthropic and other funders, must continue to be an investor in this recovery in order to secure the long-term benefits to the region of a strong ngā toi / arts and culture sector.

- One of the impacts of Covid 19 that we see affecting us is the loss of key personnel and support businesses from the industry. This can be seen in areas such as production, design, marketing, set construction etc as people have taken their skills and transferred to other industries. Rebuilding will mean training new people and supporting people to establish new businesses to service our industry. Supporting the established organisations so they can give work to people is fundamental. Enabling training and facilitating collaboration so that people can build viable careers servicing a portfolio of clients will be one way Council can support the rebuild and recovery.
- In addition to the recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, the sector also has pressing development needs. Greater priority needs to be given to recognition, visibility and celebration of ngā toi Māori; and the sector needs to grow to be more inclusive of the arts of our Moana Oceania, Asian and other diverse communities.
 - Prioritisation of ngā toi Māori can help Council to deliver to the Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau outcomes
 - Increased recognition and inclusion of the arts of Moana Oceania, Asian and other arts sector communities can also help Council to deliver wellbeing outcomes to Auckland's increasingly diverse population.
 - Support for key / lead organisations that service a range of artists and arts organizations is key to the development of the sector. Individual artists and small arts organisations can only do so much and it is wasteful to replicate skills when they can be delivered by people or organisations that service a number of clients. The Basement and Q Theatre are examples of organisations that are hubs; locating skills and services in one place. Building links between artists and audiences is critical and if this can be supported by hubs that build long term relationships with both audiences and artists that is better than requiring every artist and every arts organization to develop and maintain this capability.
- We would suggest that priority for investment in the ngā toi / arts and culture sector should be in maintaining and developing the region's creative workforce; its artists and performers, core arts organisations and facilities, the emerging arts organisations that support toi Māori, and other arts communities that are currently considered on the margins of the

sector. Direct engagement with the arts sector can help the Council to identify the best opportunities for investment to benefit the sector.

Question 1 - Proposed 10-year budget

Key point: *Collaborate with the region's arts communities to find creative solutions that address financial constraints while strengthening the ngā toi / arts and culture sector of Tāmaki Makaurau*

- The budget is light on detail regarding funding relating to the arts and culture sector. What we would recommend, however, is that;
 - while spending is constrained and changes are made to the facilities, venues, and other Council resources available to the sector, that active, direct and comprehensive engagement with the sector and the various arts communities is pursued to build a strategic approach to meeting the sector's needs. This would
 - ensure a shared understanding of the varied needs of the sector across the diverse arts communities (art form, location, culture) in the region to inform and guide funding and investment decisions
 - create an opportunity for collaboration between Council and the sector to find creative solutions to sector needs
 - maintaining at least current levels of funding for the sector remain a priority until such time as the Council is able to further invest in developing the region's arts and culture infrastructure.
- We support a one-off rates increase that would secure
 - the proposed additional funding of \$65m for Parks and community
 - the proposed additional funding of \$50 million for Economic and cultural development, particularly as this would allow the restoration of the Art Gallery heritage building, an anchor facility for ngā toi / arts and culture in our region.

Question 4 – Community investment

Key point: *Consult with the region's arts communities to ensure that in reshaping the Council's portfolio of facilities the ngā toi / arts and culture sector retains affordable access to fit-for-purpose facilities*

- We support Council's proposal to reduce costs through taking '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.'

- Any changes to venues that are currently used to support arts and culture needs to be done in consultation with the sector – and as noted above, this consultation needs to be ‘active, direct and comprehensive engagement’ appropriate to the various arts communities.
- Venue costs are already a barrier for some smaller arts and culture organisations, particularly those in some of our diverse communities. Cost increases will be unmanageable for many. As the Council looks to greater use of leasing or partnership arrangements, increases in the costs of using community facilities should be avoided.
 - The Council’s focus, in developing a slimmed down, ‘fit for purpose’ portfolio of owned and leased facilities, should be on increasing venue access and reducing venue costs for emerging artists, arts companies, cultural organisations from Auckland’s diverse communities, and groups who are supporting specific community needs, such as rangatahi arts. Preserving current costs for established artists, arts companies, and cultural organisations as the sector recovers over the coming years from the impacts of COVID-19 is also key
 - It is also important for Council to recognise that a shift towards shared, multi-purpose facilities addresses the diverse needs of the sector for the specific facilities needed to make and present creative work (e.g., theatres, studios etc)
 - It is critical when considering ‘multi – use’ venues to consider that this can also mean not fit for purpose for anyone. Some activities are not compatible – eg painting studios and dance studios. And even within related art forms there can be clashes – eg dance studios require a dance floor that precludes many of the activities theatre makers might want to do in the space. Careful consultation with users should inform all planning.
- Council and local boards need to work with the sector to find innovative ways to use community facilities and cost-neutral ways to support the sector such as by providing low-cost spaces for activities like performance rehearsals. The creativity of the ngā toi / arts and culture sector is an asset the Council and local boards can draw on, both to find sector-specific solutions, and for creative thinking about the wider challenges relating to getting best value for the community from these facilities.
 - The potential for artists and creative practitioners to provide wider support to the Council in designing and delivering innovative, strategic, and cost-effective solutions to the unique challenges faced by the region should also be considered. The sector is a rich resource for the Council to draw on.

- Our organization tours nationally and internationally and as result we have a deep experience of diverse practices including insight into what works and what doesn't. We would welcome opportunities to feed this intelligence into the Council's planning processes.
- Council needs to recognise that online services to provide for our diverse communities is not necessarily going to be appropriate for ngā toi /arts and culture engagement. Arts and culture events provide opportunities for the face-to-face connection within and between communities that support the Council's wellbeing and social cohesion goals.
 - It also needs to be recognised that not all communities are going to be easily able to access online content. Investment in community accessibility to technologies is needed if Council pursues these options. Equity considerations need to be addressed when exploring options for delivery of online services
 - Some art form such as theatre are designed for the live experience. Online services can enhance that experience or assist with connecting audiences to the live experience but they cannot replace it . In this online connected world live experiences are becoming more valuable. Indeed they are invaluable to human connection – we see this in times of crisis or celebration; people need artists to sing and dance and tell stories. However, the economics of live are challenging at the moment and investment from Council can help. Rather than trying to push theatre into pivoting to becoming an online art form recognize that this has already happened – theatre became film and television.

Question 6 – local boards

Key point: Draw on local knowledge to identify the needs of local arts communities, and to inform a regional approach to developing the ngā toi / arts and culture sector

- We note the inclusion of arts and culture in the priorities set by local boards for 2021/22 and acknowledge the value of having funding decisions made close to communities across the region. We recommend:
 - Council encourage engagement around the Toi Whītiki strategy between local boards, regional arts organisations, and community arts organisations and leaders to build relationships to inform local board decisions, facilitate a regional perspective of activity and funding in the sector, and identify opportunities for partnership between the boards and sector organisations.
 - We would see this extending to closer engagement between Council, CCOs and the sector to build on Toi Whītiki to deliver a cohesive strategy and investment plan for the region.

- We would welcome opportunities to speak directly with council staff, local board members and councillors. We recommend that decision makers in Council engage directly with artists and arts organisations rather than delegating everything to CCOs. In our experience CCOs often have a limited understanding of, or empathy for, smaller or more diverse arts organisations. The scale of their operations means that attention is focused on the areas where the most money is at stake. These areas are often well removed from the orbit of smaller, more local artists and arts organisations. These smaller organisations are often where innovation, diversity and the strongest connections to local communities can be found.

Question 7 – What is important to you?

- We support the Council’s statement of commitment to the Māori outcomes outlined in the consultation document, and its commitment to provide funding to support Māori outcomes. We note that support for ngā toi Māori will help the Council meet the identified mana outcomes, in particular Māori Identity and Culture; Whānau and Tamariki Wellbeing; Realising Rangatahi Potential; Te Reo Māori; Kaitiakitanga; and Māori Business Tourism and Employment.

Conclusion

The ngā toi / arts and culture sector of Tāmaki Makaurau is both an asset for Council to nurture, and a resource for Council to draw on. We ask that Council, local boards, and CCOs:

- work collaboratively with the sector to approach the shared challenge of rebuilding and renewing the sector as a unique regional asset
- draw on the creative capacity of the sector, both to address the needs of the sector, and to address the wider challenges facing the Tāmaki Makaurau as a result of the pandemic

Ngā mihi nui,



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

Tell us why:

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

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To start construction on the above 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 view on this proposal?

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Which option do you support?

Tell us why:

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Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

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

Support

Tell us why: I strongly support accelerating renewal of Council facilities and infrastructure - especially those essential to increasing energy efficiency, eliminating the use of fossil fuels (e.g.: decommissioning the use of coal fired boilers), and preventing pollution, to meet our environmental goals for the region, including the goal of halving carbon emissions, improving water quality and increasing biodiversity. This investment is especially important as our climate is already changing with both increased drought and storm events placing much more pressure on essential services and our

natural environment. This investment will make our water supply infrastructure more resilient to climate impacts. Investing now will reduce the costs imposed on our children and future generations.

I also call for the acceleration of marine protection and restoration within the Hauraki Gulf, Manukau, and Kaipara to 30% of these areas. I strongly support continued investment to support the restoration of healthy waterways throughout the region. This is critical to protecting this area and responding to the increasing pressures of both climate change and intensification in the city.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: We must ensure that >\$150m investment on climate actions is prioritised.

On behalf of my children and future generations I strongly support the following measures proposed:

Transport and infrastructure

- All new buses will be electric or hydrogen powered from 2021 and working with the government to achieve > 50 per cent of the total bus fleet being electric or hydrogen powered by 2030.
- Creating a zero-carbon zone in Queen Street Valley (Aotearoa's most polluted black carbon area)

Trees and forest planting

- Planting >11,000 more street trees and establishing a nursery to grow >200,000 seedlings a year.
- Planting an additional 200 ha of native forest.

Waste minimisation

- Accelerate the increase of our zero-waste resource recovery network.

Energy efficiency and emissions reduction

- Providing more advice and support to Aucklanders to reduce household emissions.
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- Partnering with others regionally to tackle our biggest emission challenges and supporting Māori-led climate change action.
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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: See comments above

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: I support this investment, especially where it prioritises decarbonisation of our Council community assets.

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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

Tell us why: It feels more equitable to share the costs across the wider community.

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why I strongly support the creation of new safe walking and cycling connections, including the local board transport capital funding to contribute to the cost of the new walking and cycling connection between Francis Street and Esmonde Road. The recent cycling fatality really emphasizes the importance of this. I also support the acceleration of the Sky Path to allow cycle connections to the city. Ferries are experiencing difficulties with capacity for cycles - allowing better connectivity between the North Shore and the City will greatly accelerate the uptake of cycle commuting from Takapuna and Devonport in support of Auckland's carbon emission reduction goal of halving emissions by 2030.

I am a regular user of the NorthWestern and Pink cycleways to access work meetings and events in the city and look forward to being able to take my e-bike to meetings and events on the North Shore as well - as one of an ever growing number of cyclists and e-bikers these longer commutes are really desirable. Where we can achieve the multiple benefits of improved health and fitness, improved air quality and reduced carbon emissions. More than that we can enjoy the city and leave behind the stress of traffic, parking and fumes!

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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 most priorities

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The Te Whau Pathway has been identified as a flagship project as part of the draft Henderson-Massey Local Climate Action Plan and is an essential ingredient for Tāmaki Makaurau in reducing traffic related carbon emissions.

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I also strongly call for further funding to accelerate the implementation of the Henderson-Massey Connections Plan and other related projects including the NorthWestern Busway.

I support calls for an additional aquatic and a waka ama facility for the community - and note that this is an opportunity to ensure that any new Council facilities are built to Zero Carbon building standards.

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- the Unlock Avondale Programme and deliver the Avondale multipurpose community facility - but ask that this also be developed as a zero carbon development
- and advocating for the reinstatement of funding for the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to the level it was before the 2020/2021 financial year

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

I strongly recommend that any developments, sales or lease agreements entered into by Council include conditions which will require the ongoing decarbonisation of our assets and buildings. Requiring minimum sustainable building standards (eg Greenstar, Homestar or Nabers) and energy efficiency standards and zero carbon emissions for developments and renewals to support and enable the achievement of Auckland's Climate Change goal of halving of carbon emissions by 2030.

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

Other

Tell us why: [Please see attachment 11750] Letter from Four Points by Sheraton regarding Accomodation Provider Targeted Rate:

The burden on all hotels is significant due to the impacts of Covid-19 which will be far reaching and long lasting. Furthermore, all the hotels currently in the Managed Isolation Facilities will need to re-launch and rebuild across 2002 and well into 2023, allowing more inventory into what will be a depressed market.

Four Points by Sheraton, as are other hotels are completely reliant on the international market with 6070% of its business derived from North America, Australia, and Asia. The opening of worldwide air routes are fundamental to the financial sustainability of our hotel and many others.

In 2019 MI were opening a new hotel every 14 hours, more recently the organization announced the opening of a circa 200 room Moxy in 2022 and are also looking at introducing the Ritz Carlton brand to Auckland. Introducing the APTR will erode investors confidence in the benefits of citing hotels in Auckland, leading to a decrease in economic and employment opportunities for residents.

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18 March 2021

Auckland Council
135 Albert Street
Auckland 1010

RE: Auckland Have Your Say – Auckland Council 10 YR Budget

Dear Sir/Madam,

Four Points by Sheraton Auckland launched in 2018 comprises 255 rooms and is an independently owned New Zealand hotel, jointly owned by the New Zealand Super Fund and two Auckland entities. The hotel is managed by Marriott International (MI), the world’s largest hospitality provider with over 7,200 hotels worldwide.

We write in opposition to the Auckland Council’s intention to reintroduce the Auckland Provider Targeted Rate (APTR) in March 2021. We understand Auckland Council are considering the following three options:

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We don’t believe Option 3 goes far enough and request the tax be eliminated completely. The burden on all hotels is significant due to the impacts of Covid-19 which will be far reaching and long lasting. Furthermore, all the hotels currently in the Managed Isolation Facilities will need to re-launch and rebuild across 2002 and well into 2023, allowing more inventory into what will be a depressed market.

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Do not support

Tell us why: [see attachment 11759 for whole report]

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SUBMISSION TO THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL LONG TERM BUDGET 2021/2031 AND LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES

The Uptown Business Association ('Association') welcomes the opportunity to make this Submission.

This Submission will cover:

- (1) Ongoing concerns regarding the impact of COVID-19
- (2) Proposed 10 Year Budget
- (3) Rating Policy Proposals
- (4) Regional Fuel Tax underspend
- (5) Climate Change
- (6) Local Board Priorities - New Development in Uptown

(1) Ongoing concerns regarding the impact of COVID-19

We have ongoing serious concerns expressed from our local business members that COVID-19 continues to have a detrimental impact on their businesses. This is consistent with New Zealand's Gross Domestic Product declining 2.9 per cent over the year to December 2020.

The impacts include direct financial impacts on businesses (especially hospitality businesses), supply chain and market disruption as well as effects on production. The short-notice lockdowns and subsequent impact on immediate loss of business combined with food wastage has severe impacts. More particularly, COVID-19 has had major impacts on exporters and those relying on international visitors and students. For hospitality and event organisers, the ongoing lockdowns have been devastating. Many firms relying on imported goods are also being affected by interruptions in supply chains, particularly in manufacturing. Small and medium-sized businesses have had their business models turned upside down. Businesses tied to travel, tourism and hospitality have experienced losses that will not be recoverable. We still do not know how long this will continue. We have lost many businesses already, with the outlook for some businesses now being dire.

In addition, many employees are now working from home for several days of the week, which is severely affecting our day time hospitality and retail spend.

Our Auckland businesses have felt the economic brunt of four lockdowns so far. Although we did see some positive rebounding last year, there has been a gradual erosion of consumer confidence which is affecting spend. The uncertainty for businesses on navigating rolling lockdowns, supply chain issues and the lack of international visitors have made trading conditions extremely difficult.

A further side-effect of COVID-19 has been the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour experienced by many BIDs. This is an added burden on our small business owners.

We also believe the ongoing significance of the impacts on businesses and the regional economy necessitate Council considering extending measures such as the rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19 and introducing new measures, such as relief in paying hospitality-related fees and charges (such as outdoor dining licence fees).

(2) Proposed 10 Year Budget

Our overall feedback is that we support the need to continue with Council's capital investment of \$31 billion over the next 10 years and recognise that Council is projected to have its revenue impacted by around \$1 billion as a result of COVID-19.

However, we do not agree with the proposed one-off 5 per cent average general rates increase for 2021/2022 rather than the previously planned 3.5 per cent increase.

Instead, we believe Council should:

- keep any rates increase to a minimum for 2021/2022;
- increase Council borrowing;
- make deeper cost savings and prioritise spending; and
- sell more surplus assets/property.

We note the positive statements made in Council's half year financial results and upgrade in the Council's debt rating, indicating a more optimistic outlook is warranted. We suggest this allows Council to further increase borrowing in the short term.

(3) Rating Policy Proposals

Our overall feedback is that what businesses need most from Council is a fair, transparent and stable approach to rates. As we said above, we do not accept the need for a 5% rates increase.

Business differential

While we appreciate that the business differential is being reduced through the Recovery Budget 2021/2031, fundamentally, we do not accept that a business differential should be applied to rates especially for reasons that "businesses are better able to manage additional costs than residential properties" or because "businesses can claim back GST and expense rates against tax." These reasons do not justify the business differential, particularly for small businesses who make up most businesses in Auckland.

Rating Policy

With regard to the proposal to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must improve infrastructure to save our harbours, beaches and streams from being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems. Inaction will cause reputational damage to the city. While we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' spending on this kind of infrastructure and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a

business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied to this targeted rate. We accept that business should pay a share, but not a differential.

On the options tabled to reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate, we have been told by accommodation providers both locally and regionally that they do not accept that they should fund Auckland Unlimited's tourism promotion and event costs from this targeted rate. We reiterate that we have never supported this intervention and now more than ever the sector cannot afford this, so we do not support any of the alternatives proposed.

Finally, on this topic, we appreciate the value of tourism and events to the economy, and the importance on promoting Auckland as a visitor destination and request that Council look to other levers to fully fund this Auckland Unlimited.

Watercare's increase in charges

To support a significant increase in capital investment over the next 10-years, Watercare's board of directors resolved to increase water and wastewater tariffs by 7 per cent on 1 July 2021 and 1 July 2022, followed by annual increases of 9.5 per cent for six years and then increases of 3.5 per cent for the last two years of this plan. ^[1]

We are concerned that these substantial increases in water tariffs proposed by Watercare have not been highlighted in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031. We question whether these substantial increases in water tariffs are reasonable and ask that they be consulted on properly. In particular, these increases in water tariffs will impose a significant burden on businesses.

(4) Regional Fuel Tax underspend

Our preference is to introduce initiatives that both manage demand and raise funding equitably as soon as possible, balanced with investment into affordable and more frequent public transport in order to effect sustainable behavioural change.

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We note the Council's emphasis in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031 on climate change with actions like electrification of the vehicle fleet, moving to sustainable energy at council facilities and tree planting.

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As the majority of businesses across the Auckland Region are small to medium sized, we welcome initiatives that support and incentivise business to make the necessary changes. Funding for business education is particularly important to raise awareness and drive change.

(7) Local Board Priorities - New Development in Uptown

We note the **Waitematā and Albert Eden** Local Board Priorities in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031.

Both Boards have **not** identified as a priority the opportunity provided by the 100,000 square metres of new development around the new Mt Eden/Maungawhau City Rail Link station. However within the next ten years this area within the Uptown precinct will serve as a catalyst to transform the neighbourhood and beyond. This will increase the influx of new residents to the area requiring amenities that are not currently available. It is critical that the development flows to the broader Uptown precinct. We have provided input through our Uptown Community Visioning process to date which identified six key pillars:

- Keep the character and stay edgy
- Make moving easy
- Grow up in Uptown
- Housing that works for everyone

- Grow differently, together
- Foster emerging and creative business

A full report can be found here:

<https://uptown-vision.partica.co.nz/uptown-community-vision/uptownvisioningsummary/flipbook/1/>

Conclusion

Finally as we enter another very uncertain year, especially for small and medium sized businesses, we ask the Council to consider carefully their needs in its approach to the Recovery Budget 2021/2031 and provide more focus on growing the economy and supporting job creation.

The Uptown Business Association wishes to be heard at any hearings or meetings of the Local Board to consider these and other submissions.

Yours sincerely,

[1] Recovery Budget 2021/2031, page 40.

[2]

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/half-of-auckland-councils-regional-fuel-tax-has-not-been-spent/XTFNMLCAPDH4HFFBQQKUSUIN4/>



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

Support

Tell us why: i support the increase in one time increase to gather investments in projects, i do not agree about the breakdown of the activities. we are still heavily reliant on projects/activities which are costly and not making an impact on problems high on the priorities of the rates payers. example 12 billion on transport and still Auckland has the worst public transport in the developed world. More people still driving on roads, expanding roads will encourage more cars on the roads. Council need to rethink spending priorities and stop "knee jerking" responding. Town planning and community

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Don't know

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Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

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The community assets in Maungakiekie where we do our work requires a huge upgrade. Our kids playground in Fergusson Park is quite tired and run down and constantly an unsafe place for kids due to equipment failure. It is used by many families and local groups. The Park also needs better development and community to be engaged more in what new improvements needed. Its a. growing community which requires more investments in services and assets to cater for this growth.

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FIRST Union submission

to

Auckland Council

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**Te Tahua Putea Tau 2021 – 2031
Long-term Plan Consultation Document**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 FIRST Union (hereinafter 'FIRST' or 'the union') is a private sector trade union representing more than thirty thousand workers across the retail, finance, commercial, transport, logistics and manufacturing sectors.
- 1.2 FIRST Union has around 1000 members in the bus sector and the waste sector, as well as a number of contractors to Auckland Council and Council-controlled organisation Watercare.
- 1.3 We acknowledge Auckland Council's (hereinafter 'the Council') commitment to make this long-term budget a "**recovery budget**" and acknowledge increases in both capital investment and operational expenditure in some areas. We also note that this long-term budget exercise comes off the back of a major slashing of council spending that has resulted in the loss of around 500 FTE jobs, as well as an additional 600 temporary or contract workers.¹ Cutting jobs in the middle of an economic crisis dials down the possible economic stimulus effect that local government can mobilise through its spending activity.
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2. BRINGING DECENT WORK AND UNIVERSAL PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE RECOVERY BUDGET

- 2.1 The ILO decent work agenda includes things like employment opportunities, living wages, decent working times, job security, freedom from discrimination and the right to freedom of association. As one of the largest employers and procurers of labour in

¹ Matthew Theunissen "We had to slash our spending": Auckland Council cuts jobs, defers projects" (17 July 2020) Radio New Zealand. <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/421398/we-had-to-slash-our-spending-auckland-council-cuts-jobs-defers-projects>

² Tom Pullar-Strecker "Signs growing economy will drift down in 2021" (2 March 2021) stuff.co.nz <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/opinion-analysis/124391098/signs-growing-economy-will-drift-down-in-2021>

³ See e.g. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/topic-based-plans-strategies/environmental-plans-strategies/aucklands-climate-plan/response/Pages/climate-emergency.aspx>

⁴ The FIRST Union *A Future that Works* campaign says that everyone should have decent work, liveable incomes, job security and a voice in the workplace. A key part of this is also supporting the PSA's Aotearoa Wellbeing Commitment, pushing for universal delivery of all key public services including healthcare, housing, education, income support, free and accessible public transport and free internet.

the Auckland region, the Council has a key role in implementing that agenda, and ought to continue to push those obligations as far down the labour supply chain as possible.

- 2.2 Investing in universal public services is also crucial for working people to bring down the costs of living and working and improving quality of life. In this regard we support municipalisation of essential services and greater community control over assets and service delivery. While we are seeing this in some areas, other key services are still the prime domain of large multinational contractors who expropriate and send offshore the wealth our communities generate.

3. DECENT WORK IN THE BUS SECTOR

- 3.1 We note that Auckland's public transport patronage is rising, and acknowledge the urgent need for more better public transport services to reduce traffic congestion and increase productivity and growth, as well bring down road deaths and injuries, and reduce carbon emissions. We support the capex allocation of \$4.245 billion over the next three years to improve and expand the network, however we are concerned that this spending is proposed in the context of a continuing **decent work deficit** with no clear conclusion in sight. We think the long-term budget should consider specifically three issues in responding to that deficit: **living wages, decent hours and driver safety**.

3.2 Living wages for Auckland bus drivers

Our expectation for Auckland Council is a living wage floor, as well as pay scale based on skills/service to the company, plus decent annual wage increases to reflect the rising cost of living.

- 3.2.1 At the present time FIRST Union collective agreements with four of the bus companies that provide bus services to Auckland Council – NZ Bus, Birkenhead Transport, Ritchie Murphy and the Waiheke Bus Company⁵ – contain printed rates that are below the living wage. While some of these companies have collective bargaining coming up soon that may rectify that, it is further possible that the increase in the living wage projected in September 2021 may surpass those rates.

⁵ The **NZ Bus** Operator 1 & 2 rates are all still below the living wage, by 1% and 14.5% respectively. The scheduled increase on 1 April 2021 will likely push Operator 2 rates up above the living wage but will probably fall below again when the living wage is increased in September. Operator 1 rates are set at the minimum wage level i.e. will remain below the living wage level regardless. **Birkenhead Transport's** rates for new employees and 1-2 years' service are currently below the living wage, as well as the new employees rate from July this year. While the printed rates step up at July, the living wage increase in September would likely mean that workers with 1-2 years will again fall out of living wage coverage. **Ritchie Murphy** rates are 1.5% below the living wage for the first two years (21.75 per hour), in July they will rise slightly above the living wage but this will likely change back when the living wage rises. At **Waiheke Bus Company** the level one (induction training) rates are currently below the living wage by 8.5% and even after the July 2021 rates will stay below the living wage level by 4%.

3.2.2 We have been part of ongoing discussions and negotiation involving central and local government on this matter. In September 2020 the Minister of Transport announced that all bus drivers nationwide will progressively move towards being paid at least the living wage.⁶ We know that discussions are continuing to facilitate this, however the issue has not yet been resolved. The majority of funding is intended to be provided by central government to councils to lift wages, however some public transport operators have taken issue with additional costs relating to corresponding increases to other benefits like holiday pay, as well as highlighting possible discrepancies with non-Council routes (such as school bus routes). While these debates continue, we think the most prudent approach that Council can take in the short term is to allocate funding to ensure that this implemented for drivers in a long-term basis.

3.3 Decent hours for bus drivers

3.3.1 Bus drivers are regularly subject to unsociable hours, including workings nights and weekends. We note that the recent bus driver living wage settlement that was negotiated at Wellington included additional penal rates for bus drivers that have to work during these times.⁷

3.3.2 Additionally, bus drivers in Auckland have 'book off' times built into their shifts, these are large unpaid periods in the middle of the shift, spanning between three and five hours. This caters to the metropolitan transport needs of the city. In Auckland, drivers do not by and large, live near where they work due to housing costs. It is not realistic to expect drivers to battle Auckland congestion to return home during this daily book off period. As such the book off time is entirely unproductive; drivers cannot rest nor engage in other work. Ultimately this behooves the city to ensure that the wage rate in Auckland reflect all hours in service to the city including the book off period, living wages, supplemented enough to cover the book of rate. We would refer to this rate as a 'metropolitan wage'.

3.4 Driver safety

During our oral submission, FIRST Union delegate Gurdeep Singh Sahni from NZ Bus recounted growing concerns to driver safety, with a spate of at least four assaults on drivers in the last three months. He noted that the number of safety officers on dangerous routes had been dropped from the proposed 200 to 56, as a result of budget shortfalls. These shortfalls are putting driver safety at risk.

⁶ Council of Trade Unions (12 September 2020) "Living Wage Coming For Bus Drivers". Available at: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO2009/S00159/living-wage-coming-for-bus-drivers.htm>

⁷ Harry Lock "Wellington bus drivers hail proposed living wage deal" (10 March 2021) Radio New Zealand. Available at: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/438070/wellington-bus-drivers-hail-proposed-living-wage-deal>

- 3.5 As we have noted in numerous other forums and publications, we see the public transport operating model (PTOM) as a major part of the decent work deficit, which benefits low-cost anti-union employers that can generate the cheapest price.

4. UNIVERSAL FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 4.1 We support the provision of universal free public transport across the Auckland Council to offset rising living costs (particularly housing) and to respond to the Council's climate emergency declaration, and want to work with Council to track a pathway towards that. Public transport usage is reaching record use in Auckland, bringing down barriers to use will further push that expansion.
- 4.2 Fares only cover ~47 percent of the cost of public transport, and in 2019 Auckland Transport estimated the loss of fare revenue if public transport was made free would be ~\$176 million, with increased patronage adding a further \$60 million;⁸ a \$236 million cost. These figures probably need to be updated, but we suggest progressively increasing fare subsidisation over a five-year period until transport is totally free.⁹ This cost would be partially offset by reducing congestion (which currently costs Auckland between \$900 million and \$1.3 billion), lower the likelihood of road deaths and injuries, and lower Auckland's transport-related emissions, which currently account for 38 percent of Auckland's total carbon footprint.
- 4.3 This is not an unrealistic proposal. Public transport was made free nationwide during the pandemic period, and in March 2021 Environment Canterbury voted to investigate a two-year free-far trial for public transport starting from mid-2022.¹⁰ In our view, free public transport is the carrot to the congestion charges stick if you like, supercharging network usage by low and middle income earners who could struggle to factor additional costs into their budget.
- 4.4 We note that Auckland Transport is in fact moving in the opposite direction, opting to increase fares by an average of 4% at the latest annual public transport fare review, although we do off-peak fares and daily caps are a positive development.

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⁸ Todd Niall "Councillor asks Auckland Transport to look at extending free public transport" (14 January 2019) stuff.co.nz. Available at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/109912828/auckland-transport-looks-at-extending-free-public-transport>

⁹ Within this time period we will see the completion of the City Rail Link and a number of other key service improvements, increasing the incentive towards public transport usage.

¹⁰ Amber Allott "Free buses in Christchurch could be one step closer" (11 March 2021) stuff.co.nz. Available at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/124512393/free-buses-in-christchurch-could-be-one-step-closer>.

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¹¹ There are currently nine such centres in operation within the Auckland region.

¹² We accept that capital gains are only realised at the point of sale; and rates increases are often passed on to renters rather than being funded by the property owners themselves. These could be addressed through a renters' rebate and a limited mortgage facility.

¹³ Amber Allott "Canterbury's proposed rates hike – a move in the right direction, or anti-farmer?" (24 February 2020) stuff.co.nz. Available at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/124347122/canterburys-proposed-rates-hike--a-move-in-the-right-direction-or-antifarmer>

¹⁴ Page 19 of the LTP document notes that borrowing will temporarily increase to a higher ratio of 290 percent for the first three years before reducing to 250 percent in 2030.

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Submission written by:

¹⁵ See e.g. <https://www.lgfa.co.nz/files/documents/New%20Zealand%20Local%20Government%20Funding%20Agency%20Ltd.%20Ratings%20Raised%20After%20Similar%20Action%20On%20New%20Zealand%203B%20Outlook%20Stable.PDF>



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Tēnā koe,

SUBMISSION ON AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

Auckland Museum welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the draft Long-term Plan (LTP).

We appreciate Council's economic circumstances and the need to set a platform for recovery. We also recognise that Auckland faces significant challenges now, particularly climate change, biodiversity, and infrastructure (including cultural infrastructure), and that these challenges need to be addressed now through investment.

In this submission we make several high-level points on the LTP proposals for:

- Economic and cultural development
- Climate Change Response
- Natural Environment and Water Quality targeted rates
- Community investment
- Ōrākei Local Board and Waitemata Local Board priorities

Economic and cultural development

The Museum supports the scenario of additional funding to:

- restore the Art Gallery heritage building
- improve health and safety across facilities
- minimise deferral of asset renewals.

The Museum strongly believes that Auckland's cultural infrastructure must be maintained at an appropriate standard. It would be very unfortunate if the Art Gallery building is wrapped for several years in lieu of funding the urgently needed maintenance works; this would not serve Aucklanders well.

As custodians of an iconic Auckland heritage building, Auckland Museum understands the need to adequately plan and budget for asset maintenance and renewals. We urge the Council to ensure that its cultural facilities are appropriately funded for maintenance and renewals annually to prevent the need for urgent, and usually more costly, remedial work.

Climate Change Response

Auckland Council acknowledges that there is a climate emergency. Council's consultation document notes that 'more work is urgently needed to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts. These programmes have not been proposed for funding in this budget but will require additional action in future.'

The Museum believes that local government and central government both need to tackle climate change urgently and invest in programmes that support our ecosystems. We recommend that the Council commit to invest the funding needed to address the climate emergency.

Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Targeted Rate

We support the proposed time extension of both of these targeted rates, and the increase in the Water Quality Targeted Rate.

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Transport

We support the scenario proposing additional funding for investment in transport.

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Local Board Priorities

Ōrākei Local Board

The Museum supports all of the Board's proposals, and particularly the following:

- implementing multiple environmental programmes
- monitoring and implementing measures to improve water quality in waterways and wetlands
- supporting local businesses and town centres
- finalising an Ōrākei Arts Plan to guide enhancement of art, local heritage and culture in public places.

There are obvious connections between these activities and the Museum's work, and we are happy to discuss how we could collaborate.

Waitematā Local Board

The Museum supports all of the Board's priorities, and particularly the following:

- improving air and water quality, cleaning up waterways, and encouraging stream restoration and biodiversity programmes
- growing the urban forest with the goal of providing 30% of tree canopy cover by 2050
- working with mana whenua and community groups to develop regenerative urban farms that will contribute to biodiversity and ecosystem outcomes.

The Museum has relevant expertise, particularly in environmental research, monitoring, and community engagement, and there may be opportunities for collaboration. We would be happy to explore these opportunities further.

We ask that the Waitemata Local Board consider including a priority activity that will assist local town centre development, particularly around Parnell and Newmarket. Thriving local town centres are important for local economic and cultural development, and the Museum is interested to ensure that these precincts close to the Museum are vibrant and thriving.

Conclusion

As outlined above, there are some obvious areas where the Museum and Council could explore deeper collaboration. We remain committed to working closely with Auckland Council and look forward to discussing these opportunities.

Ngā mihi

Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive



10-year budget 2021/2031

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Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Support

Tell us why: Action is needed.

2. Climate change

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

Tell us why: Climate change and loss of biodiversity are the two most important issues facing humanity in the long term, and they need to be addressed now.

3. Water quality

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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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: Water quality is not an issues that should be delayed.

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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? Don't know

Tell us why:

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Don't know

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No

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

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Community resilience and ecological resilience needs to be invested in and developed in tandem.

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

Support

Tell us why: city needs investment. it is debateable whether the areas of investment are ok.

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Key Submission Points:

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Auckland Council – Long-term Plan 2021-2031

Executive Summary

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These benefits highlight that society would ultimately be poorer without sport and recreation. Try picturing Auckland without it, what would our community, health and environment look like? What would we do for enjoyment, to challenge ourselves, to achieve?

Harbour Sport is a charitable trust that was established in 1989 to support the community in the delivery of sport and recreation in the community. The scope of Harbour Sport has increased over the years as their relationships, knowledge and ability to support the community have become significant. The addition of large health contracts, management of significant community events and a critical support role in the school's sector has seen the important of Harbour Sport to be a pure community facing organisation.

Harbour Sport is a key delivery partner of Auckland Council, the Waitemata DHB, ACC, Active and Sport New Zealand. They also are a significant advocacy partner of the 5 local boards in the region, and a critical support partner of the 21 high school, 100 primary and intermediate schools, the 300 sports clubs, and the 30 plus regional sports associations. Harbour Sport is community facing that supports the local organisations and people that implement projects and initiatives that will get more people recreating and playing sport, in the North of Auckland.

More than one million Aucklanders – adults and children – are active each week. They are supported by 308,880 volunteers contributing 22.1 million hours of their personal time per annum, worth \$391 million to keep the sport and recreation sector moving. The rapidly growing population of the North is closing in on 400,000 people, with over 120,000 registered and members of organised sport.

This sector contributes at least \$1.9 billion to the Auckland economy, providing more than 25,000 jobs for Aucklanders. In addition, there is an estimated \$372 million in healthcare savings in Auckland .

Sport, recreation, physical activity connects Tāmaki Makaurau, and delivers significant physical and mental health and wellbeing, social, economic and educational benefits.

We are pleased to read the statement that Council will continue working with key partners to invest into and target populations of low participation, and or are high risk of becoming inactive.

The key benefits of Sport and Recreation:

- Creating a strong and inclusive city
- Builds peoples connection to the outdoors and the environment
- Building Auckland's community connectedness, pride and belonging
- Reduced anti-social behaviour within Auckland's communities
- Improved educational outcomes for Auckland's youth
- Improved health and well-being for all participating Aucklanders
- Contributing to Auckland's economic growth
- Provide both safer local streets and more regional off-road routes for cycling. Make the Regional Cycle Network an infrastructure focus for the city in order to increase recreational and transport related cycling and ensure routes are effectively connected
- Greater consideration given to the sport and recreational needs of older people

With almost 76% of Auckland residents actively participating in sport and recreation once a week, 97% of residents participating once a year, 21% volunteering along with an economic contribution of \$1.6 billion (2.4%) of Auckland's GDP the Auckland Council has an opportunity to make a considerable difference to Aucklanders via sport and recreation.

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Overview

The impact of Covid-19

We acknowledge that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on revenue of Auckland Council and has exacerbated a challenging fiscal investment environment. However, the pandemic has also had a significant impact on the health of our sport and recreation provider

We know our Regional Sports Associations took significant financial losses due to a destroyed winter sports season in 2020, and loss of partnerships. A significant number of clubs and recreation providers are vulnerable and struggling. Auckland Council's investment in supporting the recovery from the pandemic could be significant. Some short-term solutions could include:

- Support for sport by reduced hire age of council facilities
- Funding to enable making membership fees affordable or free
- Budget to fill the gap for the reduced revenue due to lack of membership fees, loss of income, funding and sponsorship reductions and ongoing administration costs
- Operational support for a loss of staff, not having enough hours for staff, staff affordability and lack of and retention of volunteers.

Getting Aucklanders active

Auckland Council has continuously stated to be the world most liveable city. The reality is the physical health of the city is under threat.

The obesity epidemic and Aucklanders' inactivity remain a significant public health risk. Physical inactivity already costs New Zealand's health system hundreds of millions each year (\$200 million in 2013 alone). Thirty-two per cent of New Zealand children are expected to be overweight or obese by 2025, with 21 per cent of 4-year-old children in Auckland already in this category. These obesity rates are crippling our communities and our economy¹.

Whilst most Aucklanders are physically active in any given week, their levels of activity are well below World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. If nothing changes, there is the clear risk that 1.5 million Aucklanders will be underactive or inactive by 2040. 480,000 of these will be tamariki and rangatahi. Significantly the overall numbers hide inequities: women and girls, people with disabilities, those of Asian and Pacific ethnicities, and those living in low socio-economic areas, are less active.

Without a significant focus and targeted investment, the recovery of the sport and recreation sector from the Covid-19 pandemic will take many years, while the current obesity epidemic will continue to remain a major health issue. The survey results showing that junior membership appear to be most affected is particularly concerning as there is evidence that healthy lifestyle habits are formed at a young age. It is well documented that lower levels of physical activity are linked to negative outcomes for both physical and mental health, including loss of muscular and cardiorespiratory fitness, weight gain, psychosocial problems, and poor academic achievements (Haapala E.A., Vaisto J., Lintu N., 2017; Jiménez-Pavón D., Carbonell-Baeza A., Lavie C.J., 2020; Korczak D.J., Madigan S., Colasanto M., 2017). Evidence suggests that the negative impact may extend to adulthood (World Health Organisation, 2010).

¹ Sport New Zealand Value of Sport and Recreation Auckland Report 2015 and Sport New Zealand Regional profile Auckland 2013-2014

Response to the Long-term Plan Consultation Documents

Commentary on the key themes and issues identified

Capital investment

The primary vehicle for Council capital investment in sport and recreation infrastructure is the current 10-year \$120 million Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund. The fund is aimed at regional and sub-regional level facility development and is a critical funding stream for the sector.

Known, current, and well-researched regional facility plans prepared by sports codes demonstrate current, short-, and medium-term shortfalls in facility provision before this current Long-term Plan period is over. This demonstrates that we are already struggling to meet demand in certain geographical areas of Tāmaki Makaurau.

Examples of these shortfalls include :

- Indoor courts shortfall of at least 30 courts right now (Indoor Court Facilities Plan), rising by an additional 24 within the life of the Long-term Plan. The growth of Basketball, Volleyball and Badminton in the North Harbour region in the last two years suggest these numbers are already outdated. You can not hire an indoor facility in the winter season in the North Harbour region. This has driven increased facility hire significantly causing indoor sports events to be moved out of the region. Participants are being turned away by organisations as there is not the space to play now.
- Winter sports fields shortfall in hours the equivalent of circa 30 artificial turfs within the life of the Long-term Plan
- Outdoor netball courts shortfall of more than 70 courts. This is multiplied in the North region with all netball facilities stretch by current use, with netball limiting entries of young participants in the region due to full facilities.
- Outdoor tennis courts shortfall of approximately 40 courts
- Hockey turfs shortfall of an estimated 15 new turfs plus replacement surfaces on existing turf.

We believe that while this fund goes some way to address the identified shortfalls it simply does not reflect the capital investment the sector needs now and into the future. We recommend that this fund be reviewed and increased to at least partially address the shortfall. This needs to be balanced across the region to match the significant growth areas, and representing all the ethnicities in the region.

We are also concerned that this fund only applies to regional and sub-regional projects, leaving investment in local facilities to Local Boards who themselves have had their capital budgets reduced. We recommend either widening the criteria of the fund as well as increasing the quantum or increasing the local board budgets to enable them to address local demand. We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.

The ability of club participants to access fields is a key constraint for the growth of many codes. Improvements to playing surfaces, such as sand carpeting, can greatly increase the use of fields, particularly in the winter months. The Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund is an important funding source for upgrading playing fields across the region. However, the \$5 million budget is

inadequate to meet the demand. We ask that consideration be given to increasing the quantum of this fund to help address this challenge.

Operational investment

As Council notes in its LTP documentation, Auckland Council owns and operates a large and aging community asset portfolio, inherited from the amalgamation of legacy councils. As the portfolio of assets has grown over time, so too has the level of funding needed to support the portfolio. Limited funding, an aging community asset portfolio and Auckland's population growth has put the community facilities portfolio under pressure, requiring prioritisation resulting in deferred investment.

We acknowledge and support the focus of this LTP on funding of renewals – urgently required and in many cases long overdue. However, it is concerning that Council has stated in the LTP documentation that it has insufficient renewal funding for assets assessed as being in the most need of renewal (condition 5 assets), and investment requirements will continue to rise as the portfolio ages and deferred investment becomes more costly to deliver. We are concerned that the condition of Council's current assets will continue to decline with a lack of investment and the impact this will have on club membership and participation.

The Council's focus is on capital investment, often leaves operational costs to facility users such as clubs. These users may struggle to manage the operational side of facilities, therefore impacting the quality and condition of the asset with capex implications. We know our clubs can find operational costs, such as cyclical maintenance, challenging. We see an ongoing need to also include budget for operational costs to ensure the facilities are appropriately maintained and managed.

Auckland Council has introduced the contestable Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, offering it for the first time this financial year.

It is very clear that the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant is a critical mechanism for improving the sustainability and viability of our clubs, however the sector demand far outstrips the fund's budget. We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.

Community Asset divestment

The Council is looking to divest aging assets that are no longer fit for purpose and "maintain the same service levels for our communities, just delivered differently." As an external party it is unclear which assets are to be divested or how the new approach to move away from an "asset-based approach" to alternative ways of delivering services is to be funded or achieved. Selling off community assets has the capacity to impact on sports and recreation delivery at a local level and undermine the wider regional network. As noted previously in this submission there is currently a significant shortfall in facility provision. Therefore, we urge the Governing Body to consider the impact asset divestment can have on peoples' access to sport and recreation opportunities, particularly at a local level and listen to the views of the relevant Local Board.

We note Council is proposing to also fund investment through a programme to sell or lease surplus properties \$70 million a year over the next three years. It is not clear which properties have been identified for this process and what impact this might have on the sector.

Council's Delivery Capacity

Since the impact of COVID-19, Aktive understands Auckland Council has reduced its staff numbers by more than a thousand employees, including the majority of contractors. We have a real concern that Auckland Council is not adequately resourced to deliver the capital projects it has budgeted for. Again, we acknowledge the challenging fiscal environment facing Auckland Council, but given the Council is already reducing the level of capital investment in community infrastructure over the next three years the impact might be exacerbated by an inability to deliver. We ask that projects which are funded be delivered.

Creating sport and recreation opportunities

We are pleased to note an ongoing commitment to active transport modes through proposed investment in walking and cycling and the ongoing investment in public open spaces in the city centre including the commencement of stage one of the Te Hā Noa Victoria Street linear park and the Downtown Investment programme.

We also welcome investment which can improve water quality of our streams and beaches to enable greater and safer use for water sport activities.

Supporting Local Board projects

Local Board projects

Local Boards are voices of their communities and recognise the value of sport and recreation. This is demonstrated by the key local priorities set out by Local Boards in the current LTP with 15 of the 21 Local Boards having at least one sport and recreation project a delivery priority and 16 out of 21 Local Boards identifying a sport and recreation project in their key advocacy list and where there is strategic justification should be supported by the Governing Body. Of particular merit are those projects which seek to address the highest needs and greatest shortfalls across the region such as **aquatic facilities in the northwest, indoor courts across the region and sportsfield investment in the southern local board areas.** Among other projects, these include:

- Aquatic facilities proposed for the north-west (Whau)
- Aquatic Facilities at Flat Bush Aquatic & Leisure Centre (Howick)
- Scott's Point Sustainable Sports Park (Upper Harbour)
- Covered Courts in Albany and Kumeu (Rodney and Upper Harbour)
- Chamberlain Park (Albert-Eden)
- Sports field improvements (Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa)
- Manukau Sports Bowl (Ōtara-Papatoetoe)
- War Memorial Park Improvements (Manurewa)
- Seaside Park improvements (Mangere-Otahuhu)

We understand that Local Board locally delivered initiatives capital budgets have been significantly reduced particularly those projects funded by growth. This is of concern given Local Boards are the primary capital investors in facilities that sit below a sub-regional level and are therefore those facilities that are not eligible for funding through the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

We know Auckland is growing quickly and the Unitary Plan has greatly enabled increased residential density throughout the existing urban area as well as opening up large areas of greenfield

development. We know the growth of many of our clubs are already constrained by the limitations of their facilities such as fully booked and used fields. As population density increases the demands for access to sport and recreation facilities will grow.

We are concerned that Local Boards will not have the necessary capital budgets to progress much needed local projects with a consequential impact on sport and recreation participation. Growth funding has previously enabled local boards to deliver significant capital projects that they would not have been able to fund otherwise. Frequently local sport and recreation delivery can be significantly enhanced through relatively low-cost investments, such as sand carpeting of sports fields, which has been successfully undertaken by Local Boards. Such investments also improve the viability and sustainability of our sports and recreation clubs through increased membership and strengthen communities. Most Local Boards and their communities have invested significant budget and time in developing masterplans. Without the necessary capital budget Local Boards will not be able to implement the desired outcomes of these masterplans and they will lose value and currency. Masterplans that sit on shelves rapidly become obsolete and inevitably cause reputational damage.

We believe that Local Board funding and the role they play in the sector needs to be closely considered, to ensure that the locally delivered sport and recreation opportunities are not lost in the funding of regional and sub-regionally facilities.

One Local Initiatives (OLI)

We note that the OLI programme has its budget allocation deferred to outer years for all except two projects in the first three years: the Orewa seawall and the Flat Bush community hub. This is disappointing given the purpose of the OLI programme was to identify each Local Board's most important local initiative beyond their funding capability and ensure that funding would be made available. Local Boards and their communities have committed many hours and funds into the OLI projects and we believe that they should be prioritised for funding in the first three years of the LTP.

Many of the projects which were nominated as an OLI, such as Rodney Local Board's Kumeū-Huapai indoor courts facility and Upper Harbour Indoor Facility Albany. The OLI projects have high levels of community support and address clearly identified areas of shortfall and need. Without delivery much of the work already undertaken will become obsolete and areas of shortfall will continue to grow.

Local Board Transport Capital fund

There is evidence that busy roads create a perception of safety and encourage Aucklanders to use motorised vehicles in preference to active modes. The Local Board Capital fund was an appropriate programme for Local Boards to invest in localised road safety measures and also to provide active transport infrastructure. Auckland's streets are important public spaces. We note that 14 of the 21 Local Boards are seeking the Transport Capital Fund to be reinstated to pre-emergency budget levels. We support those local boards and welcome well designed and appropriately located active transport initiatives that support Aucklanders to be active and provide alternative options to private car use.

Recommendations

Acknowledging the impact of Covid-19

- Recognise the economic, social and community value of the sport and recreation sector

- Recognise the impact Covid-19 has had on our sector

Capital and Operational investment

- Retain the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund
- Increase the funding level of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund to reflect sector demand

Supporting Local Boards

- Support Local Board sport and recreation projects and priorities
- Support the Local Board sport and recreation One Local Initiatives projects which address regional priorities
- Support reinstating the local Board Transport Capital Fund to previous levels

Asset management and delivery

- Seek clarification about Council's proposal to moving from an asset based approach to alternative ways of delivering services
- Supporting a focus on renewals and proactive asset maintenance
- Urging caution around the implications and potential impacts of community asset divestment
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We acknowledge that that Auckland Council is contending with reduced revenue and capital constraints and has to make difficult choices about the mix of services it provides. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget. Sport, active recreation and physical activity makes an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all Aucklanders, of all ages, socio-economic levels and ethnicities. As demonstrated, physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan. Council itself notes "community infrastructure supports the essential services in helping people to participate in society, promote health and wellbeing and create a sense of belonging."

We urge greater investment in the sport and recreation sector under this Long-term Plan. Without this commitment from Council our current and future community sport and recreation spaces will be compromised. This means our growing, increasingly diverse population will not have access to suitable infrastructure and spaces to participate in physical activity – whether it's a competitive rugby match, social tennis, outdoor netball, school sports events, ki o rahi or kilikiti.

We believe all Aucklanders, regardless of age, ethnicity and ability level, should be able to participate in sport, recreation and physical activity in fit-for-purpose facilities and spaces to enable them to connect with their community and live active, healthy lives.

Let's recognise the social, cultural and economic value of the sport and recreation sector and let's make Auckland the World's Most Active City: Tāmaki Makaurau – te tāone ngangahau rawa o te ao



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

Support

Tell us why: We support the increased focus on action to address prevent climate impacts- see attached

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: The government and Council are united- we are experiencing a climate emergency. It is therefore essential this be the priority issue for this budget. See detailed attachment.

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Increasing the targeted rate

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: Clean water is essential to life in Tamaki Makaurau, Aotearoa and around the world. We need to invest in clean water so that the water can support the ecological systems we depend on, which in turn support us and our activities. See detailed submission.

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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

Tell us why: We support increased investment in community services.

Any changes to delivery of community services and facilities need to work with the local communities through the local boards to ensure equitable and supportive change.

Council needs to proactively seek opportunities to support Maori and Pacific community facilities and initiatives especially where they seek to serve the broader community

We support further investment in food security, supporting any funding to increase supply/resource to food networks, and support for teaching gardens, community gardens and kai mara.

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Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges?

We support the general increase in rates. However, the increase in targeted environment and water quality rates is not enough to deliver the outcomes needed. The targeted rate for environment needs to be increased to a level to support a halt to environme

The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate.

Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

6. Local Boards

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

Tell us why We support the ongoing focus on environmental priorities, and support for community-led delivery of environmental programmes, such as Kaipātiki Project, Pest Free Kaipātiki, Kauri Dieback programmes, finalising the Connections Plan and the Zero waste -Para kore Northcote programme. This programme in association with Te Ara Awataha aims to realise local Manawhenua aspirations and aligns with the Board's stated goal of 'more meaningful relationships' with Māori.

We support the ongoing investment into 17 Lauderdale renewal programme, as development of a fit-for-purpose community facility.

We support ongoing funding for community development organisations such as Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust and the network of Community Houses.

We support the investigation of projects that may be funded through targeted rates, as there is not enough information currently to support the projects as outlined. However, we are concerned the Targeted Rates model may not be the best

approach, as it requires a small group of residents to fund a programme that may have much wider benefits. We would also want to understand how a project to address coastal inundation (Shoal Bay) fits into the regional and strategic planning to address coastal inundation as a long-term trend, including prioritisation and funding.

With additional regional funding likely to be limited in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, do you support us investigating options for a future locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects that are beyond the existing funding available to the local board?

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how would you rank these key initiatives from our 2020 Local Board Plan? (1 = most like to be funded, 3 = least like to be funded)

Addressing flooding and seawater inundation at Little Shoal Bay, Northcote

Multi-sport facility and improved aquatic play space at Birkenhead War Memorial park

Commuter and recreational walking and cycling links, such as shared paths, bush tracks and connections to the Northern Pathway (to be prioritised in the update of the Kaipatiki Connections Network Connections Plan)

If we were to introduce a locally targeted rate to contribute towards funding major local projects, how much would you be willing to pay annually on top of your rates bill?

Upper Harbour Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why We support the ongoing focus on environmental priorities, and support for community-led delivery of environmental programmes, such as the Upper Harbour Ecology Network. We request support for Kaipātiki Project to deliver community environment projects through the EnviroHub development on Bomb Point Drive. This Hub now accommodates a Community Compost Hub and Food Forest, catering to steadily increasing household numbers. The building planned will accommodate an experiential learning Education For Sustainability Programme available for all, with a goal of enabling communities across Upper Harbour to have the skills to contribute to living lightly on the planet through connecting with each other and nature.

The EnviroHub is adjacent to Bomb Point Drive and Scott Point. We support prioritising resource for Mana whenua in their role as Kaitiaki, and for communities-led development.

We support a local Urban Ngahere plan, and request support to expand the role of Kaipātiki Project in growing more ecosourced native plants to deliver on the Ngahere plan, and supporting Iwi, Hapū and communities to also develop nurseries.

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

We have concern about the impact of rates rises on those less able to afford it. We understand there is rates support available, and support renewed engagement about this. Also, we would like to see consideration of the impact of rates rises on the rental market as we see these are generally passed on, creating further barriers to affordability of housing in Auckland.

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To: Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142

Submission on: Draft Auckland Council Budget 2021-2031

Name: Cabra Developments Limited

Address:

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Cabra Developments Limited (**Cabra**) is a land development company established in 1987 specialising in greenfield subdivision and residential development within the western and northern parts of the Auckland region. Cabra is committed to contributing to the response to critical housing demand through providing for additional serviced lots for residential development to the private market, thus facilitating housing supply and enabling growth within Auckland.
- 1.2. Cabra has successfully undertaken the subdivision of several large land parcels in the region (including in Huapai, Riverhead, Orewa, Greenhithe, Papakura, Snells Beach and Whangaparaoa) and has a proven track record in the delivery of quality residential outcomes. Cabra is familiar with the opportunities that well-developed planning provisions can make to achieving good quality outcomes. Further, these provisions need to focus on both efficiency and affordability, in turn enabling the intensification and form of development intended by the Unitary Plan in a timely manner.
- 1.3. Cabra also has numerous landholdings in Whenuapai, within the extent of Plan Change 5 to the Auckland Unitary Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1. Cabra is the majority owner and developer of the "Huapai Triangle", located on the southern side of State Highway 16 in Huapai, north west Auckland, bound by the state highway, Station Road and Access Road.
- 2.2. Cabra and Auckland Transport have a signed IFA relating to the:
 - upgrade of Station Road,
 - the redesign and construction of the intersection at Station Road and SH16, and
 - the upgrade of the existing signalised intersection at Access Road and SH16.
- 2.3. Under the IFA, Cabra is responsible for the upgrade of Station Road and these works were completed in 2019. Auckland Transport (jointly with NZTA) is required to undertake the two intersection upgrade projects however the scope and design of the intersections has been iteratively delayed over the past five years due to changes to the design and layout of the intersections and physical works are yet to commence. Therefore, Auckland Transport is yet to deliver its share of the IFA.

- 2.4. The provisions of the Auckland Unitary Plan's Huapai Triangle Precinct (originally a Special Housing Area under the HASHAA legislation) require the completion of these upgrades prior to the construction of 300 dwellings (Station Road upgrade) and 400 dwellings (Access Road upgrade), respectively.
- 2.5. Owing to ongoing delays in the delivery of these projects by Auckland Transport, Cabra obtained resource consent in 2019 to increase the dwelling cap to 550 building consents issued (Standard I.62.3.27). However, Cabra will have fulfilled this additional 'quota' within approximately 12 months (end of 2021).
- 2.6. Auckland Transport's delays have stymied the ongoing construction of dwellings in Huapai. Cabra is concerned that the proposed reduction / removal of budget allocation within the Emergency Budget will further delay construction of the intersection upgrades and therefore further delay Cabra's pipeline of construction within the Huapai Triangle.

Pre COVID-19 Project Status

- 2.7. 51% of funding of the infrastructure upgrades is to be provided by NZTA, as the works are located on a state highway. On 23 April 2020, NZTA confirmed that funding for the project had been approved by the NZTA funding manager, the final hurdle to securing NZTA funding. It is unclear whether this funding has been retained or reallocated post COVID-19.
- 2.8. Therefore, funding had been secured by both Auckland Transport and NZTA to deliver the upgrades. The architectural and engineering design is complete, and it is believed that resource consent was to be imminently sought by Auckland Transport.

Previous budget allocation

- 2.9. Auckland Council's 10-year Budget Long-term Plan 2018-2028 allocated \$390m to the Local Residential Growth Fund (which included Huapai/Kumeu transport upgrades) within Decade 1 of the Plan, for growth-related transport initiatives delivered by Auckland Transport and Crown Infrastructure Partners. A further \$1224m was allocated to roading and transport infrastructure upgrades in Huapai, Kumeu, Whenuapai, Redhills and Riverhead in Decade 2 of the Plan.
- 2.10. Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2019/2020 confirmed \$5.8m of transportation funding for the Kumeu/Huapai SHA, which includes the Huapai Triangle.
- 2.11. Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2020/2021 provided little detail in respect of transportation funding before being revoked due to COVID-19 and replaced by the Emergency Budget.
- 2.12. The Emergency Budget 2020-2030 identified the allocation of \$300m to greenfield transport infrastructure (from Auckland Transport) to support high priority greenfield areas including the upgrade of Trig Road, Whenuapai and the allocation of \$23m to deliver new strategic roads to Kumeu (and Pukekohe) growth areas between 2019-2028. A further \$1.224b was allocated to roading, public transport and active transport investment to enable the development of future urban areas in Whenuapai, Redhills, Kumeu, Huapai and Riverhead between 2029-2038. Cabra seeks to ensure this funding has been retained to deliver promised infrastructure.

3. Auckland Council 10-Year Budget 2021/2031

Housing and Growth Infrastructure

- 3.1. Cabra supports Option 3 (Increased Funding) to pay for housing and growth infrastructure, which requires the pulling of funding levers to target investment, to partially

cover the cost of infrastructure. This will assist with the Council's endeavours to seek central government funding and financing, and better leverage Crown investment. Cabra acknowledges that this option will require an increase in rates, however housing supply will continue to lag (and therefore house prices will continue to rise) without Council and Crown investment in infrastructure to support housing and growth.

Transport

- 3.2. The draft Budget allocates \$12.3b to transport works region-wide, including \$1.66m through non-rates revenue and \$7.34m capital investment in roads and footpaths. However, the Budget fails to confirm which projects this funding will support, including whether previously approved projects have retained funding, for example the Station Road and Access Road intersections with SH16 in Kumeu / Huapai, or any funding allocated for new / upgraded roads in growth areas such as Whenuapai.
- 3.3. Specifically, funding for the upgrade of the Station Road / SH16 works is required to enable Auckland Transport to deliver their portion of the IFA with Cabra. Failure to deliver on the IFA would see Auckland Transport fall fowl of its contractual requirements of that Agreement. The capital works programme provides limited certainty of funding other than in respect of CRL, the Eastern Busway and the Northwest SH16 interim bus improvements, however \$47m appears to be allocated to other unspecified projects.
- 3.4. Cabra supports the Rodney Local Board's commitment to deliver improvements to the Kumeu and Huapai town centres, and to continue to advocate for sufficient funding from Auckland Transport to renew and maintain 12% of Auckland's roading network and wide-spread improvements to unsealed roads.
- 3.5. Cabra also supports the provision of public transport to North West Auckland, beyond Westgate, and including the electrification of rail to Kumeu.

Extending the Urban Rating Area

- 3.6. Cabra does not support an extension to the Urban Rating Area, however if this does proceed, then rural areas should be provided urban services. Cabra supports excluding Kumeu and Huapai from the Urban Rating Area as these areas have lower services than other areas which are included in the Urban Rating Area.

4. Key concerns

- 4.1. Cabra supports Option 3 (Increased funding) to secure additional investment in infrastructure that supports housing and growth region-wide.
- 4.2. Cabra requests immediate confirmation that Council will not renege from its contractual obligations in respect of the upgrade works at SH16, Huapai and will respect the legitimate expectations created by its actions, upon which Cabra has relied in continuing with development at Huapai.
- 4.3. Cabra seeks confirmation as to the intended allocation of the \$47m transport capital works investment.

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

Don't know

Tell us why: Our organisation hasn't formed a view on the budget as a whole, but there are issues our members have told us need to be considered more.

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Ten-year budget: 2021-2031

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- Survey population: Committee for Auckland membership and Future Auckland Leaders Alumni.
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The Committee for Auckland was founded almost 25 years ago. It's purpose is to build connection, behaviour and initiatives to create a better Auckland for all.

It has a broad membership base across major corporates, public agencies, iwi enterprises and non-for-profit organisations.



Key Insights

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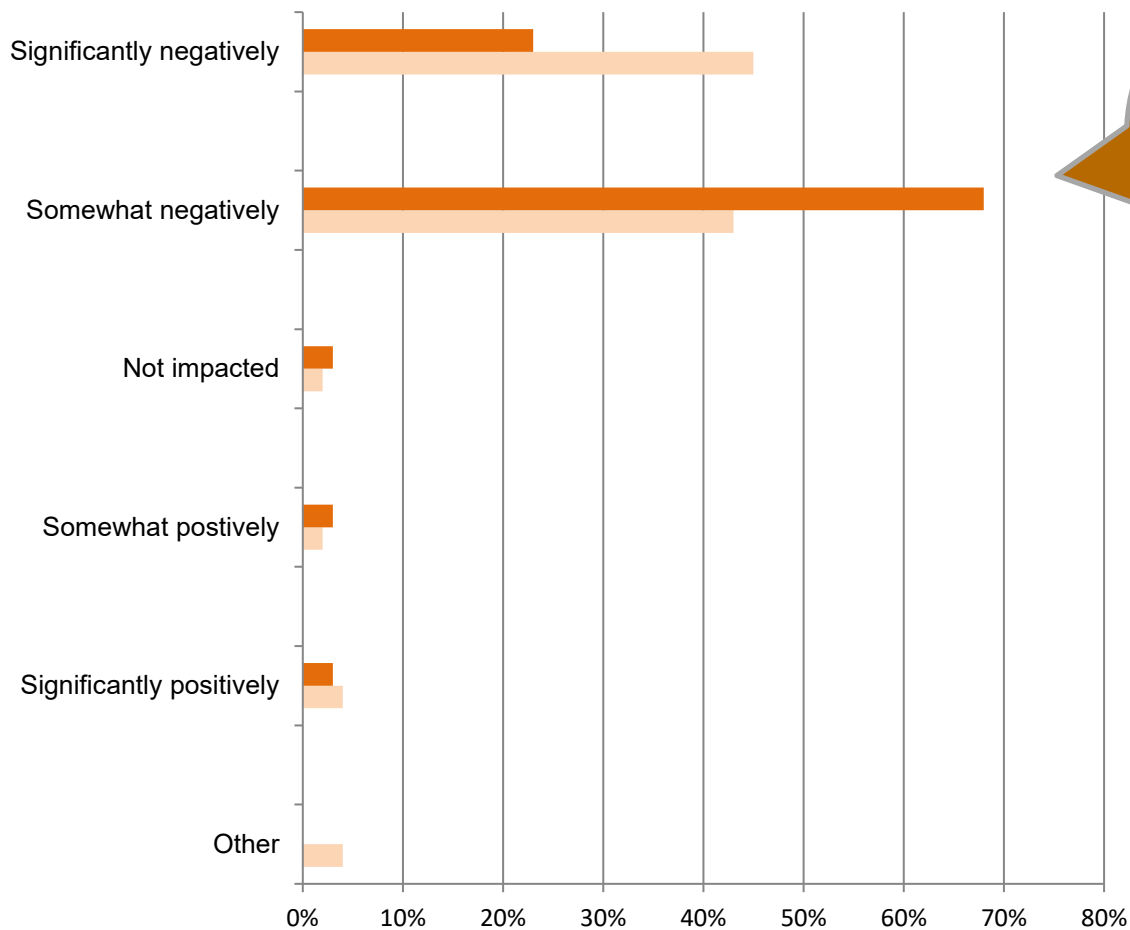
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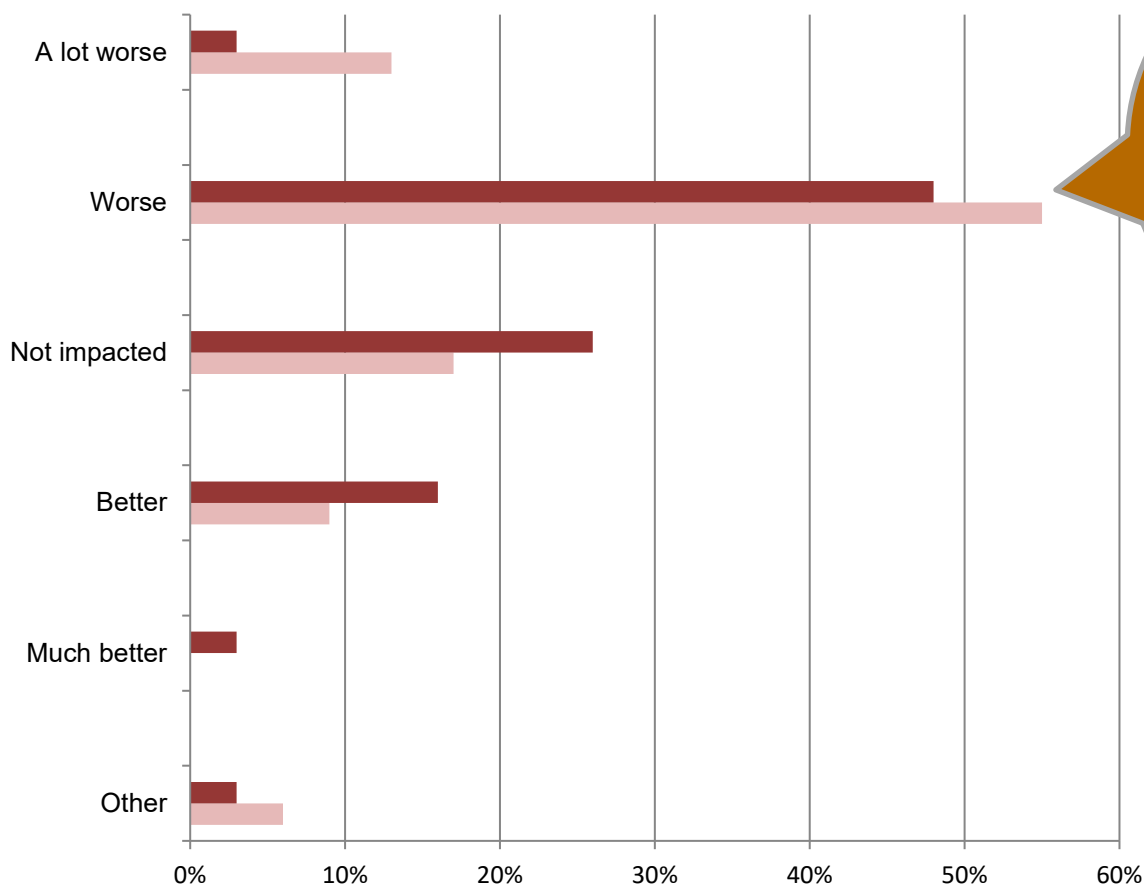


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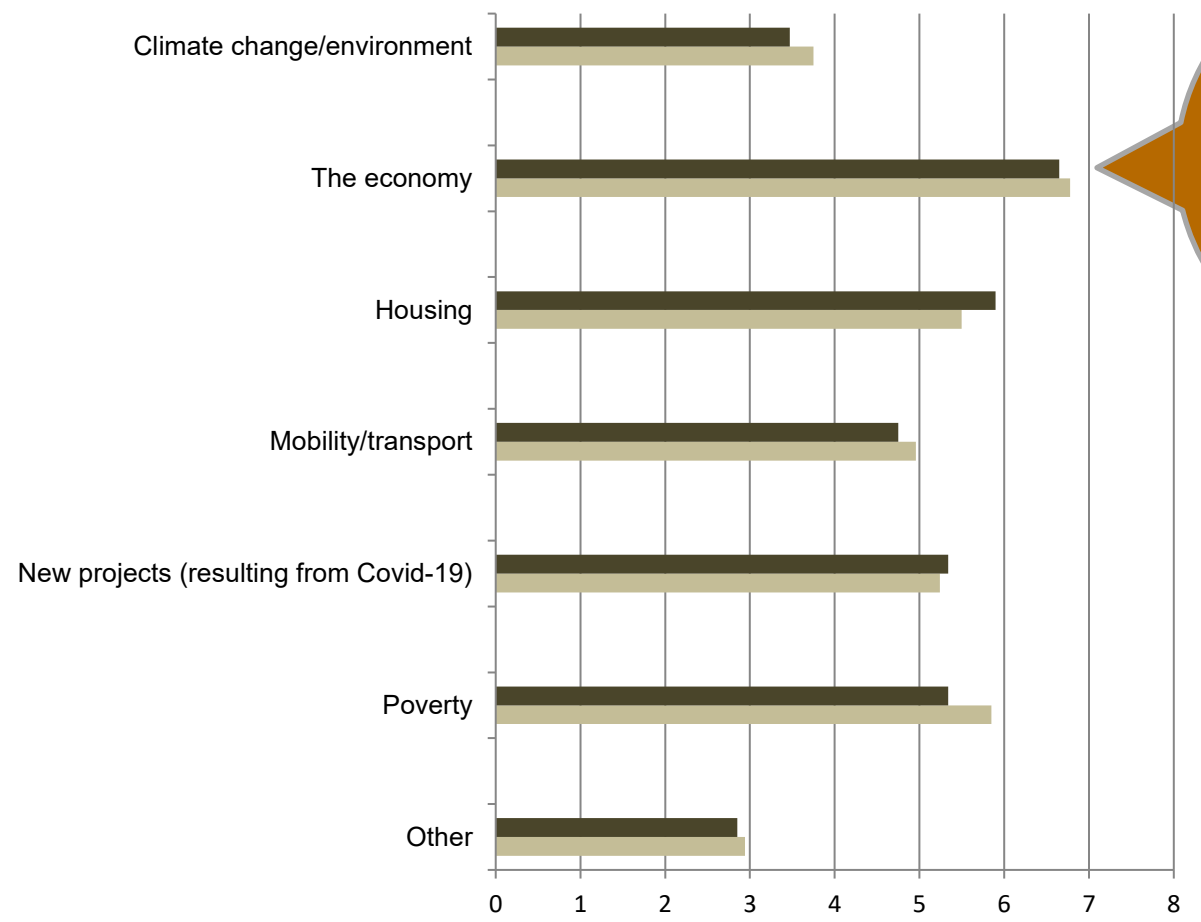


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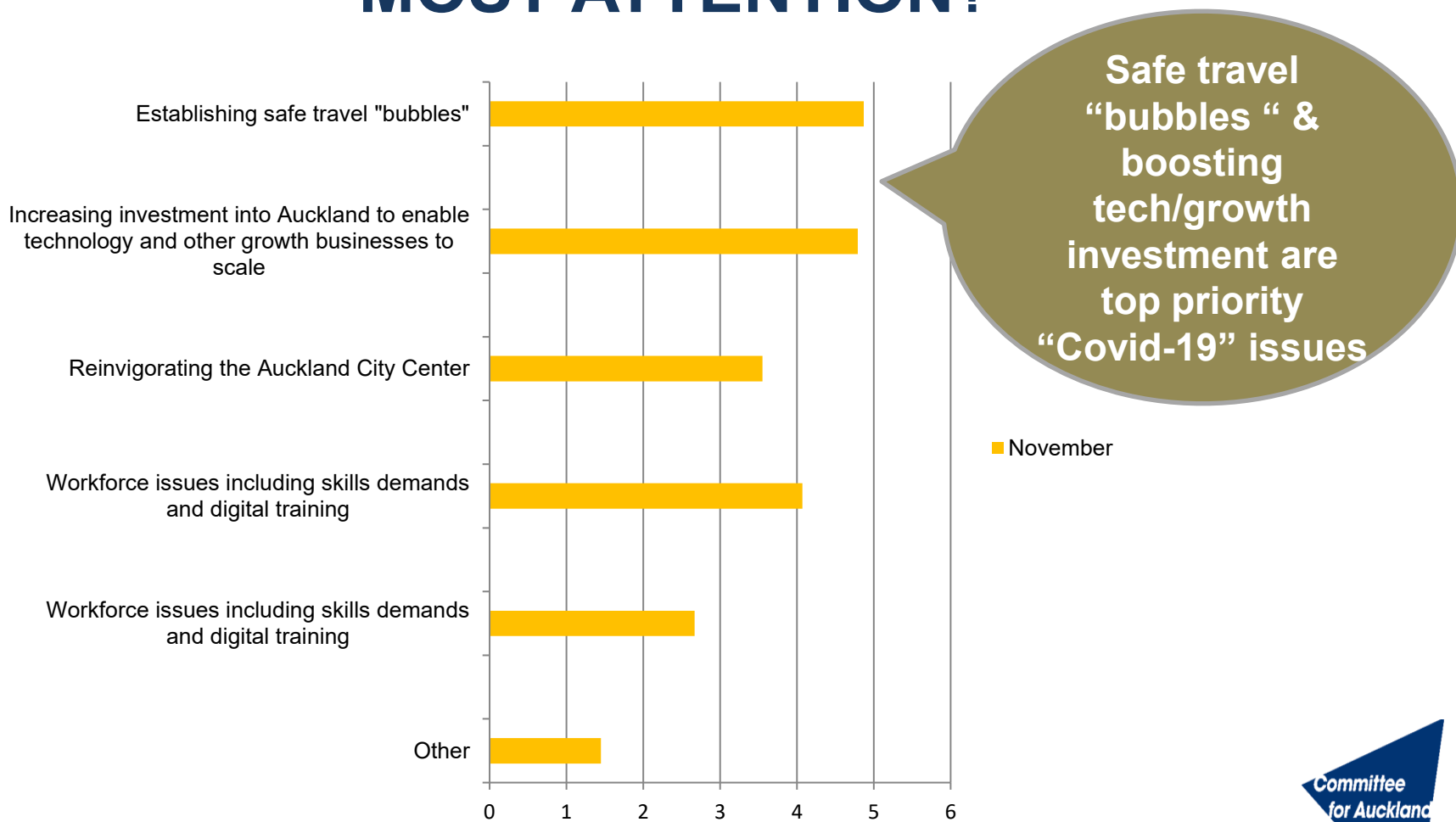
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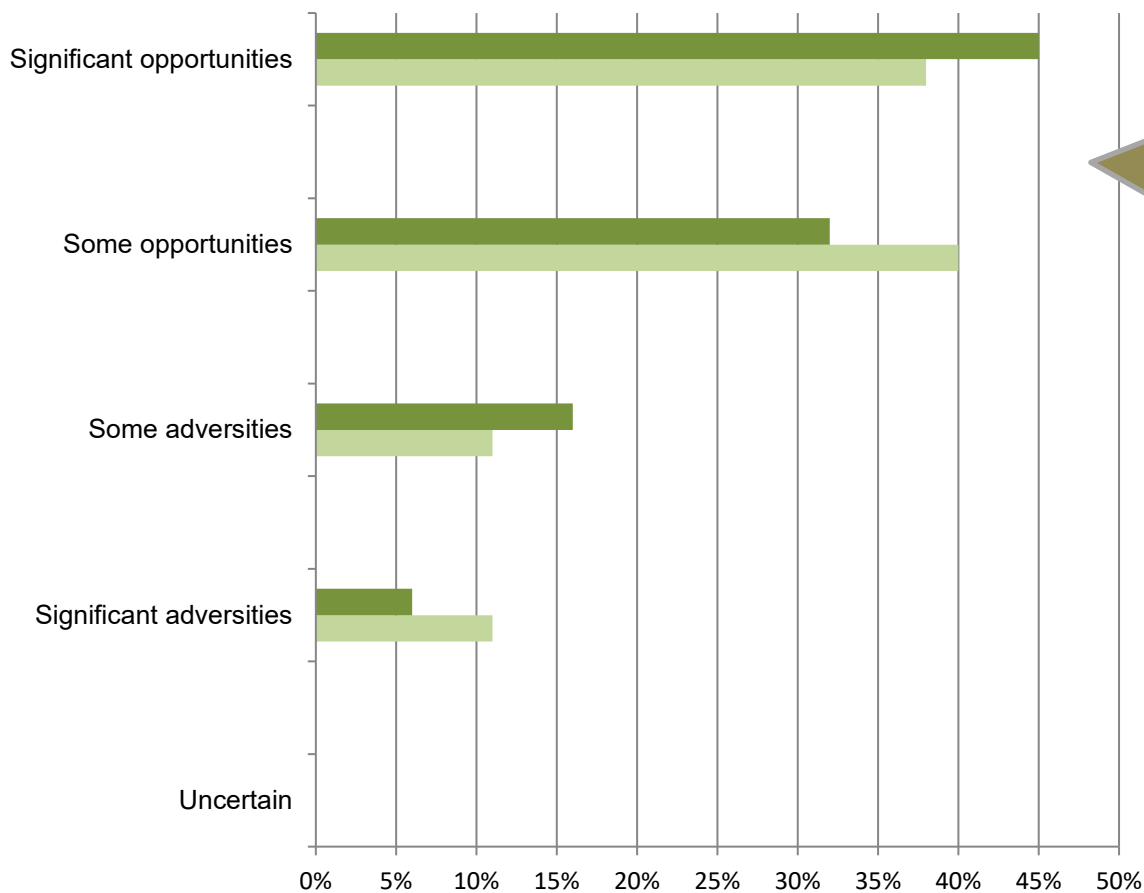
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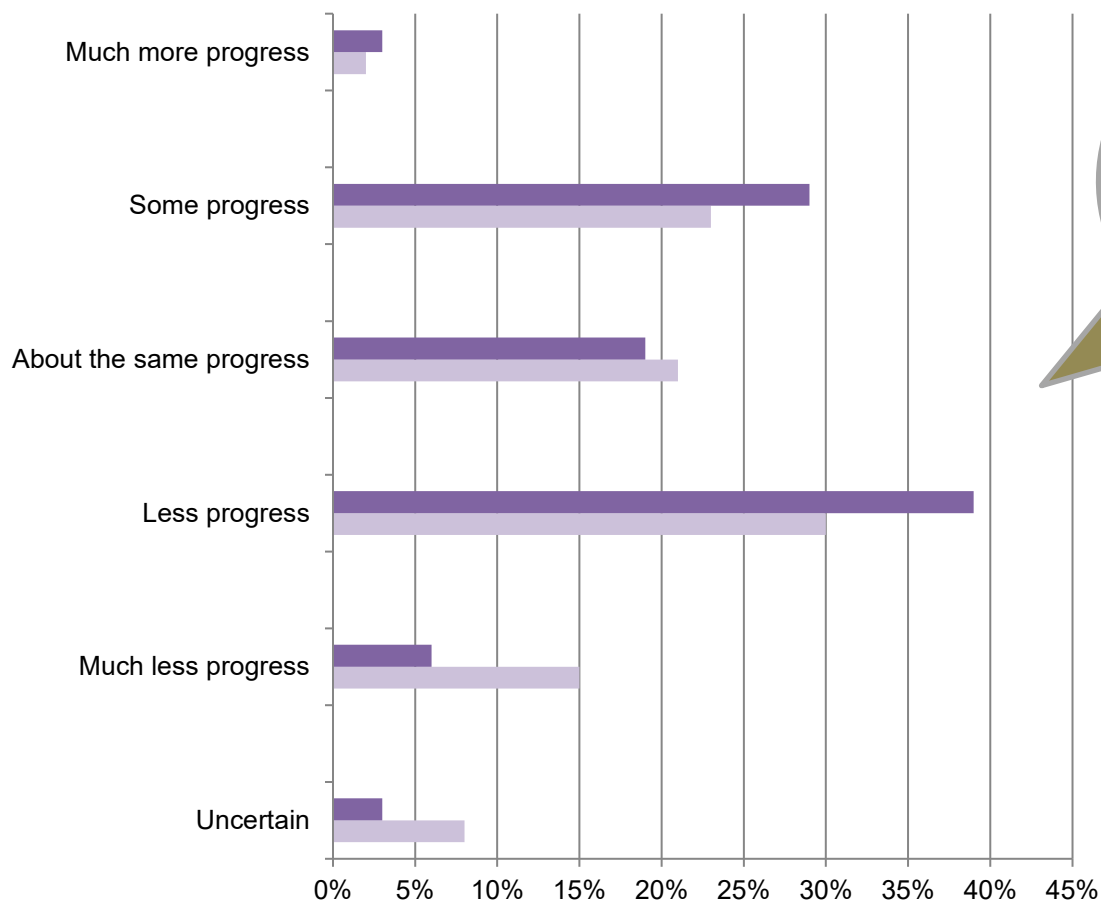
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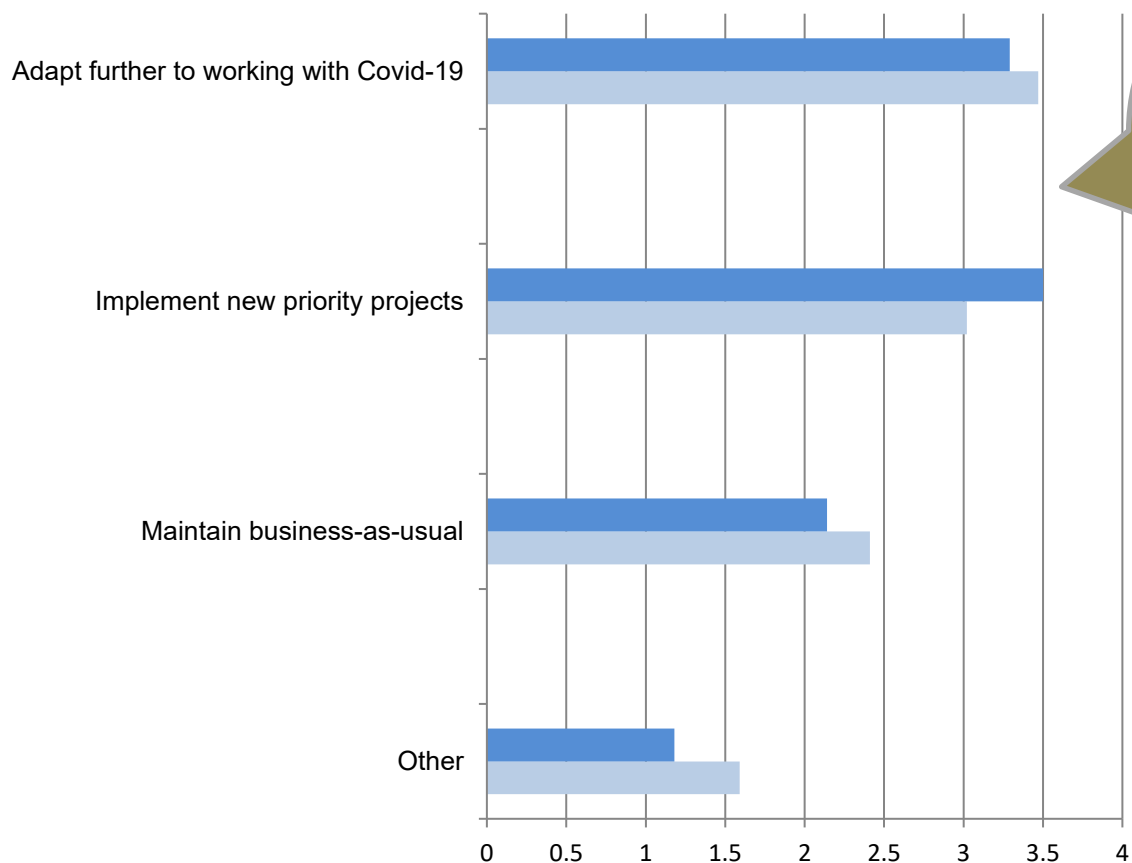
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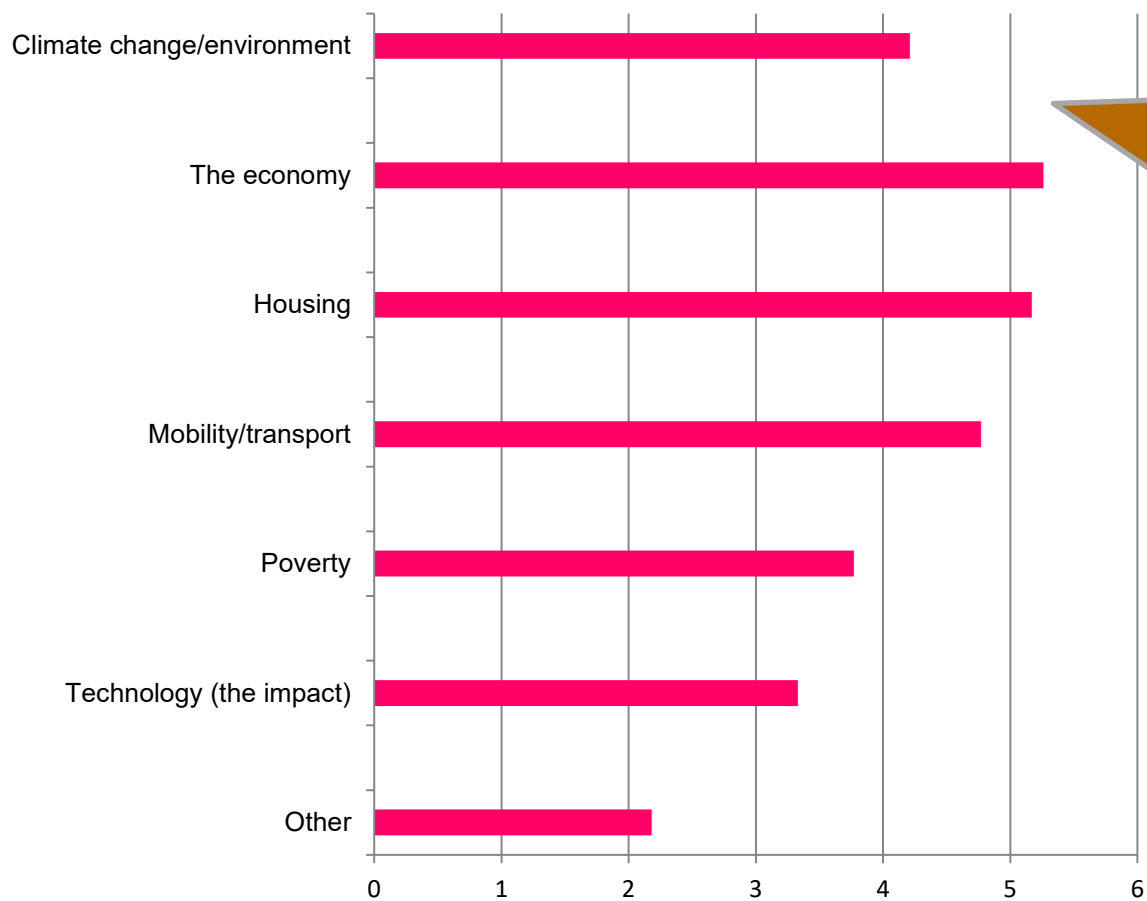
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The Auckland Recovery Survey (Follow-up)



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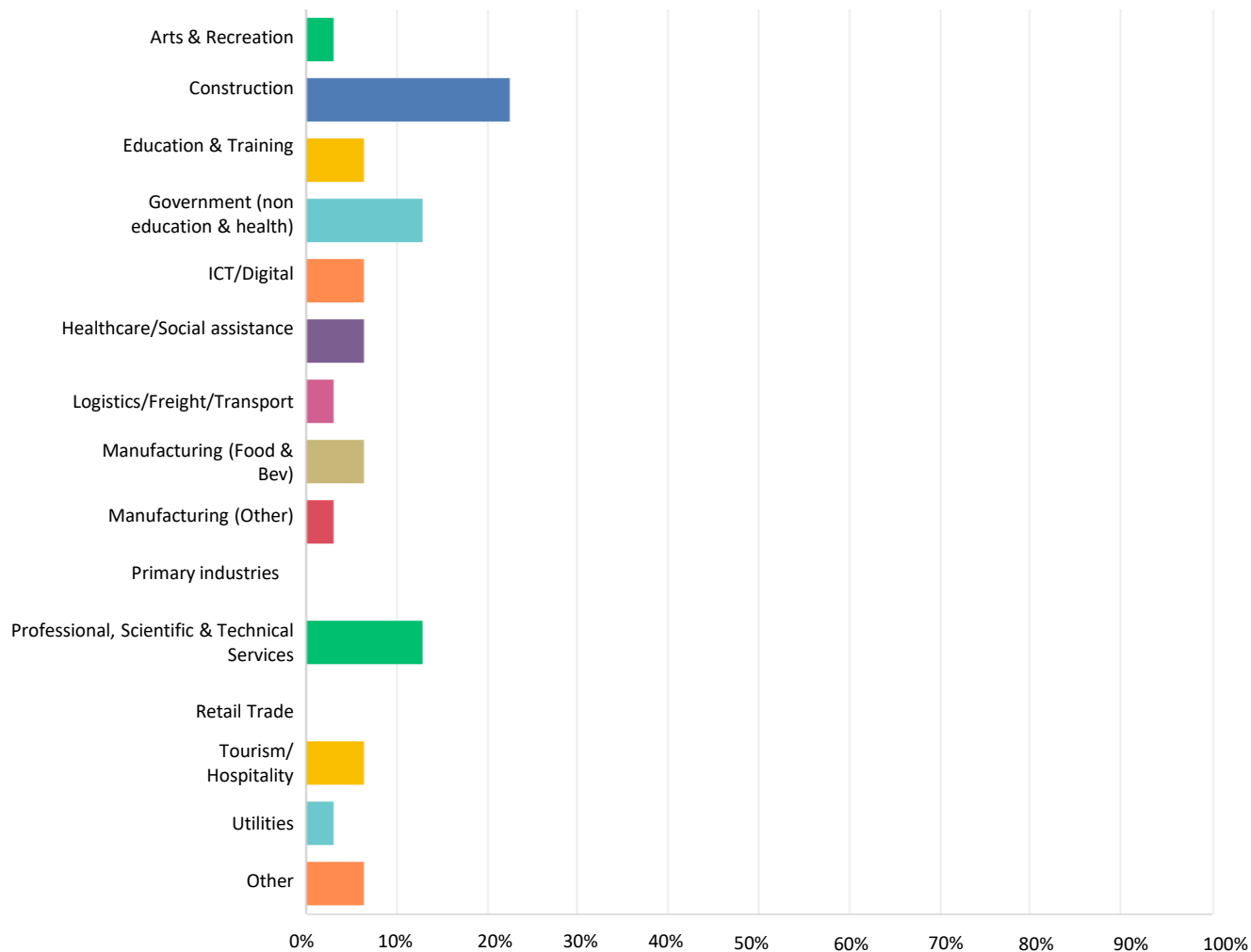


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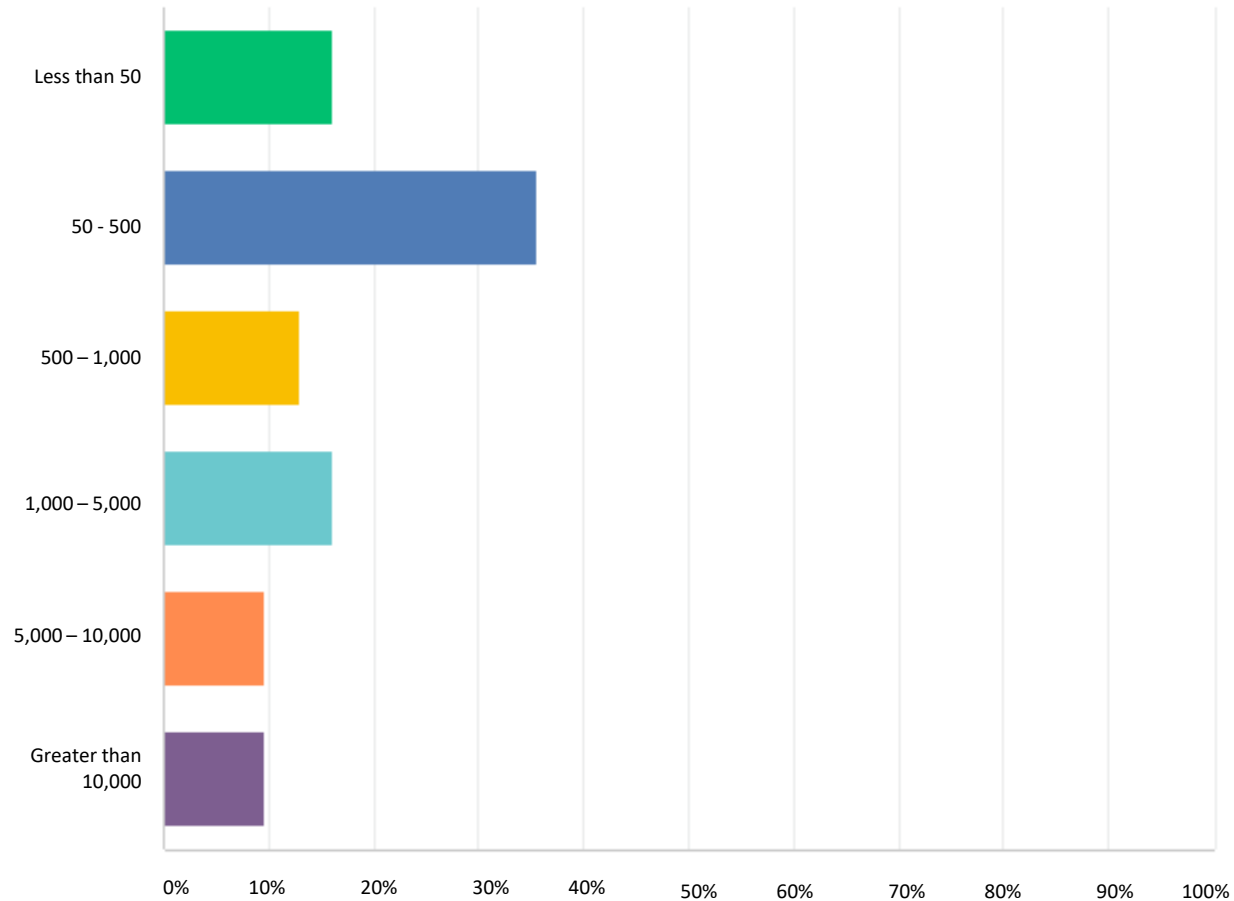
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Survey respondent business sectors



Survey respondent employee numbers





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10-year budget 2021/2031

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Note: *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): North Harbour Sports Council

Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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

Support

Tell us why: support in principle but need to ensure no waste in spending. Accountability for all spend is essential.

2. Climate change

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.

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Commuter and recreational walking and cycling links, such as shared paths, bush tracks and connections to the Northern Pathway (to be prioritised in the update of the Kaipātiki Connections Network Connections Plan)	2

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\$50-\$100

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Auckland Council – Long-term Plan 2021-2031

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Overview

The impact of Covid-19

We acknowledge that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on revenue of Auckland Council and has exacerbated a challenging fiscal investment environment. However, the pandemic has also had a significant impact on the health of our sport and recreation provider



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We know our Regional Sports Associations took significant financial losses due to a destroyed winter sports season in 2020, and loss of partnerships. A significant number of clubs and recreation providers are vulnerable and struggling. Auckland Council's investment in supporting the recovery from the pandemic could be significant. Some short-term solutions could include:

- Support for sport by reduced hire age of council facilities
- Funding to enable making membership fees affordable or free
- Budget to fill the gap for the reduced revenue due to lack of membership fees, loss of income, funding and sponsorship reductions and ongoing administration costs
- Operational support for a loss of staff, not having enough hours for staff, staff affordability and lack of and retention of volunteers.

Getting Aucklanders active

Auckland Council has continuously stated to be the world most liveable city. The reality is the physical health of the city is under threat.

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Whilst most Aucklanders are physically active in any given week, their levels of activity are well below World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. If nothing changes, there is the clear risk that 1.5 million Aucklanders will be underactive or inactive by 2040. 480,000 of these will be tamariki and rangatahi. Significantly the overall numbers hide inequities: women and girls, people with disabilities, those of Asian and Pacific ethnicities, and those living in low socio-economic areas, are less active.

Without a significant focus and targeted investment, the recovery of the sport and recreation sector from the Covid-19 pandemic will take many years, while the current obesity epidemic will continue to remain a major health issue. The survey results showing that junior membership appear to be most affected is particularly concerning as there is evidence that healthy lifestyle habits are formed at a young age. It is well documented that lower levels of physical activity are linked to negative outcomes for both physical and mental health, including loss of muscular and cardiorespiratory fitness, weight gain, psychosocial problems, and poor academic achievements (Haapala E.A., Vaisto J., Lintu N., 2017; Jiménez-Pavón D., Carbonell-Baeza A., Lavie C.J., 2020; Korczak D.J., Madigan S., Colasanto M., 2017). Evidence suggests that the negative impact may extend to adulthood (World Health Organisation, 2010).

Response to the Long-term Plan Consultation Documents

Commentary on the key themes and issues identified

¹ Sport New Zealand Value of Sport and Recreation Auckland Report 2015 and Sport New Zealand Regional profile Auckland 2013-2014



North Harbour Sports Council

Capital investment

The primary vehicle for Council capital investment in sport and recreation infrastructure is the current 10-year \$120 million Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund. The fund is aimed at regional and sub-regional level facility development and is a critical funding stream for the sector.

Known, current, and well-researched regional facility plans prepared by sports codes demonstrate current, short-, and medium-term shortfalls in facility provision before this current Long-term Plan period is over. This demonstrates that we are already struggling to meet demand in certain geographical areas of Tāmaki Makaurau.

Examples of these shortfalls include :

- Indoor courts shortfall of at least 30 courts right now (Indoor Court Facilities Plan), rising by an additional 24 within the life of the Long-term Plan. The growth of Basketball, Volleyball and Badminton in the North Harbour region in the last two years suggest these numbers are already outdated. You can not hire an indoor facility in the winter season in the North Harbour region. This has driven increased facility hire significantly causing indoor sports events to be moved out of the region. Participants are being turned away by organisations as there is not the space to play now.
- Winter sports fields shortfall in hours the equivalent of circa 30 artificial turfs within the life of the Long-term Plan
- Outdoor netball courts shortfall of more than 70 courts. This is multiplied in the North region with all netball facilities stretch by current use, with netball limiting entries of young participants in the region due to full facilities.
- Outdoor tennis courts shortfall of approximately 40 courts
- Hockey turfs shortfall of an estimated 15 new turfs plus replacement surfaces on existing turf.

We believe that while this fund goes some way to address the identified shortfalls it simply does not reflect the capital investment the sector needs now and into the future. We recommend that this fund be reviewed and increased to at least partially address the shortfall. This needs to be balanced across the region to match the significant growth areas, and representing all the ethnicities in the region.

We are also concerned that this fund only applies to regional and sub-regional projects, leaving investment in local facilities to Local Boards who themselves have had their capital budgets reduced. We recommend either widening the criteria of the fund as well as increasing the quantum or increasing the local board budgets to enable them to address local demand. We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.

The ability of club participants to access fields is a key constraint for the growth of many codes. Improvements to playing surfaces, such as sand carpeting, can greatly increase the use of fields, particularly in the winter months. The Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund is an important funding source for upgrading playing fields across the region. However, the \$5 million budget is inadequate to meet the demand. We ask that consideration be given to increasing the quantum of this fund to help address this challenge.

Operational investment

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As Council notes in its LTP documentation, Auckland Council owns and operates a large and aging community asset portfolio, inherited from the amalgamation of legacy councils. As the portfolio of assets has grown over time, so too has the level of funding needed to support the portfolio. Limited funding, an aging community asset portfolio and Auckland's population growth has put the community facilities portfolio under pressure, requiring prioritisation resulting in deferred investment.

We acknowledge and support the focus of this LTP on funding of renewals – urgently required and in many cases long overdue. However, it is concerning that Council has stated in the LTP documentation that it has insufficient renewal funding for assets assessed as being in the most need of renewal (condition 5 assets), and investment requirements will continue to rise as the portfolio ages and deferred investment becomes more costly to deliver. We are concerned that the condition of Council's current assets will continue to decline with a lack of investment and the impact this will have on club membership and participation.

The Council's focus is on capital investment, often leaves operational costs to facility users such as clubs. These users may struggle to manage the operational side of facilities, therefore impacting the quality and condition of the asset with capex implications. We know our clubs can find operational costs, such as cyclical maintenance, challenging. We see an ongoing need to also include budget for operational costs to ensure the facilities are appropriately maintained and managed.

Auckland Council has introduced the contestable Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, offering it for the first time this financial year.

It is very clear that the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant is a critical mechanism for improving the sustainability and viability of our clubs, however the sector demand far outstrips the fund's budget. We recommend that advice is sought from relevant council staff in support of this matter.

Community Asset divestment

The Council is looking to divest aging assets that are no longer fit for purpose and "maintain the same service levels for our communities, just delivered differently." As an external party it is unclear which assets are to be divested or how the new approach to move away from an "asset-based approach" to alternative ways of delivering services is to be funded or achieved. Selling off community assets has the capacity to impact on sports and recreation delivery at a local level and undermine the wider regional network. As noted previously in this submission there is currently a significant shortfall in facility provision. Therefore, we urge the Governing Body to consider the impact asset divestment can have on peoples' access to sport and recreation opportunities, particularly at a local level and listen to the views of the relevant Local Board.

We note Council is proposing to also fund investment through a programme to sell or lease surplus properties \$70 million a year over the next three years. It is not clear which properties have been identified for this process and what impact this might have on the sector.



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Council's Delivery Capacity

Since the impact of COVID-19, Active understands Auckland Council has reduced its staff numbers by more than a thousand employees, including the majority of contractors. We have a real concern that Auckland Council is not adequately resourced to deliver the capital projects it has budgeted for. Again, we acknowledge the challenging fiscal environment facing Auckland Council, but given the Council is already reducing the level of capital investment in community infrastructure over the next three years the impact might be exacerbated by an inability to deliver. We ask that projects which are funded be delivered.

Creating sport and recreation opportunities

We are pleased to note an ongoing commitment to active transport modes through proposed investment in walking and cycling and the ongoing investment in public open spaces in the city centre including the commencement of stage one of the Te Hā Noa Victoria Street linear park and the Downtown Investment programme.

We also welcome investment which can improve water quality of our streams and beaches to enable greater and safer use for water sport activities.

Supporting Local Board projects

Local Board projects

Local Boards are voices of their communities and recognise the value of sport and recreation. This is demonstrated by the key local priorities set out by Local Boards in the current LTP with 15 of the 21 Local Boards having at least one sport and recreation project a delivery priority and 16 out of 21 Local Boards identifying a sport and recreation project in their key advocacy list and where there is strategic justification should be supported by the Governing Body. Of particular merit are those projects which seek to address the highest needs and greatest shortfalls across the region such as **aquatic facilities in the northwest, indoor courts across the region and sportsfield investment in the southern local board areas. Among other projects, these include:**

- Aquatic facilities proposed for the north-west (Whau)
- Aquatic Facilities at Flat Bush Aquatic & Leisure Centre (Howick)
- Scott's Point Sustainable Sports Park (Upper Harbour)
- Covered Courts in Albany and Kumeu (Rodney and Upper Harbour)
- Chamberlain Park (Albert-Eden)
- Sports field improvements (Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa)
- Manukau Sports Bowl (Otara-Papatoetoe)
- War Memorial Park Improvements (Manurewa)
- Seaside Park improvements (Mangere-Otahuhu)

We understand that Local Board locally delivered initiatives capital budgets have been significantly reduced particularly those projects funded by growth. This is of concern given Local Boards are the primary capital investors in facilities that sit below a sub-regional level and are therefore those facilities that are not eligible for funding through the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

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We know Auckland is growing quickly and the Unitary Plan has greatly enabled increased residential density throughout the existing urban area as well as opening up large areas of greenfield development. We know the growth of many of our clubs are already constrained by the limitations of their facilities such as fully booked and used fields. As population density increases the demands for access to sport and recreation facilities will grow.

We are concerned that Local Boards will not have the necessary capital budgets to progress much needed local projects with a consequential impact on sport and recreation participation. Growth funding has previously enabled local boards to deliver significant capital projects that they would not have been able to fund otherwise. Frequently local sport and recreation delivery can be significantly enhanced through relatively low-cost investments, such as sand carpeting of sports fields, which has been successfully undertaken by Local Boards. Such investments also improve the viability and sustainability of our sports and recreation clubs through increased membership and strengthen communities. Most Local Boards and their communities have invested significant budget and time in developing masterplans. Without the necessary capital budget Local Boards will not be able to implement the desired outcomes of these masterplans and they will lose value and currency. Masterplans that sit on shelves rapidly become obsolete and inevitably cause reputational damage.

We believe that Local Board funding and the role they play in the sector needs to be closely considered, to ensure that the locally delivered sport and recreation opportunities are not lost in the funding of regional and sub-regionally facilities.

One Local Initiatives (OLI)

We note that the OLI programme has its budget allocation deferred to outer years for all except two projects in the first three years: the Orewa seawall and the Flat Bush community hub. This is disappointing given the purpose of the OLI programme was to identify each Local Board's most important local initiative beyond their funding capability and ensure that funding would be made available. Local Boards and their communities have committed many hours and funds into the OLI projects and we believe that they should be prioritised for funding in the first three years of the LTP.

Many of the projects which were nominated as an OLI, such as Rodney Local Board's Kumeū-Huapai indoor courts facility and Upper Harbour Indoor Facility Albany. The OLI projects have high levels of community support and address clearly identified areas of shortfall and need. Without delivery much of the work already undertaken will become obsolete and areas of shortfall will continue to grow.

Local Board Transport Capital fund

There is evidence that busy roads create a perception of safety and encourage Aucklanders to use motorised vehicles in preference to active modes. The Local Board Capital fund was an appropriate programme for Local Boards to invest in localised road safety measures and also to provide active transport infrastructure. Auckland's streets are important public spaces. We note that 14 of the 21 Local Boards are seeking the Transport Capital Fund to be reinstated to pre-emergency budget levels. We support those local boards and welcome well designed and appropriately located active transport initiatives that support Aucklanders to be active and provide alternative options to private car use.



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Recommendations

Acknowledging the impact of Covid-19

- Recognise the economic, social and community value of the sport and recreation sector
- Recognise the impact Covid-19 has had on our sector

Capital and Operational investment

- Retain the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund
- Increase the funding level of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant and the Sportsfield Development Capacity Fund to reflect sector demand

Supporting Local Boards

- Support Local Board sport and recreation projects and priorities
- Support the Local Board sport and recreation One Local Initiatives projects which address regional priorities
- Support reinstating the local Board Transport Capital Fund to previous levels

Asset management and delivery

- Seek clarification about Council's proposal to moving from an asset based approach to alternative ways of delivering services
- Supporting a focus on renewals and proactive asset maintenance
- Urging caution around the implications and potential impacts of community asset divestment
- Ensuring Council has the capacity to deliver the budgeted projects

We acknowledge that that Auckland Council is contending with reduced revenue and capital constraints and has to make difficult choices about the mix of services it provides. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget. Sport, active recreation and physical activity makes an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all Aucklanders, of all ages, socio-economic levels and ethnicities. As demonstrated, physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan. Council itself notes "community infrastructure supports the essential services in helping people to participate in society, promote health and wellbeing and create a sense of belonging."

We urge greater investment in the sport and recreation sector under this Long-term Plan. Without this commitment from Council our current and future community sport and recreation spaces will be compromised. This means our growing, increasingly diverse population will not have access to suitable infrastructure and spaces to participate in physical activity – whether it's a competitive rugby match, social tennis, outdoor netball, school sports events, ki o rahi or kilikiti.



We believe all Aucklanders, regardless of age, ethnicity and ability level, should be able to participate in sport, recreation and physical activity in fit-for-purpose facilities and spaces to enable them to connect with their community and live active, healthy lives.

Let's recognise the social, cultural and economic value of the sport and recreation sector and let's make Auckland the World's Most Active City: Tāmaki Makaurau – te tāone ngangahau rawa o te ao

Riki Burgess

Chair

North Harbour Sports Council

North Harbour Sports Council Members:

Auckland Athletics

Auckland Curling

Auckland Rowing

Auckland Squash

Auckland Swimming

Gymsport Northern

Harbour Basketball

Harbour Hockey

Harbour Rugby

Harbour Sport

Netball North

North Harbour Badminton

North Harbour Diving

North Harbour Softball

North Harbour Synchronised Swimming

North Harbour Table Tennis

North Harbour Touch



North Harbour Volleyball

Northern Football

Tennis Northern

Auckland Athletics

North Harbour Badminton

Auckland Curling

Northern Football Federation

Gymsport Northern

Harbour Sport

Harbour Hockey

Netball North

Auckland Rowing

Auckland Rugby League

Harbour Rugby

North Harbour Softball

Auckland Squash

Auckland Swimming

Tennis Northern

North Harbour Touch

North Harbour Volleyball

North Shore Table Tennis

Note: The above sports have a combined membership base of 105,000 members within 184 clubs.



10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Neil Construction Limited

Your local board: Regional organisation

Your feedback

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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?

Other

Tell us why: There is insufficient consideration given to the funding of infrastructure in Greenfields areas of the northwest, notably Whenuapai, which is scheduled in the Future Land Supply Strategy to be development ready in 2108-2022

2. Climate change

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?

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Don't know

Tell us why:

4. Community investment

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? Don't know

Tell us why:

5. 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.

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	Do not support
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	Support
Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties have access to a similar level of service	Support
Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre	Support
Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services	Don't know

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?

The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate.

Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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? Other

Tell us why There is insufficient consideration given to the funding of infrastructure in Greenfields areas of the northwest, notably Whenuapai, which is scheduled in the Future Land Supply Strategy to be development ready in 2108-2022

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

Please refer to the attached submission

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Introduction

This is primarily a technical submission requesting the inclusion of certain transport projects into the 10-year plan that we propose be developer funded. These projects need to be included in the 10-year plan otherwise Council will be unable to levy Development Contributions in future against them.

The projects are to be 100% underwritten by the developer of adjacent land thereby creating no financial obligation to Auckland Council outside of its existing proposed budget.

Our submission is that Neil Construction Limited (“NCL”) as a large-scale land developer in Whenuapai will fund the costs of agreed road upgrades and intersections sections in Brigham Creek and Trig Roads under a Development Agreement with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport (AT).

NCL will be entitled to recover any proportion of these costs not attributable to it, by deduction from future Development Contributions.

Background

Plan Change 5 Whenuapai was notified in 2017.

The S32 Report September 2017 provides for the following in respect of infrastructure funding:

- Page 17 – the Future Urban Land Supply Strategy (**FULSS**) informs Council’s infrastructure funding priorities and feeds directly into the Council’s long-term plans, annual plans, and other strategic documents. The FULSS identifies the PC 5 area (Whenuapai 1) as being “development-ready” between 2018 and 2022.
- Page 24 – “The boundary of the plan change area was determined in consultation with Auckland Transport and Watercare. It is determined by the ability of existing bulk infrastructure to service the area.”
- Page 39 – On the delineation of funding responsibility: “There is policy direction in the RPS (B3.3(5)) requiring development to integrate with infrastructure funding, and a number of references to AT funding plans as a consideration. From these it is possible to determine what developer responsibilities are likely to be, that is projects not funded by AT, but this is not sufficiently clear for the development community. Precinct provisions can clearly set out developer responsibility.”
- Page 72 – The objectives in PC 5: “aim to provide...a combination of public and developer funding so ratepayers and the community are not bearing the total costs of the works necessary to enable development.”
- Page 89 – Flagged that the Council will be unable to confirm funding for arterial roads and may not be able to enter into Infrastructure Funding Agreements with developers until they are in the 2018-2028 LTP.
- Page 131 – Infrastructure will need to be programmed for future funding in the 2018-2028 LTP.

Based on the s 32 evaluation, at the time PC 5 was notified, the Council anticipated that:

- Infrastructure required for the urban development of the PC 5 land would be included in the 2018-2028 LTP. (It was not)
- Developers would have to fund some of the infrastructure.
- IFA’s entered into after the 2018-2028 LTP would set out developers’ contributions.

High Level estimated roading costs at that time were \$315m-421m, but it is important to note that this estimate included 3 x extremely expensive motorway crossings that are no longer anticipated, together with all proposed Collector Roads, that are the responsibility of developers.

On 16 March 2021 the Plan Change 5 Hearings Panel directed Auckland Council to expedite a variation to the Plan Change so that it will be notified by May 2021.

At this hearing concerns were raised by Council Officers that there might be no funding available for transport infrastructure which is an important factor in releasing this land for development. The draft 10-year plan does not currently include any funding for such Greenfields areas. The zoning is expected to be in place within the next 12 months, well within the 10-year plan period.

Key developers who were present at this hearing agreed that it was appropriate for developers to fund part or all of the local transport infrastructure required. The basis for this is anticipated in the latest recommended version of Plan Change 5, extract below:

Integration of Subdivision and Development with Infrastructure

The comprehensive and coordinated approach to subdivision, use and development outlined in the precinct reflects the size and significant amount of infrastructure required to enable subdivision and development. Funding of all required infrastructure is critical to achieving the integrated management of the precinct. The primary responsibility for funding of local infrastructure lies with the applicant for subdivision and/or development. The council may work with developers to agree development funding agreements for the provision of infrastructure, known as Infrastructure Funding Agreements. These agreements define funding accountabilities, who delivers the works, timings and securities, amongst other matters.

Transport

Transport infrastructure upgrades required to enable the transport network to support development in the precinct. These upgrades are required to be in place prior to development going ahead. The cost of these transport infrastructure upgrades are to be proportionally shared across each area the precinct as development progresses.

If these upgrades are not in place prior to development occurring developers are able to provide an alternative measure for the provision of the upgrade works. This may include an agreement with the council to ensure that the local share of the upgrade works attributable to the development is provided for. This could include an Infrastructure Funding Agreement or some alternative funding mechanism.¹

This submission proposes that works listed in schedule I616.6.2.1 to PC5 and indicated on Precinct Plan 2 be included in the 10-year plan subject to Council being satisfied that development agreements are in place securing the funding of those projects by developers.

¹ Appendix 7: Recommended changes to PPC5 dated 23 August 2018

Projects to be seed funded by **Neil Construction Limited**:

Table 1 - NCL Projects

Project listed in Appendix 7: Recommended changes to PPC5 dated 23 August 2018	Estimated Value	Funding Source Proposed
Upgrade and signalisation of the intersection of Brigham Creek Road and Kauri Road including: • dual right-turn lanes from Brigham Creek Road into Kauri Road; and • suitable bus and cycle priority provision.	\$4,000,000	Neil Construction Limited
Addition of a fourth leg to the Brigham Creek Road and Kauri Road intersection. (<i>no longer required as this land is to be future sports fields?</i>)	\$0	No longer required
Formation and signalisation of the intersections of Brigham Creek Road with the new collector roads required as part of the Stage 1E area.	\$4,000,000	Neil Construction Limited
Upgrade and signalisation of the intersection of Trig Road and Brigham Creek Road.	\$4,000,000	Neil Construction Limited
Brigham Creek Road upgrade beyond the intersections	\$5,000,000	Neil Construction Limited
Total	\$17,000,000	

Informal conversations with other major developers in the PC5 area have been encouraging and it would be anticipated that others would wish to fund transport infrastructure in a similar manner for the areas in which they have influence and benefit.

These are the projects to potentially be funded by **other developers**:

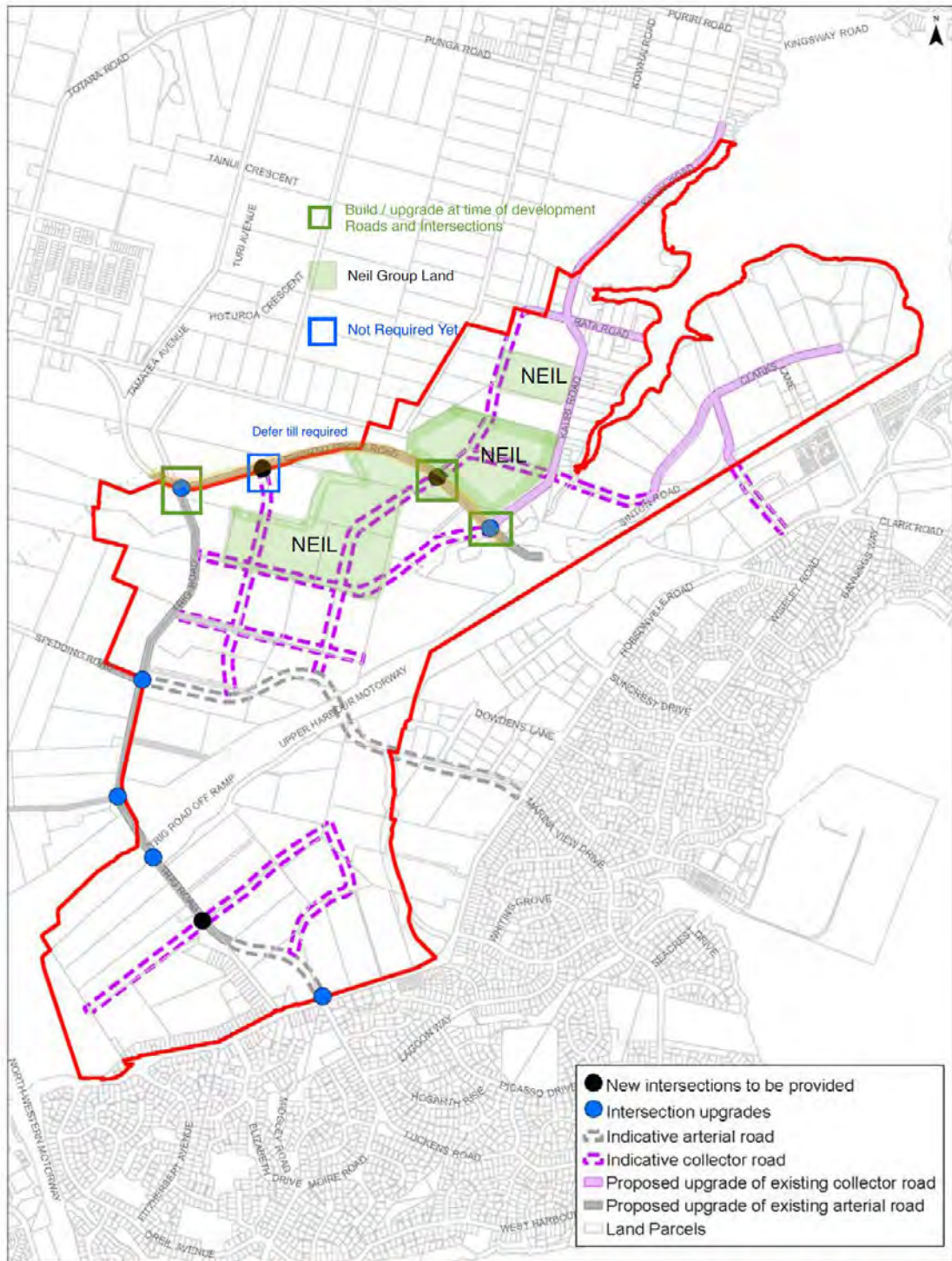
Table 2 - Other Developer Projects

Project listed in Appendix 7: Recommended changes to PPC5 dated 23 August 2018	Estimated Value	Funding Source Proposed
Signalisation at the new intersection of Trig Road, Luckens Road and Hobsonville Road.	Not Estimated	Developers in the area of benefit
Formation and signalisation of the intersection at the location of the new collector road and Trig Road as indicatively shown on Precinct Plan 2.	Not Estimated	Developers in the area of benefit
Upgrade of the intersection at Trig Road and the State Highway 18 off ramp.	Not Estimated	Developers in the area of benefit
Formation and signalisation of the intersection at the location of the new collector road and Brigham Creek Road as indicatively shown on Precinct Plan 2	Not Estimated	Future developers of adjacent land if and when developed
Trig Road upgrade beyond the intersections	Not Estimated	

Projects to be Funded

Table 3 – Projects to be funded by NCL as developer of three significant parcels of business and residential land within Plan Change 5 Whenuapai Precinct

Appendix 7: Recommended changes to PPC5 dated 23 August 2018



[21.5, 21.6, 26.4, 26.5, 26.6, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 32.4, 32.5, 32.6, 33.4, 33.5, 33.6, 35.2, 48.8, 48.9]

The assets will be built and funded as and when needed by the development timetable set within future resource consents. Construction will take place within the period of this 10 year plan and the creation of transport infrastructure will be directly related to resource consent compliance.

It is appropriate that the proportionate share be determined at the time of negotiating the Development Agreement. Infrastructure funding agreements are a well proven method of funding transport infrastructure.

It is proposed that the Development Program Office oversee these infrastructure project agreements in its role as developer facilitator.

We understand that at present levying development contributions for the arterial road projects is not possible as the projects are not line items in the Council's long term plan. For this to occur the projects need to be included and we are offering the funding required to enable that, specifically as it relates to our land holdings in the PC5 Whenuapai area.

Support for This Approach

We consider the following to support our case for inclusion of the PC5 Transport Infrastructure in the 10-year plan:

Key Issue 3: Housing and Growth

We support Option 3 in Section 7.3 of the Supporting Document: **Increased Funding**

Developers are willing to pay a fair share of growth costs through development contributions, targeted rates and other available mechanisms.

Excluding items from the 10-year plan has the effect of taking any option off the table as it prevents the levying of Development Contributions and discourages Council Officers from considering creative solutions for growth issues.

Extract from 10-year plan (emphasis added)

“What we’re proposing

We're investigating additional infrastructure requirements to support a large number of growth areas across Auckland. However, funding and financing new infrastructure in all of those areas is a major challenge

We are proposing to take a more focused approach to providing infrastructure, working within the \$31 billion proposed 10-year investment programme and the rates and debt settings proposed under key issue 1. We will focus our limited infrastructure investment capacity in a few key areas:

- *areas agreed with the government as part of the Auckland Housing Programme, including Mt Roskill, Māngere, Tāmaki, Oranga and Northcote*
- *where significant government investment has been made, such as Drury in Auckland’s south, and areas in Auckland’s north-west*
- *where investment in significant projects, such as the City Rail Link, is being made.*

We are not in a position to cover all the potential costs in the focused areas, and there will need to be prioritisation of projects within these areas.

This focused approach will mean that we will not be heavily investing in infrastructure to support other growth areas in the short to medium term beyond that which is already committed. We would continue to work with central government and private sector developers to explore alternative ways to progress development. This would include using the new Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020.”

Leveraging the Funding already Committed

The 10-year plan has little included for projects like Whenuapai but other planned projects do exist to cater for future growth in this location:

- “minimal investment in supporting growth”
- “Complete Northwestern Interim Bus Improvements (funded by Crown Infrastructure Partners).”

Other committed projects in the Northwest that benefit the PC5 area include:

ATAP 2021-2031:

Greenfield Transport Infrastructure - Post Lodgement and Property: Property acquisition costs for growth programme. **\$64m**

Greenfield Transport Infrastructure Loan repayments for projects in the Northwest. **\$142m**

State Highway 18 Squadron Drive Interchange Upgrade This project adds ramps (on ramp and off-ramp) to the current motorway SH18 motorway interchange at Squadron Drive, near Hobsonville. This generates improvements in travel time reliability for public transport and local trips by other modes, by redistributing trips from the local network (Hobsonville Road) to the State Highway network. **\$68m**

Greenfield transport infrastructure – Northwest (AT) and Northwest Growth Improvements (AT) **\$142m**

ATAP Committed - COVID Response Recovery Fund:

State Highway 16 Interim Bus Improvements - CRRF portion Rapid transit using buses along the SH16 corridor. **\$50m** plus NLTF portion Rapid transit using buses along the SH16 corridor. **\$50m**

We urge Council to leverage this investment by enabling Whenuapai.

Northern Interceptor

Due for completion 2024

It would be better allocation of resources and planning practice to enable development ready land in the North West.

Future Urban Land Supply Strategy

Whenuapai Stage 1 (6,000 homes plus significant employment in approx. 100 hectares of Light Industry Zoned land) is scheduled for Decade One 1st half 2018 – 2022.

There is no money allocated here in the 10-year plan, yet it is one of the closest Greenfield Areas to the city with 2 access routes (North 25km and North West 21km) and adjoins the proposed RTN network.

Council has not met it’s objectives in supplying urban land that is development ready in this area despite it being part of the FULSS

National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020

Council is required to have its Housing Capacity Assessment completed by July 2021. Adding a significant area like the Whenuapai stage one into this would be a benefit.

Development capacity is only defined as “infrastructure-ready” if:

1. in relation to the short term, there is adequate existing development infrastructure to support the development of the land
2. in relation to the medium term, either paragraph (a) applies, or funding for adequate infrastructure to support development of the land is identified in a long-term plan
3. in relation to the long term, either paragraph (b) applies, or the development infrastructure to support the development capacity is identified in the local authority’s infrastructure strategy (as required as part of its long-term plan).

There would be significant advantages for Council in compliance with the National Policy Statement if it included business and housing land in Whenuapai into its long term plan.

Enabling Development Contributions

It is proposed that NCL and other developers construct the transport assets in the PC5 Schedule at their own cost and recover any share of those assets not attributable to them directly but attributable to other owners and developers within the area of benefit. This would be done by a deduction from future Development Contributions wherever they are located within the Auckland region.

However, non-contributing developers in the area of benefit would need to be charged a special transport DC.

In order to charge a development contribution of this nature council will need to include the proposed DC charges in the 10-year budget.

We have taken legal advice on alternative infrastructure provision arrangements that could enable the development of Neil Construction Limited’s (**NCL**) land despite the Auckland Council not being in a position to fund the infrastructure required to enable development. There are two immediate possibilities:

- a development agreement; or
- the central government-led new infrastructure funding tool.

The “development agreement” provisions in sections 207A-207F of the Local Government Act 2002 (**LGA**) would be able to be used to create a contractual arrangement between NCL and the Auckland Council under which NCL pays for infrastructure required to service its development (and which also enables adjacent development) and NCL is not otherwise not required to pay development contributions for some of all of the categories of development contribution.

Development agreements were formally included in the LGA in 2014 to encourage councils to consider alternative arrangements for infrastructure provision. Development agreements are:

- binding contracts between a developer and the Council
- applicable to a specific area of land; and
- applicable to specific infrastructure identified in the agreement that one or other of the parties will provide or pay for.

Importantly:

- a developer may request a development agreement, and the Council must consider a request for a development agreement from a developer and must give written notice of its decision to accept or decline with reasons without unreasonable delay; and
- a development agreement prevails over a development contributions policy.

A Council cannot ask a developer to provide more in a development agreement than would be required if they were to make a development contribution instead, but a developer can **volunteer** to go beyond the type, scale, or standard of infrastructure that would otherwise have been covered by a development contribution.

As the developer making this offer, we anticipate determining in conjunction with Council:

- what infrastructure we would pay for and provide;
- the timing of infrastructure provision (i.e., how will it be staged?);
- who will own, operate, and maintain the infrastructure;
- the timing and arrangements for vesting the infrastructure;
- the timing and arrangements for transferring land to the Council (e.g., for reserves or vesting as road);
- the nature and timing or payments of money between the parties including any development contribution that will be paid (if any);
- dispute resolution; and
- enforcement provisions, etc.

The Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020 (**IFFA**) may provide an alternative pathway, separate from the traditional LGA approaches.

However, we consider the IFFA to be a very cumbersome method as compared with a simple Development Agreement and on that basis we are not proposing it be used in this situation.

Summary and Conclusions

We seek to commence negotiations with Council prior to making a formal offer under section 207A of the LGA. But urge you to put a placeholder in the LTP to cover this item now.

Our offer is to fund up to \$17m for the transport upgrades listed in Tables 1 and 3 above, via a Development Agreement to be entered into prior to completion of the 10-year plan, with delivery in accordance with future resource consent conditions, and in an agreed timing, and reimbursement to NCL of any excess over and above our proportionate share by way of a deduction from future development contributions.



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

Support

Tell us why:

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: I agree that there should be investment in climate change, but the budget has some extremely difficult targets which are going to be very expensive to achieve and will cost a lot of money for only minimal impact

3. Water quality

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why:

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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

Tell us why: Council needs to be aware that consolidating community facilities may save money but it will potentially decrease activity (both physical and social). Auckland is a very difficult city to get around and if people have to travel further to participate in sport or recreation they may choose not to travel and do nothing instead. If they do, this will have flow-on effects on increased traffic and therefore climate change (which is also a focus of council). Also a good model for running multi-purpose facilities doesn't seem to have been found, with facilities consolidating a number of sports clubs can negatively impact club identity and ultimately participation. A very strategic approach needs to be taken around this

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

The budget needs to have a strong focus on Sport & Recreation, as this impacts on many other aspects of the budget also. Reducing the issues around obesity, inactivity, and mental health aren't going away, and have massive costs to the outcomes that council are striving to achieve. Sport & recreation helps to solve these problems and need continued investment. COVID-19 has had a major impact on many sports and clubs with a loss of playing time and ultimately membership and participation. We need to ensure those who have dropped off due to things such as financial hardship can return to play.

There is an ongoing need to increase investment through council's Regional organisation Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, as well as investment in operating expenditure to maintain and manage facilities. Properly maintaining a facility is a lot more sustainable than letting them run down and require replacement earlier.

The selling of aging assets is also a concern as there is little detail as to what that might look like and whether any properties have already been considered for closure. As mentioned these can have a negative impact on local delivery, which we know is the best way to achieve positive outcomes.

Thank you to council for all the funding that has been given towards Sport & Rec, including the 10-year \$120mil Sport & Rec Facilities Fund. However this plus other areas are still a significant shortfall of the estimated amount needed over the next 10 years, and with the city of Auckland growing substantially and many sports already struggling to find player space, the problem will only continue to get worse without more investment

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

Do not support

Tell us why: There are huge savings to be made in a more efficient council which will negate the need for rate increases and produce better outcomes.

2. Climate change

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

Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: It is not necessary. reducing fares on public transport and refining the to provide better service with less buses, and providing cheaper fares, will encourage more people to use it. 50,000 tons of carbon per annum can be removed from the atmosphere by REDUCING costs!

3. Water quality

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: Unfortunately it is necessary to catch up urgently.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why:

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

Tell us why: A fully integrated transport network efficiently run would include this service to help marginalised people visit relatives and workers to commute

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

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7. What is important to you?

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The biggest single change to the well being of Aucklanders would be to introduce SUPERMAXX public transport proposal which provides a far better integrated network, better schedules, lower fares using unlimited travel passes, and reduce the operating subsidies by at least \$50 million per annum - even in a Covid environment. It is rank hypocrisy to declare a climate emergency and not take practical steps to reduce carbon emission and reduce costs. It is also hypocrisy to proclaim that you want more people to use public transport and put up the fares instead of reducing fares (i.e. monthly pass AT \$215 - Supermaxx \$75). Counter intuitivel monthly passes at reduced fares will produce more revenue -see example attached.

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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? Other

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Waitematā Local Board

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Our Recovery Budget - Consultation Document – Auckland Dragon Boat Association Response

In response to the question on page 79 - What is important to you?

It is important Auckland Council recognises the requirements of the Auckland Dragon Boat Association, that these requirements are maintained, so we are able to continue to provide dragon boating as a sport to Aucklanders. Equally important is the recognition by Auckland Council of our future plans so we are enabled to grow and offer dragon boating as a sport to a wider diversification of people in more Auckland wards.

Who are we

Understanding who we are, will help Auckland Council to ensure what is important to Auckland Dragon Boat Association is protected. Auckland Dragon Boat Association is:

- Regional Sports Organisation run by the paddlers for the paddlers, enabling us to keep costs low and train all year round with regular racing.
- Collective of team and clubs
- A incorporated society (registration number 2166967)
- Registered charity (registration number CC44176)
- 100% operated by volunteers
- Not for profit
- An inclusive sport for all and incredibly diverse
- A teacher of water safety
- A provider of community wellbeing activities
- A protector of Auckland's stunning waterways

Note our operating model is the opposite of the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival who is a privately run profit making event management company sub contracted to Wellington City Council.

Our goal

Our goal is to promote, facilitate and develop the sport of Dragon Boating within the Auckland region, by providing training facilities, equipment, support craft, rescue operators, mentoring, events and world class racing.

Our teams are currently made up of:

- Breast cancer survivor teams
- Mixed - open ages
- Women - open ages and Senior A (40+)
- Secondary School U19 Mixed
- Secondary School U19 Girls
- Secondary Schools U19 Boys

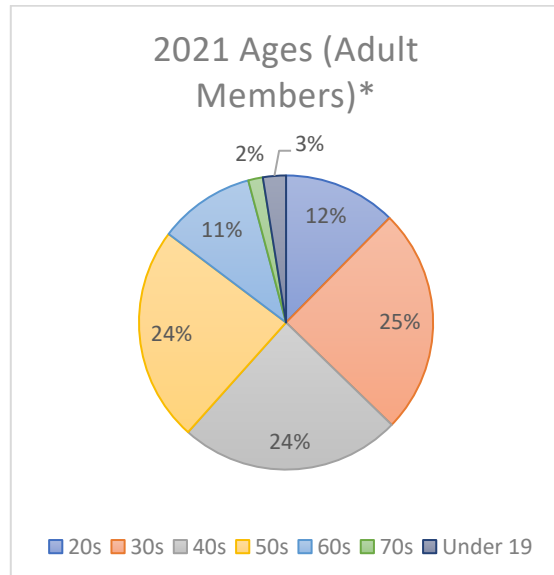
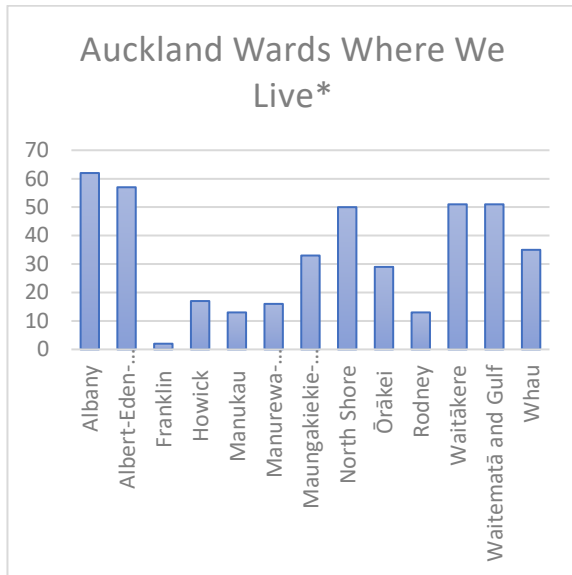
Our vision

We, the Auckland Dragon Boat Association, facilitates a regionally based safe, supportive, fun and professionally focused sports programme aimed towards participation by community groups, youth and adult based teams.

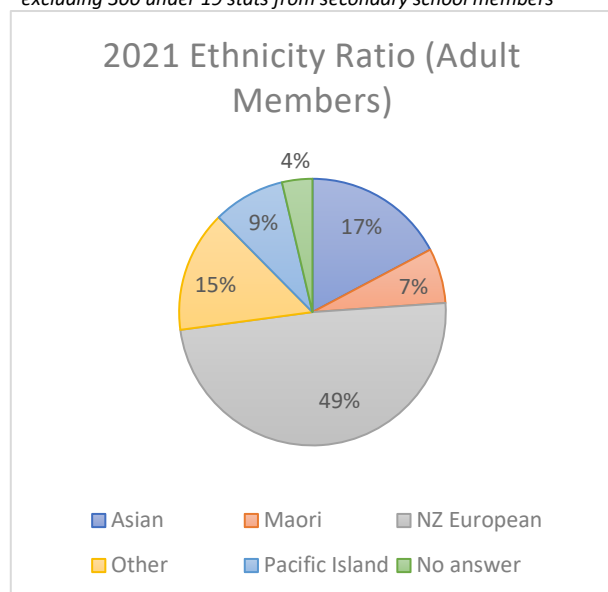
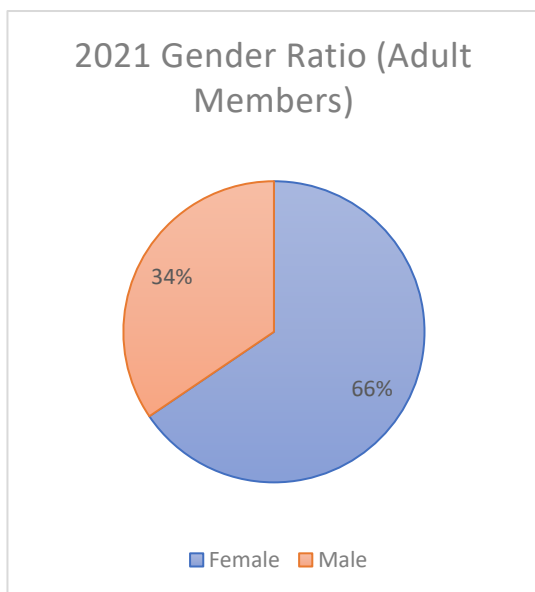
That is easy to join, accessible to both individuals and groups, catering for all levels from social to the competitive/elite sports persons and teams.

2021 Membership Numbers

- 435 Adults members
- 300 Secondary school members (66% drop from previous years)
- 279 Corporate members (25% drop from previous years)



*excluding 300 under 19 stats from secondary school members



Locations

We train in two locations in Auckland:

1. Westhaven Marina (All year)
2. Lake Pupuke (Nov - April)

It is important Auckland Council recognises what a dragon boat is, to understand how important our training and racing locations are to the safety and facilitation of training and racing.



2020 Auckland Regional Championships, Killarney Park, Lake Pupuke

The sport and the boat specifications originate from China and the boats are very similar to traditional Maori waka. It's 13 meters long, 2 meters wide, weighs 240kg. 20 people sit in the boat and paddle forwards, there is a steerer and a drummer. The gunnel sits just above the hip meaning the free board (space between the water and the gunnel) on the boat is very low. Swells over 0.6 meters can swamp the boat.

CURRENT TRAINING LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

We currently train at Westhaven Marina, Pier Z and Lake Pupuke, Killarney Park. We would like to extend our training to more locations in the Auckland Region if they can meet our training location requirements.

Our official championship race (200m, 500m, 2km) is held at Lake Pupuke, Killarney Park.

We facilitate *social races* at St Mary's Bay, Viaduct and Milford Beach.

1. Due to the low gunnel, we need to train and race in protected water <0.6m swell, that won't swamp the boats.
2. Due to the length and weight of the boat we are high affected by low tide and are unable to walk boats out through estuaries, therefore we need low tide access.
3. Access to 100+ car parks. We train 4-6 teams per hour, 2-4 hrs a day, 4x a week. Each boat holds up to 22 people. Due to the number of paddlers in each boat, we can have between 44-132 paddlers per hour attending training, with a maximum of 528 in a single night in Term 1 when secondary schools train. Paddlers get wet through, requiring them to bring towels, changes of clothes, water bottles. Coaches and team managers bring 20 paddles in their cars. Therefore a majority of paddlers drive to training.
4. Ability to store 4-6 dragon boats either on racks or on purpose built trailer.
5. Ability to store RIB Support Boat.
6. Ability to store 132 life jackets.

7. Ability to be secure.
8. Access to bathroom facilities for our members.

Westhaven Marina provides excellent low tide access, whilst Lake Pupuke is not tidal due to being a lake.

Current Issues

Westhaven Marina Parking

We are currently in discussions around the recent increase in car parking impacting our coaches who often coach 4hrs a night, this will now cost them \$24 to coach. This will have long term impacts and needs to revert back to \$2hr after 3.30pm.

No space at Westhaven for boating lifting equipment to enable disable participation.

We currently rent a small space wide enough for 6 boats but not enough space to add in boat lifting equipment which would enable disabled participation, which is a shame as there is a great pontoon for wheel chair access and an idea deck.

No Drinking water station at public toilets at Westhaven

We are moving our teams away from single use plastic bottles, however there is no drinking water station where we load/unload boats.

Dredging dumped at St Mary's Bay

At low tide St Mary's Bay you can see where all the dredging for the installation of the boardwalk has been left creating islands of rocks and silt. These islands mean we can't use a portion of the bay as it rips up the boats and its unsightly. Dredging to remediate the dumping is required.

Temporary permit for training at Killarney Park

We currently only have owner's permission to train at Killarney Park for a few months of the year, we would like to make this permanent.

Killarney Park Security

We've had our trailer stripped down over night in the past. Whilst we've added extra pre-cautions this is high risk of repeat offense adding cost to running costs. Ideally adding permanent security fencing to a small area in the park and cameras would be a great solution. Planting of a shrubs would help blend with the beautiful park environment.

Killarney Park ramp inaccessible for disabled paddlers.

We would like to open the sport up to all abilities as it is practised overseas. However Killarney Park small ramp is not wheel chair friendly, the gradient is too high to allow unassisted loading nor is the wharf setup to dock boats. Long term we'd love to see the wharf changed to a floating wharf with wheelchair access and the ability to rail launch boats so we can open the sport to everyone.

Storage for 6x concrete pontoons.

We have 6x concrete pontoons but no storage, ideally these would be permanently installed at Lake Pupuke, Killarney Park. Attached to the existing wharf allowing in depth coaching to take place and wheel chair access to the boats. These could be repositioned for race day saving \$20k per annum to the sport and used by a number of other water sporting events. Alternatively installing them

permanently as boat loading pontoons at Killarney Park would be a great asset to all water sports and the general public.

Storage of dragon boat trailers, container and horse float.

We have 1x 20ft container, 3x dragon boat trailers (13m long x 5m wide x 8ft high each), 1 horse float for event equipment, 2x RIB 5m safety boats. Storage in Auckland is at a premium. We need storage for these items where we can access them once a month. Sharing with site such as Motat M2 site 200 Meola Road, Pt Chev would be ideal.

Laying lanes

To facilitate world certified regional championship races, it takes 4 people 2 full days to physically install lanes at Lake Pupuke. They are volunteers, it is back breaking work and we do it every year. We would like to hold races with lanes more often but it's not feasible for our volunteers to take the time off work. Installing permanent lanes at Lake Pupuke between the rowing club and Killarney Park would be asset to all water sports (canoe, kayaking, waka ama, SUP and dragon boating).

We need a home

We facilitate the sport for over 1.000 Aucklanders off trailers, side of wharves, car parks and boats. We know we would grow more with a club room. No other water sport has the team numbers of dragon boating. Rowing biggest size is 9, waka ama is generally 6, canoeing/kayaking is 4, we are 22 per team. We currently have 16 senior teams, 15 junior teams – although non-covid times this is normally 30+ and 18 corporate social teams.

These are a requirements and our current issues. We would like Auckland Council to ensure we are not negatively impacted by any changes or development plans at Westhaven Marina (Panuku) or at Killarney Park, Lake Pupuke.

We are more than happy to meet with representatives from Auckland Council and even more happy to take you and your teams out on the water to experience first hand our beautiful waterways.

Please feel free to contact our Chair



10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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

Support

Tell us why: Investing particularly in the water infrastructure, improved water quality, climate change, building community well being and the environment are particularly key. This is the time to invest.

2. Climate change

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

Tell us why: Absolutely critical work. it is also important to take a wholistic approach and invest in nature based solutions

3. Water quality

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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: We see prioritizing water quality as hugely important and two weeks ago set up a petition on www.change.org.nz to see if people wanted "make water a priority in Tamaki Makaurau- we are not very active on social media and it was our first petition and as of just now we had 1006 votes. We are working with other groups all over Auckland and they also see this as a priority as do our local iwi whom we fully support.

In our local area we have raw sewage going into Hobson Bay all the time and there has been very little communication from Watercare in particular about this. At a cultural, ecological, public health and environmental level is highly concerning, particularly as we are surrounded by significant ecological areas and the community connect with the water.

There has been some investigation and testing work over the last 14 months but more resource is needed to make a real impact. the link to the petition is below and please also view the comments- there is even one from Mike Joy who is a highly regarded scientist. if the link doesn't work you can go onto www.change.org.nz and search Makaurau and it should come up.

<https://www.change.org/p/auckland-city-council-make-water-a-priority-in-t%C4%81maki-makaurau>

We see enforcing conditions of resource consents highly important also

4. Community investment

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

Tell us why: We support multi use spaces used in a way that supports a healthy environment and community well being

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Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges?

Our group has benefited significantly from the Natural Environment Targeted Rate. We have been provided resources and knowledge to engage with our community to reduce pest plants and pest animals and plant more natives. We have a stronger, safer community

The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate.

Which option do you support?

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

6. Local Boards

Ōrākei Local Board

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Tell us why Initiatives that are looked at wholistically to improve the environment and community wellbeing we support. Particularly improving water quality.

What is your opinion on the Glen Innes Business Association boundary expansion into our area?

Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

We are concerned about ongoing housing development without adequate investment in water infrastructure and would like to see more incentives for water sensitive designs and conditions of resource consents enforced. We would also like to ensure that resource consents for discharging stormwater and wastewater are reviewing and notified.

For more information on our views please see www.hapuathrive.nz

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

Don't know

Tell us why: please refer to supporting information attached

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Investment in our community

We whole heartedly support Auckland Council's commitment and plan to reinvest in services and facilities that better meet the needs of our communities. As a sport we already work with our local boards who understand the specific needs our local communities. We support the meantime provision for an additional \$65 million over the next three years to address the highest priorities for community services and facilities. Investment in key facilities investment including the new turf development for Central Auckland at Colin Maiden Park Sports Precinct and improvements such as LED lighting, roof and turf replacements at Lloyd Elsmore Park are key projects within the next 3 years that would serve our community for years to come. Pls see attachment for detailed report

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Which option do you support?

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

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why:

What is your opinion on the Dominion Road Business Association boundary expansion of the Dominion Road BID programme? Don't know

Tell us why

Franklin Local Board

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? Don't know

Tell us why

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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? Other

Tell us why

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why

Howick Local Board

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 most priorities

Tell us why

Feedback we received during the local board plan consultation last year clearly told us that we need to focus on renewals and upgrades for the 69 play spaces in our local board area.

In addition, we want to explore the idea of a “destination” play space and would love to hear your thoughts on what one would look like.

What should a "destination" play space include for all ages?

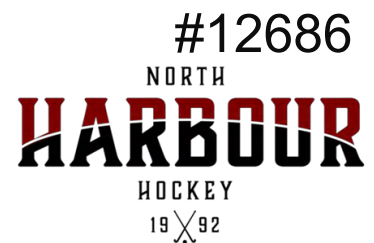
Where do you think is the best location for a "destination" play space in the Howick Local Board area?

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19 March 2021

Auckland Council

Long Term Plan Submission - Hockey

Dear Auckland Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to present our collective submission representing Auckland Hockey, Counties Manukau Hockey and North Harbour Hockey.

Firstly, we support AKTIVE's summation of key issues facing the sport sector over the next 10 years. Namely, across the following points:

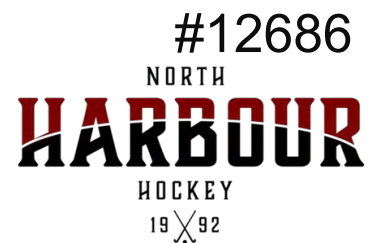
Increasing rates and borrowing limits - Auckland Council's proposal to increase rates and borrowing limits to continue to invest in Auckland representing a "response plan" instead of an "austerity plan", proposing a programme of ongoing investment in the sports sector. We understand the ability to increase rates and borrowing allows the Council to increase its investment, and without it the situation would be significantly worse. While it might not be appropriate to support increased rates and borrowing, we do support the outcome of Auckland Council being able to increase its total spend and budgets and the positive impacts for the sport and recreation sector.

The importance of physical activity remains - The issues around obesity and an inactive population in Auckland remain a concern. We believe investing in sport and recreation is a core role for Auckland Council and provides the health, social, mental, cultural and economic outcomes sought by the Auckland Plan. We know from sector discussions that COVID-19 has had a major impact on our clubs with many experiencing a loss of club members which has not yet bounced back. This trend must be reversed or Auckland's activity levels will remain well below the levels that they should be or continue to decline. Hockey is a sport for all ages and genders, and is a sport for life, we are a solution to the problem.

Current investment - The 10-year \$120 million Sport and Recreation Facilities is crucial to sport in Auckland, and with Hockey facilities and turfs already stretched to capacity, with important development projects on the horizon we would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Auckland Council's investment in facilities through this fund, however it is still a significant shortfall needed over the next 10 years. Hockey Facilities provide unique challenges and with limited or no assets in key communities, particularly Central Auckland, are of significant concern, coupled with the financial burden of essential facility upgrade costs as well as turf replacement and their 10 years' lifespans compared with other traditional winter sports surfaces eg grass sports and netball courts.

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Expand the Operating Grant- Auckland Council's \$1 million Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant 2020/2021 is well received. However, the level of this fund is well below what is needed in the sector and it is anticipated that the contestable fund will be significantly over subscribed. Hockey is an expensive sport with the turf replacement and significant power costs needed for adequate lighting, along with facilities used to capacity through to 10pm each weeknight throughout the winter season and often as late during summer hockey use.

More investment is required in Operating Expenditure - While we support Auckland Council continuing to build facilities, there is an ongoing need to also include budget for operational costs to ensure the facilities are appropriately maintained and managed. The Council's focus on capital investment, often leaving opex costs to facility users such as our club users and upon the Association's ourselves creates a drain on the operational side of facilities, impacting the quality and condition of the with capex implications. This is seen with aging facilities such as Lloyd Elmore Park where key CAPEX projects such as moving to LED lighting, roof and turf replacements place a significant strain on already tight budgets. The imbalance of Hockey artificial turf replacement costs vs maintenance of grass field for other traditional winter sports is exacerbated with surfaces needing hundreds of thousands of dollars for replacement every 10 years, with watering costs of the surfaces also lumped with the Hockey community.

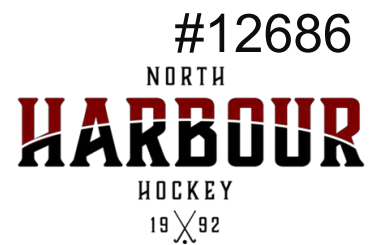
For our 3 Regional Hockey Association's, our community facilities across greater Auckland include:

- Lloyd Elmore Park, Pakuranga – 2 turfs servicing Auckland Hockey
- National Hockey Centre, Rosedale – 5 turfs servicing North Harbour Hockey, recently constructed in 2019
- Rosa Birch Park, Pukekohe – 2 turfs servicing Counties Manukau Hockey
- Additionally, there are multiple single turf school sites that are used across Auckland to deliver community hockey.

Proposed facilities

- Regional Priority 1: Colin Maiden Park, St Johns – 2 turf additional site proposed for Auckland Hockey within Colin Maiden Park Precinct to help meet current and growing demand for over stretched facilities.
- Regional Priority 2: Michaels Ave, Ellerslie – 1 turf site as part of multi-sport complex with College Rifles Rugby and Gym Sports Eastern Suburbs.

Facility projects over the next 10 years are crucial for the cost-effective delivery of hockey to our communities, a sport enjoyed by many thousands of Aucklanders and our diverse communities.



The table below identifies the next 10 years:

Please note in addition to Table 10.1 below:

1. 2018-19 – Waitakere project – construction started in 2021.
Rosa Birch Turf 1 project completed.
2. 2021 -2024– additional priorities:
2021-Rosa Birch Practice Facility completion - \$130,000
2023 - Rosa Birch Lights Upgrade \$180,000
2024 – Rosa Birch Turf 2 replace carpet and shock pad \$450,000

Table 10.1 Future Capital Investment to Maintain Existing Facilities (2018 – 2028)

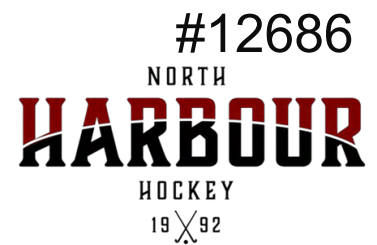
Year	Total Estimate Cost by Year	Project	Estimated Cost
2018/19	\$2,550,000	Waitakere Hockey Turf, new pavilion and changing facilities - <i>Construction underway</i>	\$1,600,000
		Rosa Birch 1 replace carpet and shock pad	\$600,000
		Rosa Birch refurbishment of changing and toilet block	\$200,000
2019/20	\$490,000	Kristin School replace carpet	\$410,000
		Metro Park dugouts	\$80,000
2021/22	\$3,680,000	Papatoetoe turf replacement carpet	\$440,000
		Lloyd Elsmore Turf 1 & 2 replacement carpet	\$1,400,000
2027/28	\$2,430,000	Mt Roskill replacement	\$750,000
		Auckland Grammar replacement carpet and shockpad	\$750,000
		Metro Park replacement carpet	\$480,000
2028/29	\$500,000	Avondale College Turf replacement	\$500,000
2030 - 2034	\$6,000,000	Carpet replacements at Rosa Birch 1&2, Kristin, Papatoetoe, Lloyd Elsmore 1&2, Rosedale Park 1, 2,3 & 4, Waitakere, Westlake Girls.	\$6,000,000

Notes:

1. While a number of additions turfs are used within the region only those facilities which provide significant community access and form an integral part of the network of turf provision have been included as the priority projects.
2. An allowance of inflation has been made.

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Our participation numbers are strong, and with 5% growth year on year as a national average, the demand for hockey across Auckland is only going to continue to increase.

	Small Sticks (in School delivery)	Senior Winter	Secondary School Winter	Primary School Winter	Summer	TOTAL Participants
North Harbour	999	1,512	1,472	2,306	3,334	9,623
Auckland	5,600	1,536	2,849	1,936	4,155	16,076
Counties	3,122	336	257	416	132	4,263

Moving away from an asset-based delivery? With Council is looking to divest aging assets that are no longer fit for purpose and “*maintain the same service levels for our communities, just delivered differently*”. It is very unclear which assets are to be divested or how the new approach to move away from an asset-based approach to alternative ways of delivering services is to be funded or achieved. Selling off community assets has the capacity to impact on a sport like hockey where we already have an underinvestment in hockey turfs. Any reduction in community assets will significantly and negatively impact a sport already stretched to capacity at our facilities, and undermine the wider regional network.

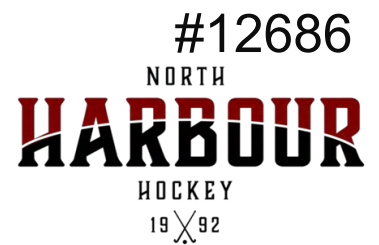
Please see our attached Auckland Hockey Regional Facility Report for greater detail, as shown below the current provision for hockey turfs does not meet demand and are geographically imbalanced to meet the needs of Aucklanders.

Table 4.1 Hours Demanded 2018

	Competition	Training	Total Demand	Total Supply	Surplus / Shortfall
Auckland	226	486	712	304	-408
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Harbour	170	445	615	414	-201
Total	482	1089	1571	824	-747

Table 6.1 Hours Demanded 2028

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Total	553.6	1312	1865.5	878	-987.5



Investment in our community

We whole heartedly support Auckland Council's commitment and plan to reinvest in services and facilities that better meet the needs of our communities. As a sport we already work with our local boards who understand the specific needs our local communities. We support the meantime provision for an additional \$65 million over the next three years to address the highest priorities for community services and facilities. Investment in key facilities investment including the new turf development for Central Auckland at Colin Maiden Park Sports Precinct and improvements such as LED lighting, roof and turf replacements at Lloyd Elsmore Park are key projects within the next 3 years that would serve our community for years to come.

Kind regards,

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10-year budget 2021/2031

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why: Do not support the proposed change to Urban Rates Areas for Huapai, Kumeu & Riverhead as these areas do not have the same level of access to facilities and services as other urban areas.

There are no proposals or budgets in the plan to deal with growth in Rodney particularly around roads, public transport, and community facilities.

There is no funding provided for the Huapai Indoor Courts facility which is needed due to growth.

Support the focus on renewals/maintenance in the budget but this shouldn't come at the cost of growth-related infrastructure as it disadvantages communities with high growth areas like Rodney.

Insufficient budget for road renewals, maintenance, and the Unsealed Roads Improvement Program.

Accept the need for a 5% increase however Council must use this money to carry out core business and meet the needs of growth areas.

2. Climate change

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?

Other

Tell us why: Climate change is important, but our area is also facing historic deficits in infrastructure and facilities needed to meet the demands of residential growth.

Climate change spending shouldn't come at the cost of clearing the overdue spending on transport infrastructure and facilities in Rodney.

Urgently sorting out public transport solutions for the North West including trains, bus ways and better access to public transport would help with climate change, however, this isn't addressed in the proposed budget.

3. Water quality

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 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 the above 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 view on this proposal? Support the extension only

Tell us why: The current level of this rate is adequate to address the issues.

Support the projects undertaken in Rodney however the needs to be more focused on assisting with rural wastewater system improvements and cleaning up our streams and waterways affected by growth-related activities.

4. Community investment

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.

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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

Tell us why: Rodney does not receive the same level of asset-based funding as other areas and Council must move to address this immediately not keep delaying it.

If this proposal helps new facilities provided in growth areas it is helpful, but it doesn't appear to do this.

It does not contain clear proposals or budgets for facilities in growth areas.

There is no investment for the Huapai Indoor Courts Facility, which is needed for a growing community, this needs to be funded in the next three years.

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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.

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Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre	Do not support
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The Upper Harbour Local Board are proposing a new bus service between Paremuremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate.

Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

Tell us why:

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

6. Local Boards

Rodney Local Board

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

Tell us why Support funding to continue progressing the delivery of the Kumeū-Huapai indoor courts facility to meet the needs of a growing community.

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Council must work with government to ensure new housing has adequate funding for all required infrastructure. Rodney's growth areas are a textbook example of the mess that happens when funding isn't provided to deal with growth.

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- Signalisation of the Park Estate Road and Great South Road intersection, as soon as possible and within the next three years;
- Construction of a new collector road between Park Estate Road and Karaka Lakes as soon as possible and within the next three years;
- Dunlop Road intersection upgrade and signalisation within the next two years;
- Fred Taylor Drive / E-W road intersection signalisation within the next two years;
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- Northside Drive East overbridge within the next five years;
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 - Upgrade to Fred Taylor Dr / Don Buck Rd intersection to signalised layout;
 - Further widening of Don Buck Road at the approach to Fred Taylor Drive intersection;
 - Royal Road (arterial) connection;
 - Nixon Road (arterial) connection;
 - Upgrade to Don Buck Road / Triangle Road intersection;
 - Widening of full length of Fred Taylor Drive from Brigham Creek Road to Don Buck Road;
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HGL wish to be heard in support of their submission.

Signature:

Aaron Grey – Senior Planner, CivilPlan Consultants Ltd on behalf of Hugh Green Limited

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This is a submission on the Proposed Auckland Council Recovery Budget / Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 ('LTP').

1. The Submitter (Background)

Hugh Green Limited ('HGL') is a long-established management company of the Hugh Green Group who is a provider and developer of residential and business zoned land within the Auckland Region. Combined, the companies which fall under the Hugh Green Group umbrella own a range of business, residential and rural zoned properties, including sizeable landholdings strategically located to meet the needs of Auckland's population growth.

These landholdings include:

- Approximately 93 hectares of land zoned Mixed Housing Urban, Mixed Housing Suburban and Neighbourhood Centre at Park Estate Road, Papakura;
- Approximately 260 hectares of land zoned a mix of residential zones along with a Local Centre zone at Redhills, Massey;
- Approximately 20 hectares of land zoned Mixed Housing Urban, Mixed Housing Suburban and Neighbourhood Centre at Thomas Road, Flat Bush;
- Approximately 100 hectares of land zoned Future Urban zone and 257 hectares of land zoned Countryside Living at Weiti, Redvale;

- Approximately 15.5 hectares of business and industrial zoned land across Auckland; and
- Approximately 426 hectares of rural land in Helensville and Ardmore.

HGL is actively working on enabling growth, through residential subdivision within three landholdings previously identified as “Special Housing Areas” (being Hingaia, Redhills and Flat Bush).

2. Development Infrastructure for Urban and Housing Growth

HGL is in the process of delivering the following urban growth across its Auckland landholdings:

- Approximately 200 additional housing sites (final four stages of development) and a 5,000 m² neighbourhood centre at Thomas Road, Flat Bush, which was not identified in the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy even though it is live-zoned greenfield land;
- Approximately 1,500 dwellings and a 4,000 m² neighbourhood centre at Park Estate Road, Papakura which is identified in the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy as “*Actuals, contracted or planned 2012 – 2017*”; and
- Approximately 4,000 dwellings, an 8 ha local centre and additional village centres at Redhills, Massey, which is identified in the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy as “*Actuals, contracted or planned 2012 – 2017*”.

However, infrastructure is not currently in place or funded to support all of this urban growth.

In this regard, it is noted that the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 (‘NPS-UD’) requires “*adequate existing development infrastructure to support the development of the land*” for short term development capacity (which all of the above is considered to be), while medium term development capacity must have “*funding for adequate infrastructure to support development of the land is identified in a long-term plan*”. These requirements are similar to those in the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity 2016, where short-term development capacity was to be “*serviced with development infrastructure*” and medium-term development capacity was to have “*funding for the development infrastructure required to service that development capacity must be identified in a Long Term Plan required under the Local Government Act 2002*”.

It is noted that the NPS-UD specifies that its requirements are to be implemented “*in time to inform the 2024 long-term plan*” and recognise that Council is not legally obliged to meet the NPS-UD requirements for the current 2021 LTP. However, Council has been aware of these government requirements since the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity 2016 and since then has not identified funding for the necessary infrastructure in order for the land areas identified for short term development capacity to be development-ready.

The 2021 LTP identifies that “*funding and financing new infrastructure in all [growth] areas is a major challenge*” and that a focused approach is necessary, meaning “*that we will not be heavily investing in infrastructure to support other growth areas in the short to medium term beyond that which is already committed*”. While a focussed approach is understandable given economic realities, no regard has been given to the implications of this focussed approach on achieving the requirements of the NPS-UD, including the implications on the 2024 LTP when Council will be obligated to meet the requirements of the NPS-UD.

The LTP supporting information has not identified the projects necessary to support all short-term and medium-term development capacity identified by the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy and has therefore not sufficiently considered the implications of the focussed approach on providing for sufficient development capacity for urban growth.

2.1 Flat Bush Development Infrastructure

The rollout of HGL's development at Thomas Road, Flat Bush, is dependent on the following infrastructure:

- The upgrading of Murphys Road from Flat Bush School Road to Redoubt Road, which was previously part of AT's the Mill Road Corridor project.

The Mill Road Corridor has now been transferred from AT to NZTA, although the Murphys Road upgrade remains with AT as a separate project. NZTA's Mill Road Corridor has funding committed as part of the New Zealand Upgrade project and is identified as a key project in the Auckland Transport Alignment Project ('ATAP'). However, there is no clarity on funding or timing for the Murphys Road upgrade. This infrastructure is necessary in order to complete HGL's Flat Bush development where it adjoins Murphys Road, including a neighbourhood centre.

The LTP should identify funding for this infrastructure in order for development of Flat Bush directly adjacent to Murphys Road, including a neighbourhood centre to be adequately serviced. The need for this is immediate.

2.2 Hingaia Development Infrastructure

The rollout of HGL's development at Park Estate Road, Hingaia, is dependant on the following infrastructure:

- The signalisation of the Great South Road and Park Estate Road intersection. This signalisation is required prior to 1,366 additional households being provided along Park Estate Road, as per traffic reporting prepared on behalf of Council at the time the land was rezoned. Funding for this project was inferred but not directly stated in the Regional Land Transport Plan ('RLTP') 2018 (as part of "LRGF Hingaia SHA") for between 2018 and 2020, although these works have not yet occurred. Funding was also identified in the 2019 Development Contributions Policy. As the 2021 RLTP and 2021 Development Contributions Policy has not been released prior to the LTP submissions closing, it is unclear whether this funding will remain in place.
- A road connection from Park Estate Road through to the Karaka Lakes development, either an extension of Hinau Road, Ngakoro Road (a future bus route) or both. A connection is required when 2,127 households are provided within the Hingaia 1 Precinct area, as per traffic reporting prepared on behalf of Council at the time the land was rezoned. These collector roads have never been subject to Council funding, expected to be delivered through development of sites containing the road routes. However, there has been no intention of those landowners to complete either road connection in the five years that their land has been subject to urban residential zoning.

The assumption of short-term development capacity of 3,070 dwellings in Hingaia as stated in the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy did not adequately consider the delivery of the above

infrastructure. Identification of funding for this infrastructure in the LTP is considered necessary in order for Council to meet the NPS requirements for the supply of infrastructure-ready medium-term development capacity. Without this, only 1,366 dwellings can be considered as short-term development capacity, less than half of that assumed.

It is also noted that when the land was identified as short-term development capacity, no water servicing was available or funded, meaning that the actual short-term and medium-term development capacity was 0 (including at that time that the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy was completed). HGL has since entered an agreement with Watercare that has ensured water supply capacity for this land, with construction underway.

The LTP should identify funding for the infrastructure specified above in order to ensure that development capacity in Hingaia meets the expectations of the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy.

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- Neighbourhood, suburb and sports parks

The majority of the above projects are stated as being required at various trigger points (1,800 dwellings, 3,600 dwellings and 5,400 dwellings) in the Redhills Precinct provisions, or otherwise at the time of development of the adjacent land. It is noted that the north west is identified as a focus area for funding, being an area where funding is already committed, and this is supported. We also understand from discussions with Auckland Transport and NZTA these transport projects are recognised as being required to enable development of the Redhills Precinct. However, the only projects we note as being included in the LTP for funding are:

- Northwestern interim bus improvements
- Northern interceptor stage 2 – design and consenting
- Parks within the Redhills Precinct (neighbourhood, suburb and sports parks).

Inclusion of these projects is supported, however the other required projects do not appear to be specifically identified for funding in the LTP. It is noted that there is a budget line for Supporting Growth initiatives, which could cover the above infrastructure, but there is no funding allocated for the first 3 years of the budget and it is unclear whether all of the above infrastructure has been allowed for within the 10 year budget.

The assumption of short-term development capacity of 10,650 dwellings in the live zoned area of Redhills as stated in the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy did not adequately consider the delivery of the above infrastructure. Identification of funding for this infrastructure in the LTP is considered necessary in order for Council to meet the NPS requirements for the supply of infrastructure-ready medium-term development capacity. Without this, only 1,800 dwellings can be considered as short-term development capacity.

The LTP should identify funding for the infrastructure specified above in order to ensure that development capacity in Redhills meets the expectations of the Auckland Plan 2050 Development Strategy.

2.4 Development Contributions

A key mechanism for providing for the delivery of necessary infrastructure to service growth is the use of development contributions.

The LTP identifies (in its supporting information) that a key assumption of the LTP's financial strategy as being *"That a new development contributions policy is adopted that reflects the Revenue and Financing Policy position that growth-related public infrastructure is funded by development contributions."*

The LTP specifies \$2.4 billion from development contributions and limits borrowing to \$6 billion dollars. This therefore limits the ability for development infrastructure to be funded through development contributions.

A frustration with this LTP consultation is that updated Development Contribution Policy (and the 2021 Regional Land Transport Plan) is not available for review at the same time. HGL therefore has no confidence that all development infrastructure necessary to provide for short-term and medium-term development capacity (as specified above) has been appropriately identified in this policy. If there are shortcomings in the Development Contributions Policy, any submission by HGL to insert additional projects will then be dismissed by Council as funding for that project has not been provided for by the LTP.

When Council is obligated to comply with the NPS-UD requirements for the 2024 LTP, it is expected that all development infrastructure projects being funded by development contributions are listed as part of that document and not deferred to a future iteration of the Development Contributions Policy. This is considered necessary in order for Council to demonstrate that development infrastructure required for all medium-term development capacity has been identified. It would be preferred if this had occurred for the current LTP as well.

3. Urban Rating Area

The LTP proposes to extend the Urban Rating Area to include all properties currently subject to urban zonings in the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part. In addition, the “Farm and Lifestyle differential” in the Urban Rating Area is to be removed.

This will affect rates for HGL’s landholdings at Park Estate Road, Hingaia and Redhills, Massey, which are currently outside the Urban Rating Area.

The LTP specifies that the changes are due to areas subject to urban zoning receiving similar levels of Council services to other urban areas.

However, HGL does not consider this to be the case. As outlined above, urban zoning does not mean that Council has provided that land with sufficient development infrastructure to enable that land to be used for urban development as anticipated by its zoning. Land that is not feasible to be used for urban development should not be included as part of the Urban Rating Area. Gradual increases to the Urban Rating Area are preferred, reflecting the actual development of urban activities (such as when resource consents for subdivision or urban land uses are given effect to).

In some cases, some land subject to the Future Urban Zone under the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part on which no urban activities occur is already within the Urban Rating Area. The LTP does not propose to reduce the Urban Rating Area to reflect this. It is considered inappropriate for land that is unable to be used for urban activities to be within the Urban Rating Area.

4. Relief Sought

To address the concerns of the submitter, the following relief is sought:

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 - Specify which of these projects are and are not being funded by the LTP;
 - Consider the implications of the “focused approach” to funding on the ability to provide for short-term and medium-term development capacity as required by the NPS-UD; and
 - State in the LTP the actual short-term and medium-term development capacity enabled as a result of the “focussed approach” to funding for new infrastructure in growth areas.
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- The Urban Rating Area is not extended over land in urban zones where development infrastructure to enable urban development is not available and the LTP has not identified funding for that development infrastructure;
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- If the Urban Rating Area is to extend over the land referred to above, then that land is subject to Farm and Lifestyle differential, which is retained.

HGL wish to be heard in support of their submission.

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Signature:

Date: 22 March 2021

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10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why: The Manukau Harbour Forum (thereafter referred to as MHF or 'The Forum') is broadly in support of the proposed 10-year budget, reasons include:

- The MHF recognises the need for a rates increase to cover budget shortfalls in light of the Covid pandemic, and to ensure that critical infrastructure upgrades are able to take place now rather than years in the future. The declining

state of the natural environment requires immediate action; investment now, acknowledging the increased pressure on households to contribute under financial duress, is essential if we are to turn the tide on environmental decline within our generation. We endorse the common belief that the environment shouldn't come second in decision-making processes, and as kaitiaki for Auckland's ecosystems we have a responsibility to do right by our future generations.

- The MHF strongly supports the integration of Te ao Maori perspectives in Council decision-making processes, and the improvement of opportunities and capacity for Maori/Iwi to participate and contribute to the management of whenua and moana across Auckland.
- The MHF strongly supports the proposed upgrades to the stormwater and wastewater systems and the inclusion of the Water Targeted Rate to fund key projects in the Manukau catchment. The separation of stormwater and wastewater networks along with improving the resiliency of the pipe networks are fundamentally important to controlling system externalities such as the stormwater water quality impacts felt in the Manukau Harbour. The MHF would like to see Council continue to prioritise the restoration of Manukau Harbour's mauri.
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- The MHF strongly supports the proposed improvements to waste management. However, we feel that the budget does not go far enough into addressing circular economy approaches and the development of a zero-waste system. We suggest that Auckland Council should develop more innovative solutions to waste management in collaboration with central government.
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 - o energy-saving opportunities,
 - ~ resilient water services networks for new builds,
 - ~ the retention and creation of green areas and wetlands,
 - ~ greater accountability given to commercial developers designing environmentally sensitive and future-proofed builds.
- The MHF is supportive of the extension of the Natural Environment targeted rate. We would like to see a greater proportion of that spend allocated to areas around the Manukau Harbour. The communities in South Auckland have experienced some of the highest canopy removal rates in Auckland – restoring native forested areas to these communities should be given high priority.
- The MHF would like to see Auckland Council provide greater support to residents looking to implement rainwater catching infrastructure on private property. We would also like to see a requirement for more new builds (greenfield) to incorporate some degree of water sensitive design – particularly around slowing down stormwater flows and the use of non-potable water (recent developments in Franklin are a good example).
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 - o One way Auckland Council might go to improve the uptake of water sensitive design across brownfield sites in the catchment could be to require all new residential redevelopment projects that lose over 40% (or other relevant proportion) of permeable surfaces (e.g. native vegetation, grass etc) to include other water retention infrastructure.

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

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: The MHF is committed to restoring the mauri (lifeforce, health and wellbeing) of the Manukau Harbour. We have adopted a ki uta ki tai approach; this mountains to the sea philosophy means that we recognise the importance of a catchment-wide pathway to restoration. As such, we strongly support the terrestrial activities proposed in the 10 year budget, especially the proposals to plant more native vegetation as this provides significant benefits to other systemic problems such as biodiversity loss and sedimentation.

However, we feel that the 10 year budget does not go far enough to address climate change. Some key elements that we feel have been missed include:

- Not enough emphasis on forcing supply chains to meet carbon neutral criteria.
- Restorative economy approaches such as:
 - o Restoration of kelp forests through kina removal.
 - o Seagrass and mangrove restoration in appropriate locations.
 - o Coastal wetland and other natural system restoration to improve resiliency against sea level rise.
- Increased expectation on private developers to demonstrate water and energy conservation.
- Greater requirements for large transport infrastructure projects to include lower-carbon solutions.

Climate change resiliency is a big challenge for the communities surrounding the Manukau. Aging infrastructure places key businesses such as Onehunga Port at risk, and the degraded nature of the remaining natural environments means that they are less likely to withstand new pressures like rising sea level.

Rising sea level represents a significant threat to critical coastal infrastructure such as the WaterCare wastewater treatment plant in Mangere. The MHF would like to see additional forethought and a clear 50 year strategy developed by Auckland Council on how we will build resiliency, and ensure that fundamental services like wastewater/stormwater treatment will be protected through worst case scenarios.

The MHF would also like to highlight the importance of the Puhinui Stream Restoration project within the Manukau Harbour community, and the strong environmental/climate outcomes that are associated. Large scale projects like these are where the community and the environment receive the most benefit and should therefore be candidates for more investment. Achieving scale to our environmental projects should be a key success criteria for Council-led restoration projects – where possible, Council alongside local boards should work to align relevant projects to maximise efficiencies, optimise the benefits, and perhaps most importantly improve the resiliency of our natural environment.

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What is your view on this proposal? Support the extension and the increase

Tell us why: The MHF strongly supports the increase and extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate. Our position is that it is critical we invest in our water services infrastructure now if we are to prevent the continued decline of water quality within our generation. The MHF is committed to seeing local and central government adopt a new focus on Auckland's 'forgotten harbour', and to allocate more resources and greater leadership towards the restoration of this important taonga.

We are pleased to see that the Manukau Harbour is explicitly mentioned in the long term plan. However, we want to see improved reporting and strategic approaches developed specifically for the Manukau Harbour catchment. Within 3 years we want to see commitment from Council to:

- Fund and lead the development of a Manukau Harbour strategy that addresses water quality, ecology, biodiversity, and climate change, and provide a clear pathway/approach to restoration developed with Iwi Maori.
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The Manukau Harbour Forum would like to see a more detailed proposal of how the WQTR will be spent in the Manukau Harbour Catchment. Given the perilous environmental state of the harbour and its tributaries, the MHF is advocating that a higher percentage of Council spend should be allocated towards this important taonga, and be brought forward in the workplan.

The key initiative for the Manukau Harbour Forum is the Southern Catchments Alignment Programme which would start in 2028 if we go with 'extend water quality targeted rate' and 2023/2024 if we go with 'extend and increase'. Although this project is somewhat of a flagship for the area, we note that the scale of this project pales in comparison to the Eastern Bays workstream – the MHF would like to see a greater proportion of the budget allocated to projects that directly benefit the Manukau Harbour and the catchment in general.

We would like to see greater recognition in the 10 year budget of the need for substantial, landscape level changes to occur around the Manukau to address water quality. We would like to see Auckland Council commit to a pipeline of work (in collaboration with central government) that would seek to restore wetland habitat throughout the catchment.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: The MHF supports the proposed changes in principle. We are strong supporters of the need to meaningfully reduce carbon footprints, however, we do not want to see the consolidation of assets come at the cost of access to these assets by our communities. The MHF is supportive of Council's ongoing intention to "work(ing) with our local boards who understand the specific needs of their local communities".

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The Manukau Harbour Forum supports the proposed changes to the ENRTR in principle. We do however, advocate for robust decision-making processes that include local government representation when it comes to the removal of notable (e.g., of community value,

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Which option do you support?

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

Tell us why: The Manukau Harbour Forum supports any plan to reduce traffic on Auckland's roads.

Do you live in the area affected by the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board transport targeted rate?

No

6. Local Boards

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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

Tell us why [see attachment 12730 letter: Memorandum to Members of Manukau Harbour Forum]

Summary

3. The overall water quality and ecological health of the Manukau Harbour are not in a good state despite significant regional and local efforts. This is mainly caused by legacy issues, but some current practices continue to impact on the health of the Harbour.

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Council has significant regional and local initiatives underway that focus on improving outcomes for the Harbour and its catchment.

6. The current purpose of the Manukau Harbour Forum (the Forum) is to provide for collective local board advocacy on issues affecting the Harbour and the adjacent foreshore.

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the current COVID-19 situation and the priorities of the newly established Emergency Committee over the coming period, the E&CC committee workshop will be held at a date when a workshop of this committee can be practically convened.

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We are proposing to increase fees and charges on community places of hire by 6 per cent. This increase would reflect inflation adjustment cost of 1 per cent per year for the previous six years, as the rates have not been adjusted for inflation over that period. This increase will go towards the running costs of the community places.

What is your opinion on this inflation adjusted increase in fees and charges? Support

Tell us why

Are you a regular user of community places in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area? (e.g. Ōtara Music Art Centre, East Tāmaki Community Hall, Papatoetoe Town Hall, Te Puke ō Tara Community Centre)

Yes

Papakura Local Board

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

Tell us why

What is the most important advocacy issue for Papakura? The environment

Puketāpapa Local Board

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

Tell us why

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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

Tell us why

Whau Local Board

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

Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets?

Please refer to our Question 1 answer.

The future health of the Manukau Harbour and surrounding communities will be influenced by the proposed changes in the 10-year budget. As the population of Auckland grows, the city's infrastructure will also need to grow to support the added pressures. The MHF would like to see a fair and equitable proportion of spend allocated to the Manukau catchment in order to address the severely impacted environmental condition.

The purpose of the Manukau Harbour Forum is to provide for a means of collective Local Board advocacy on issues affecting the Manukau Harbour, and the adjacent foreshore. Key issues addressed by the Forum include:

- Restoration of the health and wellbeing of the Manukau Harbour
- The role of Mana Whenua in relation to the Manukau Harbour
- A unified management-approach to the Manukau Harbour
- Advocacy on issues related to both natural and human activities affecting the harbour foreshore
- Wastewater and stormwater discharges
- The strategic removal of mangroves and Pacific oysters
- Coastal erosion mitigation opportunities
- The enhancement of marine and coastal habitats that assist with increased Biodiversity
- The preservation of sustainable commercial and recreational fisheries within the harbour
- The protection of Maui's Dolphin and other species
- Catchments and tributary streams that flow into the harbour
- Access to the harbour
- The role of the port operation at Onehunga

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Memorandum

9 April 2020

To: Members of the Manukau Harbour Forum

Subject: Achieving better environmental outcomes for the Manukau Harbour

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Purpose

1. To inform Manukau Harbour Forum members of an Environment and Climate Change Committee workshop with staff from the Auckland Plan, Strategy and Research (APSR) department, which will occur at a date when this committee is practically able to convene a workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to provide advice on the report entitled '*Manukau Harbour Forum Governance and Management Support Review*' (EnviroStrat, August 2019), within the context of broader outcomes sought for the Manukau Harbour. This memorandum builds on discussions APSR staff had with the Forum at their meeting on 14 February 2020.
2. Further, to invite feedback on the content of this memo from Forum members. Staff will incorporate this feedback in the planned committee workshop.

Summary

3. The overall water quality and ecological health of the Manukau Harbour are not in a good state despite significant regional and local efforts. This is mainly caused by legacy issues, but some current practices continue to impact on the health of the Harbour.
4. Auckland Council has statutory responsibility under the RMA to manage and improve environmental outcomes for the Harbour. Other agencies have specific responsibilities under other legislation which address specific outcomes for the environment. Advice provided in this memo and at a planned Environment and Climate Change Committee (E&CC committee) workshop will focus on Auckland Council's responsibilities.
5. Environmental outcomes can be achieved through initiatives at different scales and emphasis, ranging from central government directions and regional strategies, policies and programmes to local community-led projects. Auckland Council has significant regional and local initiatives underway that focus on improving outcomes for the Harbour and its catchment.
6. The current purpose of the Manukau Harbour Forum (the Forum) is to provide for collective local board advocacy on issues affecting the Harbour and the adjacent foreshore.
7. In 2019, the Forum commissioned an external review of its governance and management. The '*Manukau Harbour Forum Governance and Management Support Review*' (as prepared by EnviroStrat) was presented to the former Environment and Community Committee on 10 September 2019. The committee resolved to refer the report and its recommendations to the relevant committee in the new term of council with evaluation and advice provided by staff from the APSR department.
8. Staff from the Natural Environment Strategy (NES) Unit within the department have analysed the report and its recommendations, within the broader aim of identifying what Auckland Council can do to improve environmental outcomes for the Manukau Harbour. The evaluation and advice is intended to be presented at a workshop of the E&CC committee in the first instance. In light of

the current COVID-19 situation and the priorities of the newly established Emergency Committee over the coming period, the E&CC committee workshop will be held at a date when a workshop of this committee can be practically convened.

9. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the committee have indicated that they intend to meet with Forum members after the workshop and prior to making any formal decisions by that committee. In light of the COVID-19 situation, dates for this meeting are yet to be confirmed.

Context

The Manukau Harbour

10. The overall water quality and ecological health of the Manukau Harbour are not in a good state, as demonstrated by:
 - water quality monitoring results that indicate significant improvements since the 1950s, but nutrient levels remain a key concern; these arise from various sources including the large areas of agriculture and horticulture in the catchment, historic contamination of some volcanic aquifers, and from the discharges of treated wastewater
 - results of ecological health monitoring show variability in the health of monitored sites both across the harbour and over time at individual sites. The ecological health of the more enclosed harbour inlets or tidal arms of the harbour, particularly adjacent to older urban and industrial areas, is generally lower than the ecological health of the more open, extensive intertidal flats. The overall ecological index grade for the Harbour remains low
 - the Report of the Waitangi Tribunal on the Manukau Claim (WAI-8) raised concerns about the state of the Harbour in 1985, for water quality, ecological damage, and loss of fishing grounds.
11. A range of agencies have statutory responsibilities to protect and enhance environmental values in the Manukau Harbour. Auckland Council is responsible for the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the harbour and its catchment under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Auckland Council functions are distinct from sustainable fisheries functions under the responsibility of the Ministry for Primary Industries, and conservation responsibilities of the Department of Conservation, such as relating to conservation land and marine mammals.
12. Outcomes for the Harbour can be achieved through initiatives at a national level, regional level and local level. Examples include:
 - central government directions such as the National Policy Statement (NPS) for Freshwater Management and the proposed NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity
 - regional strategies and policies such as the Auckland Plan 2050, Auckland's Unitary Plan, Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy and Auckland's Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy
 - local initiatives and projects undertaken by local boards, communities and mana whenua such as beach clean-ups, planting programmes and education and awareness campaigns.

The Manukau Harbour Forum

13. Auckland Council established the Manukau Harbour Forum in 2010, comprising representatives of the nine local boards bordering the Manukau Harbour, in response to concerns about the health of the harbour.
14. The purpose of this Forum, as set out in its current Terms of Reference, is to provide for a means of collective local board advocacy on issues affecting the Harbour and the adjacent foreshore, and to champion the sustainable management of the Harbour on behalf of their communities. The Forum's vision is that "*The Manukau Harbour is recognised and valued as a significant cultural, ecological and economic asset, and through integrated management has a rich and diverse marine and terrestrial environment that is able to be enjoyed by all*".
15. The Forum does not have direct decision-making powers beyond projects and initiatives driven by the member local boards. However, the Forum can influence regional and/or national decisions through their advocacy role.

16. The Forum is acknowledged as a Political Working Party within the Auckland Council Governance Manual¹. Auckland Council's governance is shared between the governing body, who focus on region-wide strategic directions, and 21 local boards, who focus on local issues and represent local communities. Political advisory groups and working parties do not make decisions but help to guide decision-making processes.
17. In 2019, the Forum commissioned an external review of its governance and management. The Chair of the Forum presented the final '*Manukau Harbour Forum Governance and Management Support Review*' report (as prepared by EnviroStrat) to Auckland Council's Environment and Community Committee at its 10 September 2019 meeting. Committee members resolved to refer the recommendations and report to the relevant committee in the new term of council with evaluation and advice provided by the APSR department.
18. Within APSR, staff from the Natural Environment Strategy (NES) Unit, who regularly provide advice and input into a broad range of coastal initiatives and management frameworks, have now analysed the report and its recommendations. This evaluation and advice are intended to be presented at a workshop of the E&CC committee. In light of the COVID-19 situation, this workshop is to be held when workshops of this committee can be practically convened.

Discussion

19. The '*Manukau Harbour Forum Governance and Management Support Review*' identified 18 recommendations covering the themes of continuity of the Forum, mana whenua relationships, stocktake of activities, resourcing and operational support, structure and governance and State of the Harbour (as outlined in the Executive Summary of the report in Attachment 1).
20. NES staff have analysed these recommendation themes, rather than the individual recommendations, within a broader goal of improving environmental outcomes for the Harbour. This acknowledges that the Forum is one of several avenues to advance aspirations for the Harbour. Advice at the E&CC committee workshop will be provided within this context. The key focus areas of the workshop are outlined below.

The importance of the Manukau Harbour

21. The Manukau Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in New Zealand by area (water surface 394km²) and contains very high ecological values due to its highly productive intertidal flats, the large number and diversity of waders and other coastal birds, variety and cover of coastal vegetation, and importance to fish. The Harbour is a particularly important feeding area for native and migratory wading birds and is recognised as a national "hotspot" for coastal bird diversity and endangered bird species.
22. The Harbour is also an important waterway for Māori, as outlined in the Waitangi Tribunal Claim of 1985 (WAI-8). It had several portages to the Pacific Ocean and to the Waikato River, and various villages and pā clustered around it. Snapper, flounder, mullet, scallops, cockles and pipi provided food in plentiful amounts.

Overview of existing and planned initiatives

23. A high-level stocktake of initiatives in the Manukau Harbour was included in the *Governance and Management Support Review* report. However, the author of the report acknowledged several limitations of the stocktake including access to, clarity and visibility of information².
24. Staff from the NES Unit also prepared a stocktake of initiatives in the Harbour and its catchment, using information from across the council group, in July/August 2019. This separate initiative was undertaken on request of the then Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment and Community

¹ <https://governance.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

² NES staff also noted that the number of interviewees and departments that contributed to the review was minimal, and seemed to focus on local and operational activities, which would not have enabled the author to include initiatives from a broad range of teams across the organisation that are active in the Manukau Harbour and its catchment.

Committee, following a similar exercise NES staff had undertaken for the Hauraki Gulf, at the direction of the Auckland Council Sea Change Political Reference Group³.

25. NES staff collated and categorised initiatives into the following themes: central government engagement, mana whenua engagement, sedimentation, water quality (nutrients and contaminants), coastal development and urbanisation, marine protected areas, biodiversity loss and restoration, biosecurity threats (marine and terrestrial), coastal infrastructure and access and coastal inundation/erosion/hazards. This stocktake is presented in Attachment 2.
26. A stocktake of initiatives is helpful to increase the understanding of the breadth of existing and planned initiatives in the Harbour and its catchment at different scales (e.g. local, regional, national). It can also be used as a starting point to assess the effectiveness of existing initiatives to achieve desired outcomes for the harbour.

Current and potential future roles and functions of the Manukau Harbour Forum and potential governance structures that help to achieve these

27. NES staff noted that the *Governance and Management Support Review* report does not clarify the future roles and functions of the Manukau Harbour Forum to assist with the delivery of outcomes for the Harbour, and how these relate to other roles and functions within and external to council. The report makes some assumptions about possible roles that the Forum could undertake without necessarily appreciating the nature and extent of such activities, how and where they are performed currently, and what other business enhancements could be considered.
28. NES staff considered potential future roles and functions of the Forum, within the context of other groups with roles and responsibilities relating to the Harbour. Various parts of the council group have functions relating to the Harbour, including:
 - political oversight and decision-making on regional (governing body and various committees) and local directions and initiatives (local boards)
 - planning departments, through policy and strategy development, and supporting research
 - operational departments and council-controlled organisations, through delivery of initiatives relating to water quality and ecological health
 - regulatory departments, through consenting, compliance and enforcement activities.
29. Five provisional conceptual options for governance structures that would help to achieve a desired potential role and function of the Forum have been identified to aid discussion and understanding (Figure 1). Staff discussed these options, which are not mutually exclusive, with Forum members at their meeting on 14 February 2020 and have further refined these following that meeting.

³ Renamed and reframed as the Auckland Council Hauraki Gulf Political Reference Group since September 2019 to better integrate planning, regulatory, finance and operational activities of consequence to the Gulf.

Table 1. Potential future roles and functions of the Manukau Harbour Forum and options for governance structures that would help to achieve these.

	Option	Structure	Role / Function	This would:	This would not:
1	Retain status quo	9 local board representatives	Collective local board advocacy	Continue local board collaboration	Increase influence over regional decision-making or wider council / CCO work programmes
2	Add 2 councillors to the current MHF structure	9 local board representatives, 2 councillors	Collective local board advocacy, Feedback to regional decision-making committees	Continue local board collaboration, some linkage to regional decision-making	Increase influence over committee(s) as a whole or wider council / CCO work programmes
3	Political Reference / Advisory Group, in addition to current MHF structure	Chair & Deputy Chair (MHF), Chair & Deputy Chair (E&CC Committee), IMSB member on PRG + 9 local board reps on MHF	Oversight and guidance on Manukau Harbour initiatives, Influence regional decision-making + Collective local board advocacy	Increase influence over regional decisions made by committee(s) and wider council / CCO work programmes, continue local board collaboration	Increase direct decision-making powers
4	Advisory Panel	Combination of local board representatives, councillors, industry and/or community representatives	Oversight and guidance on Manukau Harbour initiatives, with input from industry and community	Increase influence over regional decision-making, Enhance connection to community / industry	Increase direct decision-making powers
5	More community-centric forum	9 local board representatives, representation from local community groups	Coordinated delivery of local projects, community engagement	Enhance delivery of local projects, Enhance connection to community / industry	Increase influence over regional decision-making or wider council / CCO work programmes

Advice on other recommendations in the Governance and Management Support Review

State of the Harbour Reporting

30. The *Governance and Management Support Review* recommends State of the Harbour reporting. The report does not acknowledge Auckland Council's various long-term water quality and ecological health monitoring programmes undertaken across the region, which had their genesis in the Manukau Harbour and provide good coverage with sites throughout the Harbour. Acknowledging this, NES staff recognise the need for understanding the current status and trends of environmental values, specifically in the Manukau Harbour, to guide management actions.
31. Moving forward in the short term, staff from the Research and Evaluation Unit (RIMU) will be communicating long-term environmental monitoring data in the 2020 State of Auckland's Environment report, due at the end of this year. RIMU staff intend to include a focus on the Manukau Harbour in this report. This reporting will focus on environmental values within Auckland Council's statutory responsibilities.
32. In the longer-term, NES staff will seek direction from members of the E&CC committee on the potential for a more holistic integrated report for the Manukau Harbour (or as more generally applied to all coastal areas within the region), using information from a broad range of departments from across the council group.
33. The state of the Harbour can be assessed using a range of information sources including various models, state of the environment monitoring results, resource consent monitoring data, mana whenua knowledge, citizen science and results of university research projects.

Mana Whenua relationships

34. Mana whenua partnerships and collaborations can be built and/or strengthened at both regional and local levels and NES staff acknowledge already existing partnerships and initiatives. In particular, mana whenua are discussing with the Crown how it might give effect to their aspirations for the Manukau Harbour.
35. The *Governance and Management Support Review* identified that improvements could be made to the Forum's engagement with mana whenua. Moving forward in the short term, NES staff will seek advice from the E&CC committee on a direction for local boards to further consider how mana whenua involvement can be improved at a local scale working in collaboration with willing tribal entities.
36. Obtaining clarity within Auckland Council of governance roles and structures relating to the Harbour will help facilitate how mana whenua may wish to be actively partner and participate through these avenues.

Operational support and resourcing

37. NES staff suggest that the recently appointed Manukau Harbour Forum coordinator should focus on activities that support the current purpose of the Forum (e.g. local board advocacy and joint local board initiatives) and that operational support requirements (e.g. support within council or external; operational, strategic or governance support; resourcing) are revisited once the future roles and functions of the Forum and supporting governance structures have been identified, relative to other council roles and functions.

Next steps

38. NES staff and staff from the Relationship Management Unit (Infrastructure and Environmental Services department) will collaboratively prepare for and attend the workshop with the E&CC committee. Together with the Chair of the committee, NES staff envisage that a successful workshop will achieve the following aims:
 - an improved understanding of the regional importance of the Manukau Harbour
 - an improved understanding of the existing broad range of roles and responsibilities within the Auckland Council group relating to improving outcomes for the Harbour
 - direction on the potential future role and function of the Forum as one of the parties that can help deliver aspirations for the Harbour
 - direction on further recommendations covering environmental reporting, mana whenua relationships and operational support and resourcing.
39. NES staff welcome any feedback from Forum members on the contents of this memo, ideally by the beginning of May.
40. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the E&CC committee have indicated that they intend to meet with Manukau Harbour Forum members after the workshop and prior to making any formal decisions by that committee in subsequent months, when a staff agenda report is received.
41. Given the current COVID-19 situation, along with the recent establishment of the Emergency Committee (and therefore temporary suspension of other committees), the date and process for the E&CC committee workshop are not yet known. This will be organised as soon as possible when workshops of this committee are practically able to be convened. Manukau Harbour Forum members should be aware that next steps following this memorandum are subject to change.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Recommendations from the Governance and Management Support Review report

Attachment 2: Stocktake of initiatives in the Manukau Harbour and its catchment