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**10-Year Budget 2021/2031
Waitākere Ranges Local Board**

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17415	Waitakere Ranges Protection Society	Waitakere Ranges	2
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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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Extending the targeted rate

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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:

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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? Do not support

Tell us why: This kind of change sounds plausible but in the end you are just proposing to close vital community facilities. Online isn't a substitute for the real world. Public / private partnerships never actually save money, it's simply an illusion.

5. Rating policy

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Tell us why:

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No

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Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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

Other

Tell us why: It isn't clear that Auckland Council have the capability necessary to plan ahead. The performance of the planning by Auckland Transport is terrible. The performance of the under resourced and poorly managed development planners is another example. If performance management is poor currently why should more money be pledged for the budget?

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Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: Performance should be better managed with the existing money.

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

Tell us why: It is unfair that Auckland Council continues to prioritise the leafy suburbs first. West Auckland beaches should be cleaned up sooner.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: We the ratepayers should own our community assets. People need to connect socially and not just online. The Council should maintain facilities as they will maintain them at a higher standard than a not for profit group.

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

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No

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Tell us why Connect the cycle way between West Coast Road and Parrs Cross Road to ensure the safety of cyclists crossing West Coast Road and Seymour Road. Require Auckland Transport make a forward plan for roading, stormwater and parking and front up to local communities.

7. What is important to you?

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Prioritise community sports and social gatherings, such as Dragon Boating in Westhaven and Lake Pupuke - where the investment is low, but the wellbeing outcomes are high.

Have a plan for house intensification and transport for local areas not just those in the Auckland Housing Areas - currently Auckland Council and Auckland Transport react to each private development rather than plan for future community wellbeing.

Require Auckland Transport to communicate and engage with Glen Eden residents, particularly around forward planning for connecting Parrs Road/West Coast road cycle way, and planning for transport and parking as the area has housing intensification.

Resource the development Planners department to engage openly and helpfully with residents throughout the city - not just in Auckland Housing areas.

Stop changing single house zones in the Unitary Plan to more intense housing without engaging openly with the local community and listening to what is needed for wellbeing for the community and what the area expects to keep its culture and heritage.

Connect Auckland Transport and the Town Planners so that there is a joined up plan for each community where housing intensification is happening - not just in the Auckland Housing Areas.

Make a plan for more people working in the suburbs, post Covid, with the ability to do business remotely.

Clean up water quality on all West Coast Beaches so they are safe to swim in.

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Support

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Do not support

Tell us why: Restructuring the organisation internally would be a better option. There are a lot of unrewarding initiatives that's needs to be stopped.

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

Tell us why:

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Don't know

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No

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Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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Need more cycle ways around New Lynn.. everyday is dangerous game of riding on the road and inhaling smoke in bus lane.. we need better managed and separated cycle ways

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Do not support

Tell us why:

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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:

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Do not support either option

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I am shocked at how terrible the public transport is in west auckland compared to north shore. And costs the same but takes double the time. You need to make public transport cheaper, this is a mockery where it's so expensive that people rather drive and create such a massive traffic issue for the whole city There are no fast buses, no fast trains in the west where as the northern express is every 2 mins. It's a shame. Instead of running 100 empty slow buses you should look at creative ways to transport people like smaller bus/vans in non peak hours which are far more economical, crate less traffic and saves time. You need to think outside of the box to let people use bus or trains. Generally population wants to support public transport but it is so expensive and so slow that rather pay for parking than spent triple the amount of time in for equal amount of bus/train fare. Especially winter coming it is so impossible to stay dry to reach work or home as half of the bus stops are so open that taking a bus becomes a nightmare. The connectivity is so bad.

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

Other

Tell us why: I support the proposed investment package so long as there are meaningful rates relief options for those that would find it difficult to pay the increased amount in the short term. If this increase would cause financial distress for low income property owners and renters, I cannot support the proposal in good faith.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: This is crucial work and I'm glad that it is still being prioritised despite the impacts of COVID-19.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: I support the proposal in principle, but hesitate to give full support not knowing what facilities may be closed, what investment is planned for online services, and how you will ensure that these changes will not negatively impact people and communities that rely on your services being delivered in ways that they can access readily.

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Don't know

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No

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why I support the priorities but would have like to see a commitment to the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy, similar to other local boards.

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I would like to see Auckland declared GE free in this plan. We worked hard with council to get GE restrictions into the Unitary Plan. As a member of Auckland GE free coalition, I support Jon Carapiet's submission. (I don't have time to write one myself.) Lisa Er

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

Support

Tell us why: Auckland is becoming unbearable to live in. We are born and bred here but seriously considering moving due to congestion, intensive cheap housing and lack of infrastructure to cope with the growth fix the city it's needs it

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Tell us why: The state of some of the beaches is appalling we need to fix them

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Tell us why: These people are most likely to use it

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Other

Tell us why: Support in parts, see answers to questions.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: Support planting trees, but that is useless without tree protection: new tiny young trees don't have the same carbon sequestering power or biodiversity value as big trees. Support electrification of busses. Finally get a but along the North West Motorway. Support express trains on Western line. Support more cycleways and pedestrian paths but please focus on connecting cycleways and West and South Auckland accessibility to schools by bicycle: fight obesity and climate change. FULL support of extension of targeted rates. AND put more effort into building in wood in stead of concrete. Support more \$\$ funding for environmental groups: possums not eating trees in West Auckland and Rodney is fighting climate change. Implement Sea Change for the Hauraki Gulf: a healthy gulf is a carbon sink. Support more solar panels.

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Tell us why: Waste water: Hauraku Gulf is dying, partly through sedimentation and pollution flowing in to it. Save the gulf and reinstate Sea Change as part of this rate. Install waste water catchment pits and empty them regularly. Get community involved, re-start "be a tidy kiwi" against plastics. Ban plastic bottles or help fund schemes for buy-back. Storm water: re-instate the Waitakere project "Twin Streams" - buy flooded houses, turn them into parks with cycleways.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: Physical assets are ASSETS! We need them for our community. As soon as they are gone, they are gone forever. It takes decades (11 years for Ranui Library) to get new ones build. Leasing is a commercial operation, which means it will cost council more in the long term. DO NOT support the sale of several "small, useless" pieces of green without full community and local consultation: those have a value for people, as lungs in the city, as playground, as informal picnic spot, visually. And they have value for biodiversity: a connection between bigger parks or reserves. Concrete them all and we will all lose. NO!

The city centre has enough investment through Panuku, Wynyard Quarter, Britomart etc. Focus on West Auckland for a change, invest properly in the growth areas. Art and parks in Huapai, Kumeu, Glen Eden like was done in New Lynn or the original Hobsonville development, both started & decided under the former Waitakere Council. New developments are socially and culturally barren, handed to developers just out to make money. Council should require more from them, it is definitely possible without slowing down development.

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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: More public transport is always a good thing.

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

No

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why Support: • funding a community-based ecological restoration coordinator to continue resourcing, aligning and connecting community ecological restoration efforts across the Waitākere Ranges.

Support: Reinstate the Local Board Transport Capital Fund for local boards to levels pre- Emergency Budget; restore the funding formally allocated by local boards prior to the Emergency Budget; and progress the projects already supported by the local board

Support: Walking and cycling connections in the local area will need long-term funding from the Governing Body and Auckland Transport, as well as the local board.

Do not support: A joint local board/Governing Body funding contribution to six gateways will lift the visibility of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. Gateways are not art project, they are signs visually polluting the landscape. Either do art or do marketing. This is marketing, which we don't need. The areas they point to (Bethells - Te Henga beach and lake Wainamu, and Piha) can't handle more visitors, they are already overwhelmed in summer because of the growth of Auckland's population and the closure of tracks because of kauri dieback. Improve the facilities, especially public transport, before promoting these areas please. Why create more assets when there are no funds to maintain them, as per the earlier budget statements?

Stop making plans and start implementing the ones already adopted, like the Greenways plan. Build those pathways, advocate with council/AT, make it happen.

Spread the knowledge about the existence of plans, like the Swanson Heritage Plan. No council staff member knows about it, so they don't give it to developers, which means it is a waste of paper and invested money. Get the adopted reports and plans circulated to staff.

All local boards: decrease the budget for governance, of course local politicians need to be supported in their role, but it has grown out of proportions with managers managing managers. Local politicians should be able to keep their own diaries and organise their own portfolios.

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Growth infrastructure: ensure public transport and cycle ways are operating before the first people move in. If it isn't, they buy a car and will never get out that car. Housing: focus on quality urban development, which is vastly different to what is currently happening by selling off large blocks to single developers. It should include thinking about urban green spaces, community gathering areas, visually attractive areas. It's not (only) about the design of individual houses. Storm water ponds should be an attractive feature, not a fenced off pond. Auckland has the capacity, look at the best parts of Hobsonville and Wynyard Quarter, as long as we've got the balls to give clear directives to developers! Grow them! Don't remove late return fines on library books. Anything free is worthless... give librarians freedom to wave the fee when they see fit. Support: Walking and cycling connections in the local area will need long-term funding from the Governing Body and Auckland Transport, as well as the local board.

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Do not support

Tell us why: Limited funding yet again for west Auckland. Seems that North, South and Central gets supported for funding.

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Tell us why: No explanation on the targeted areas has been offered. Why does Freeman Bay have water quality issues etc

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Tell us why Limited funding for planning and local governance. \$264k? If you think growth is to occur more is needed. Local governance needs more representation as this has also limited funding. This is compared to Takapuna who gets around \$1 million.

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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:

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

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No

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

Support

Tell us why: Please get rid of library fines

2. Climate change

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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?

Don't know

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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Extending the targeted rate

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

Tell us why:

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: Libraries have been diluted and had enough budget cuts that I worry closing more, merging them, or focusing mostly online, will impact communities that may not be computer/digital literate. Also merging them with other centers may lose knowledge and staff needed to assist the community who require help with technology, or just basic things. Not everyone can use ebooks and databases. We're an aging population and it's unfair to lose that as a focus too. Please get rid of library fines so more of the community can use libraries. They are so much more than just books, though they definitely should still have books.

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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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Tell us why Lighting along West Cost Road, leading west away from the township, is pants/unsafe for those walking at night. Especially with uneven footpath that become hard to see.

7. What is important to you?

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Worried the trains and busses will struggle with the amount of multi level apartments already going in.

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

Support

Tell us why:

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why:

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Don't know

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

Support

Tell us why: The budget cuts create a noticeable lack of services, and Auckland needs to be proactive in solving issues, rather than reactive.

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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: This is only 0.5% of Auckland's budget - I support that we will be spending more, but I think that a larger portion would be more appropriate. Auckland Council has agreed that there is a climate emergency, and less than a penny on the dollar of spending does not reflect this.

More money should be allocated to this for additional street trees and bike lanes, so that our city is a more enjoyable place to live.

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

Tell us why: It is an embarrassment that we dump raw sewage into the ocean and our bays. If a small rates increase will fix this issue then the increase is a good thing.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Anything that can reduce our emissions is a good thing.

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Which option do you support?

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No

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Tell us why Very supportive of the push to increase pedestrian and biking connections. It is difficult to cycle anywhere in the region due to the lack of bike lanes, and lack of wide footpaths. Any changes to this would be much appreciated.

Supportive of the Town centre upgrades - whenever this occurs.

Wish this was a push for additional roadside trees. Titirangi has a large proportion of these, however the streets of Glen Eden itself are lacking. The town centre itself and West Coast Road feels particularly bare.

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?

Supportive of no change in rates to encourage greenfield developments. Where infrastructure investment is made to support growth - this should occur in already built-up areas in the existing urban footprint. A smaller investment is required to support each new dwelling in existing areas which gives a better return on the investment. Supporting growth

in existing areas additionally has long-term cost savings, as the bus lines to service these dwellings are already present. Development in these areas will also help Auckland meet its climate goals.

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Support

Tell us why: Every time a rates bill is due, it causes financial difficulty in my household. However this is preferable to falling being infrastructure projects and other common goods that are funded by council.

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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

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why One thing I, and some others I know, would like to add, is a connector cycleway / shared path from Sunnyvale to New Lynn, passing through Glen Eden. Essentially following the train line. This is a very important piece of infrastructure and will make cycling many times more popular in the area.

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There needs to be more financial aid for households to convert to a more sustainable existence. This includes water tanks, solar panels, and insulation. Some already exists, but clearly this would be a good way of reducing environmental impact and reducing the issues from non renewable power generation and water shortages as Tamaki Makaurau has been experiencing.

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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?

Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why:

3. Water quality

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

Do not support

Tell us why: The covid year has affected everybody. I have lost income over this time, which I cannot recover. It is a struggle to get back on my feet, let alone have to deal with increases to my rates.

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why:

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No

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why: I agree that austerity does not work during tough times- we only need to look at the UK and Ireland during the GFC to understand this. Longer term disinvestment causes longer term problems. Improve the infrastructure so we can flourish once the borders opens.

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

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Tell us why: There is a climate emergency- what i would really like to see is investment in improving soil so that the food we eat is better for our health.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

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Tell us why:

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Support

Tell us why: Action is needed to maintain and improve our infrastructure and facilities and has to be paid for. Auckland has been underinvested for far too long.

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Tell us why: Must be done, has to be paid for.

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Tell us why:

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: yes

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

Tell us why: yes he need people friend

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: love and whaunu

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yes te kuir

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Tell us why: good have people

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Yes

6. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: Rates need to increase even faster. For decades, rates have been kept artificially low by not investing, maintaining and replacing infrastructure such as mains and waste water, cycleways and parks.

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Tell us why: Mainly support the climate change plan, however it must be done consistently. It is no use planting new trees while old ones are being chopped along roadways and while council reserves are converted into cement.

Also, Auckland Transport needs to be less focused on roads and more on public transport and cycleways. The current budget is still crazily skewed towards cars.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: I support slowly replacing aging facilities that are close together with new multifunctional facilities. I do not support outsourcing facilities to commercial operators. In the end it will cost more, just because those operators will want to make a decent profit.

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Tell us why there has been way too much focus on Glen Eden over the past decade. The local board area is a lot bigger than just Glen Eden, and especially the northern suburbs (Henderson Valley, Swanson, Bethels, Waitakere) get no support from the local board at all.

Gateway signs are a waste of money. and will just deface the roadside that already has too many signs. Moreover, Piha and Bethels have no amenities to cope with more visitors and the Waitakere Ranges forest is mostly closed. So why advertise the area to attract more visitors?

7. What is important to you?

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Let big developers pre-fund the roads and water infrastructure n projects they create and slowly pay them back using a targeted rate on the houses in those developments. It is the developers who reap the profit of those developments, so they are the ones that need to make the investment.

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

Other

Tell us why: I support increased spending beyond what is contained in the proposed 10-year budget with a commensurate increase in rates to fund this additional spend - for too long we have been underinvesting in critical infrastructure and services and the proposed budget does not go far enough to addressing this - we will continue to see gradual decline or too slow improvements, environmental damage and missed targets (including on climate change). In particular, I would like to see significant increases in spend on Transport, Water supply and wastewater, Stormwater,

Environmental Management and regulation, and Further response to climate change (in no particular order). I also support lowering the Release of funds through savings from the proposed level of \$90m per year to \$60m per year, in order to reduce the decline in services associated with these savings. See attachment for further details of my preferences, which overall produce a small surplus as per the Budget Simulation tool.

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

Other

Tell us why: I support Alternative one - a larger investment package. Climate change is a critical issue that we need to be doing more about so a higher level of investment is needed. Rates should be increased if necessary to achieve this as it will cost us more long term not to act now.

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

Tell us why: Water quality is a critical environmental issue and for too long we have been underinvesting resulting in poor outcomes, I would support even higher levels of investment than is proposed in order to accelerate improvements in this area.

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

Tell us why: Not relevant to me, I don't live or travel in this area

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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? I support most priorities

Tell us why I support all priorities except gateways for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. Highest priorities should be Glen Eden town centre upgrade and More linked up ways of getting around in the Waitākere Ranges local board and neighbouring areas

7. What is important to you?

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support all proposals, CCO Accountability Policy - don't know - I support increased accountability of and oversight over CCOs but am unclear whether this proposal achieves that

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Do not support

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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 slowly work on climate change, as NZ is just rushing into weird science - we need natural gas - we need CO2 for plants to grow. We need electricity BUT our electricity is fueled by coal from China. Not great thinking really.

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

Tell us why: Again a huge rate increase that people cannot afford. Stick a pipe in the Manukau Treatment plant and ship it out to the Tasman Sea where the prolific sea life would feast upon it! Problem solved for the Manukau. Do same for the Waitemata, dont bring their effluent to another harbour. Water should be treated to potable standard and used for industry, gold courses, market gardens and used in drinking water as in Singapore.

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The infil housing is not working with roads now highly congested - thinking specifically about Te Atatu here. The traffic is diabolical and should have been factored in when putting 100's more people in the infil housing. The roads leading to the motorway should have been widened to take the extra traffic. You cant take 6 kids to different schools on a bus or a bicycle!

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

Do not support

Tell us why: Expense and increase in rates (cost to ratepayer) unsustainable and unaffordable long-term. Growth needs to be limited , not extended as there is a disproportionate discord between increased costs to housing affordability, transport, water supply and wastewater, Parks and community and uncontrolled building and growth within the city. Report lacks clarity and is filled with confusing and conflicting statistics. A promise of a one off 5 % and a constant 3.5 % rates increase set against a huge growth in population numbers over the next 10 years , ever increasing

demand on an aging and poorly managed infrastructure needs to be carefully managed against unrealistic growth aspirations.

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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: Increase in population, increased investment in roading projects and lack of investment in walkways, cycle pathways, city centre green spaces areas, uncontrolled infilling and increase in volume of cars indicates a total disconnect between proposal and reality. Total lack of equitable funding to all Auckland regions is another point of concern as billions of dollars spent on central city infrastructure projects whilst Auckland region residents look on in dismay as quality of life is eroded by uncontrolled "development".

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

Tell us why: Population growth and unsustainable housing development not managed in line with infrastructure development and maintenance. No indication of a sustainability plan of curbing growth and development in line with reforming present aging infrastructure in a way that improves water quality of our harbours, beaches and streams before major housing and infrastructure projects are undertaken. Long-term result is that this will always remain an issue with no achievable solution.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: The promise of the Rodney Hide "Super city" was equitable funding and growth to regions. The opposite is true with billions spent on city centre and inner rail developments taking precedence over sustainable urban facility growth. Ironically over the years our discussion and standing joke amongst colleagues and friends has changed from referring to Auckland as a "world class Super City" to "world class Slum city."

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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: Increase in rates unfair and inequitable on ratepayers not using the service. Equates to someone having to pay the petrol of their neighbour using their car. More emphasis on rail, walkways and cycling. Adopt a Netherlands model. Electric bikes and cars a reality but no indication of bold, creative solutions- based initiatives from council plan. very much "same same."

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

No

6. Local Boards**Waitākere Ranges Local Board**

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Tell us why Lived in the area for the past 24 years. Initiatives lacking in targeted development of local pathway, cycling, walkway and facility development. No long term initiatives to grow and develop local business and industrial hubs.

Residents drive out of area to work, instead of council creating sustainable local hubs of industry. Dismayed at the lack of creative initiative or bold leadership to think outside the box.

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?

Housing and growth infrastructure needs to be controlled and managed in a long-term sustainability plan that allows roading and water infrastructure to be developed in tandem with maintenance and repairs nor the other way round. Auckland housing affordability, rapid and uncontrolled population density increase through high density development and rapidly increasing social problems are destined to increase if no serious planning is given to reducing population growth in line with environmental

management and climate change considerations.

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

Do not support

Tell us why: I think you need to honest review of what actual positive impact or improvements have come out of the huge amount of rates revenue and other tax's you receive (petrol) versus what if any improvements have occurred.

I see little to no improvements.

Perhaps a review of roles and jobs and whether needed in Council.

Pay cuts should occur.

It seems Aucklanders penalised for owning a home and rate continue to go up and up.

You do realise that many Aucklanders lost jobs or have had reduced incomes some drowning or barely keeping their heads with above water cost of living keeps going up and impacted negatively COVID yet expected to bail out stupid decisions or funds not spent wisely.

Our infrastructure, roading and transport is a joke. How many times does a road need to be redone shouldn't it be done right first time. Seriously our street has road works couple of times a year same area done over and over.

Our city is deteriorating not from lack of money but from stupid decisions and projects mismanaged.

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

Tell us why:

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: I think it is silly to pay money to lease (paying for rent of an area) rather than maintaining asset you own. I do not support the getting rid of our assets parks- large public gardens and garden used for recreation these are for use of all Aucklanders. House are getting smaller and these green spaces are important for the health and well-being. Auckland is getting cramped and these spaces are important.

Also once asset sold on they are gone and really on line developers etc pockets.

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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?

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? I do not support most priorities

Tell us why I do not support the spending funds with Hoani Waititi Marae. I feel my rates could benefit myself and others in the area better spending in areas that will have improvement for all as a whole rather than on a one day event or for benefit of a tiny part of the community.

I support the principle of improving the Glen eden town centre upgrade this has required some work for a very long time.

Changing road to one way will honestly make people go elsewhere.

Seems more weight has been put on pedestrian and cycle way not for actual use of the majority of Glen Eden people. Making traffic shocking and to be honest making people rethink shopping at our local shops. It is not a shopping destination. It is currently filled with takeaways, butcher, laundromats, vege and booze shop.

The current update to the roading infrastructure has been a disaster, the ridiculous speed cliffs that have been put in are dangerous and sub standard quality and possibly has ruined the area.

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

Don't know

Tell us why: A step in the right direction, however unclear on how green infrastructure and climate change will be prioritized and how disinvestment in polluting or damaging industries will be handled. Rate increase not high enough, and targeted rates should be introduced specifically for climate change projects (for example) beach front properties.

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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: Small step in the right direction, but the proposal lacks any teeth. Transport is the low hanging fruit for reducing emissions. Law changes required to prevent ring-fencing petrol-tax for roading, need more disinvestment in road transport, huge investment in public transport, cycling and walking required. Shameful performance by AT delivering cycling infrastructure. Major shakeup required. Plenty of examples around the world to support the removal of cars from city center. We are heading in that direction already, but we are going to slowly about it.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Targeted rates based on spatial proximity as all across Auckland there should be a recognition in value of well connected businesses and households. This will increase property values.

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

No

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Tell us why Of course I support all priorities, as they are all positive goals for the district. However, again, its far to soft, there is no real commitment to anything and nobody is accountable when nothing happens. Glen Eden safety improvements were good, but also a wasted opportunity. Cycling infrastructure should have been added, as Glen Eden is a transport hub with the train. More parking should have been removed, and a real focus on creating a pedestrian friendly space in the shops. Its still dominated by a carpark. We need to make big transport changes asap, as we know this is the low hanging fruit regarding emissions. More public transit lanes, more bus routes, more cycling lanes, less parking.

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Other

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Support the proposed increased investment

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What is your view on this proposal? Other

Tell us why: Water is a tough topic for Auckland. In my opinion water should be priced much higher in order for people to change their behaviour and attitude towards water. I live off a rainwater tank and a septic tank with a family of 5 and we conserve water by showering less and using laundry services in the nearby area. Yet I pay a good 1000-1250 dollars a year on replacements and maintenance. Which, to my understanding, is about 100 times what a regular household pays. This difference should not exist.

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Don't know

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No

6. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why I'd like to see more investment in safer roads for pedestrians and cyclists. Everythings should be reachable by foot, bicycle and public transport.

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More public transport, bike lanes and pedestrian areas to avoid congestion and create a generally healthier lifestyle. The car lobby is keeping you under control by not supporting those initiatives.

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

Other

Tell us why: Council should borrow more and spend more during a recession. Dont cut services. Aucklanders pay less on rates than many other areas in NZ and compared to overseas. Dont be afraid to charge more.

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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Extending 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

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

Tell us why:

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Do not support either option

Tell us why: Should be paid for by Auckland Transport.

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Sort out Auckland Transport. They are continually failing to follow through on the goals set by council. Fix ATAP, the 6% increase in emissions is unacceptable. We need to be 50% down by 2030 - you should be ashamed of supporting such a flawed plan.

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Support

Tell us why: In general the budget seems sensible but I am completely disappointed that the \$350 million moved from investment into public transport and cycling projects and moved into further dead end investments into roads.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: I definitely support increased investment in climate change however I feel that the current investment in the plan is timid and does not meet the climate international climate agreements that NZ and Auckland council have pledged to. There is no way under this current budget that we will ever meet those climate outcomes.

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Tell us why Most of the priorities are good but I think there needs to be a larger focus on decarbonisation through alternate transport solutions such as more cyclepaths which connect the outer regions to transport centres.

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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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Do not support

Tell us why: I don't believe ratepayers should be footing the bill to get Auckland back into action. Where are the emergency funds/plan B at? It clearly looks like staff at council who get paid to have a plan in place are not doing their jobs.

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

Do not support

Tell us why: The bath is over-flowing. Stop building up the sides and turn off the taps. NZ needs a new town. Somewhere in the vicinity of Huntly would make sense with road, rail, power, water and proximity to Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

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Support the proposed increased investment

Tell us why: Fair enough but climate change should be managed and funded centrally.

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

Tell us why: Targetted rates are a con. Water management needs to be taken out of CCO hands and preferably moved to central government control.

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Which option do you support?

Don't know

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Tell us why Hard to know what they actually do. The budget is so small all they can really do is throw rocks at Goff which is a great sport but achieves nothing. The West has been forgotten in the Super City regime. A dumping ground for shitty housing. NZ needs a new town. Somewhere in the vicinity of Huntly would make sense with road, rail, power, water and proximity to Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

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Which option do you support?

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Tell us why Waitakere ranges natural environment & rural areas & communities needs a focus - increase your biodiversity protection with significant increased biosecurity efforts and resources including large wasp control. The wasps are at unprecedented levels over summer 2020/21 and it's going to have massive negative effects on the native flora and fauna. Do something about it.

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Invest in bettering our lagoon water quality by improving and upgrading the community facilities (toilets!!), use river water to flush toilets, not city water.

Support the Te Henga community to cope with the increased visitor numbers and pressure. Thanks to Rehills residential housing and other developments, the visitor numbers have risen tremendously and Lake Wainamu and the beach car parks are overflowing. The pressure on the natural environment is not sustainable. The Lake car park needs a toilet.

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

Tell us why:

4. Community investment

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Don't know

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why Our local board team are doing a wonderful job. Love you team!

7. What is important to you?

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The Living Wage is very important to me. We need to ensure everyone can afford the basic necessities. We need to make sure our city's plan is delivered by people who aren't having to struggle just to feed their kids and thrive. I highly recommend you become an accredited employer and join other businesses and organisations putting their values into practice. Let's look after those who do the mahi!

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Support

Tell us why:

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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: More community schemes to encourage people to upcycle and use some of this waste - encourage people to volunteer and teach others the necessary skills and also a venue provided in the communities for this to take place. Also harsher penalties for people illegally dumping waste, by bringing back Inorganic collections helps a lot to clear waste from the communities and also provides materials for community upcycling projects.

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Tell us why: Have been involved looking after wildlife living at the local streams and storm water ponds in Glen Eden, Titirangi, Kelston and New Lynn. A lot more needs to be done to prevent Botulism, and to look after these waterways. And monitoring to ensure the public aren't polluting the streams by illegal dumping, also cleaning weeds out of streams so water can flow into storm water pond.

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Tell us why More needs to be spent on the waterways and environmental/conservation issues, and essential infrastructure - not to be wasted on unnecessary community beautification and upgrades.

7. What is important to you?

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Waterways and Environmental damage and pollution, including doing more to monitor and harsher penalties for people who damage these. Also set up a volunteer scheme and get more people in the community to assist with looking after this.

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

Support

Tell us why: We support a one-off rates increase if this will ensure continued funding for arts and culture at current levels or greater, which should be a priority at this time given the need for wellbeing in our communities. It is important that service delivery is not reduced.

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Support the proposed increased investment

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Tell us why: Restoring the wellbeing of our waterways is important for maintaining the health of our communities and our environment.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: We need to increase cultural infrastructure and funding to arts and cultural organisations as our population increases. Cultural activities and services should be delivered with expertise, by professional staff and organisations. Merging facilities will mean less visibility and access for individual arts organisation, who will need to compete for resources, and expert staff will be lost, such as curators, librarians and archivists. There need to be clear structures within Auckland Council to support delivery of different cultural and community programmes, and these are undermined when they are merged into a one-size-fits-all department or committee, and specific prioritisation is lost if there is no specific department, resourcing or infrastructure for the delivery of these services. Multi-purpose facilities will not necessarily deliver specific services with any greater efficiency or effectiveness, and may compromise the quality of delivery.

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Don't know

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No

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why Te Uru supports the priorities of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, especially that they will "continue to provide quality parks and playgrounds, libraries, community[, ARTS, CULTURE] and recreation facilities, and events."

Better linking the WRLB area with public transport, as well as walking and cycling options, will benefit all organisations, making them more accessible, and will allow those living in the area to more actively engage with local amenities.

Te Uru is keen to support the Local Board with initiatives that can activate the Glen Eden town centre. Also, better promotion and support of organisations and activities across the west will help cultural services flourish, as well as businesses generally.

7. What is important to you?

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Auckland Council needs to increase its commitment to arts and culture, which will play an important role in the recovery from Covid-19, avoiding a recession-like situation and supporting initiatives that will help both Māori outcomes,

particularly identity and culture, as well as social investment outcomes. The arts are an essential ingredient in the wider situation, and can have a powerful impact on the wellbeing and mana of our city. Please do not dilute arts delivery.

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Tell us why: Spread the cost out wider area

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

No

6. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why Fair in the larger scheme of things

7. What is important to you?

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No growth is inevitable

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Do not support

Tell us why:

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Do not support

Tell us why: see attachment 16696 for full submission for Heather and Jerry Tanguay

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Other

Tell us why: see attachment 16696 - The Auckland Council Recovery Budget is an important document and should have resilience, social, environmental, financial, and economic wellbeing. All must be considered on an equal basis. Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency, this must be given top priority and not considered as an 'add on' to council projects.

Key Issue 2 Responding to climate change

We support plans for dealing with coastal erosion, we support increasing number of street trees.

There must be increased funding for continued active management of pests and threatened species, these native forests will not survive without.

There must be a stop to the cutting of mature native trees in Auckland. The continual massacre of these trees shows no stopping. There needs to be a schedule and protection of native trees. We agree that housing is a priority but with large amounts of concrete and trees and green space not being a priority, community well being will soon show signs of deterioration. The spending of \$27 million to plant 29,000 street trees while not reinstating the blanket protection of urban trees is quite unacceptable, not to say stupid. We strongly urge Council to reinstate protection of urban trees now.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: see attachment 16696 Community Investment – We are opposed to the “focused investment approach” of moving away from delivering services through community assets. Community centres are the heart of the community and many projects, courses, activities are offered from these facilities for all ages of the community. Yes, the building may be old and may need repairs and that is what should be done, not sold. In new community’s large community facilities are being built, large skateparks, libraries and playgrounds – we have none of that in Glen Eden, Titirangi and Green Bay. To even consider selling our community facilities is outrageous. You have no idea what goes on in our community facilities and the value community places on them.

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Tell us why Local Board Priorities – we do not support deferring any local capital projects and would want to see the long overdue Glen Eden village development continue. With the big increase of people coming to live around the CBD it is important this area is safe, friendly, and vibrant. - see attachment 16696 for full submission

7. What is important to you?

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see attachment 16696 - Congestion – urgent consideration needs to be given to rail to Huapai, this area is developing quickly. Urgent consideration needs to be given to feeder buses to the rail stations. In the Glen Eden area with the development of intensive housing many with no car parking or garages, roading is becoming clogged with commuter and cars from nearby houses, small feeder buses could bring these people to the station mornings and evenings.

Growth – Council is not investing enough in more parks and green spaces. Many small reserves or pocket parks are being sold as “surplus to requirements”. This was evidenced by the recent sale of a green space adjacent to the Nola land in Glengarry Road. Despite the Local Board and the community, requesting this small green strip be developed into a green space for the 250 new homes being built on the Nola land, and providing a green corridor to the Milan Reserve, the land has been sold. It is extremely disappointing that a unilateral decision was made prior to the Nola land being sold and the value this green space would provide of community wellbeing.

Urban Growth – we believe most strongly that class A soils need to be kept to produce food. It was evident during Covid the need for New Zealand to be self sufficient.

Other matters

We support the homelessness fund.

We support that all council employees and contractors should be paid The Living Wage.

We support the assistance volunteer environmental projects receive from Auckland Council.

We support a review of the rates refund for seniors. The threshold is too high and many seniors are struggling to stay in their homes. This review is urgent.

We support the review of CCO's and await the report on this review back to the community.

We support Auckland Council funding the balance needed to complete the Walkway Walk/Cycleway. This is essential for commuting.

As a Council, you have declared a Climate Emergency, what does this mean? It is not only a document. It means so many positive things. As a Council you could and should be doing, as we have outlined in our submission.

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

Do not support

Tell us why: ACC HAS NEVER TRIED TO LIVE WITHIN ITS 'INCOME' ABOUT TIME YOU DO IT.

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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: We need to support initiatives to improve our environment and to reduce emissions with respect to climate change

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

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Tell us why: Idea sounds good but we need our community facilities now more than ever

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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: Services need to be paid for and it makes sense that those who use them contribute

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

No

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Those who live in less well off areas should pay less for Rates? Maybe have discounted services

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

Do not support

Tell us why: As a retired couple we are on a "fixed income + inflation". We do not consider we should accept the +5% rates increase.

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Tell us why: Refer to our enclosed statement which will inform our support for this.

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

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Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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The proposal is sensible and hard to argue against. But council needs to focus more on the peripheral areas rather than the city centre

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Do not support

Tell us why: It doesn't address the real issue which is the poor budgeting historically and presently. The high salaries of the Auckland Council CEO and CEO's of all other CCO is excessive. The staffing expansion 10,000 staff. Fees to consultants who not often produce an adequate answer. No accountability.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: MAKE SENSE TO LEASING SHARED FACILITIES

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I WOULD SUGGEST SOME TAX RELIEF on MIDDLE INCOME OWNERS, I Live from WEEK to WEEK now and if you increase my rates & outgoing costs more!! then I be wanting reduction or I be utilising FOOD grants etc & I prefer not to do that as I work full time.

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Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

Tell us why: It depends what area & people are going to utilise the bus service best to do a survey on this FIRST.

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No

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Tell us why: I support this, I think we need this, I think that our parents are paying enough but we need a change for the better.

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Don't Know

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

Do not 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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Increasing the targeted rate

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

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Tell us why:

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Don't know

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No

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why Waitakere ranges area: more tree protection needed, improved outcomes for communities.

7. What is important to you?

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No more asset sales

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

Support

Tell us why: Give Auckland the opportunity to recover from debt. 3.5 thereafter I support.

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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: Climate change needs to progress rapidly. Every household to plant at least 1 native tree. Our air is precious. Solar needs to be pushed forward.

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

Tell us why: Water is a free commodity and is available to everyone, but we do need to protect the quality and availability of it.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Support

Tell us why: Community facilities are important and as public assets must be maintained. Libraries are certainly a focus point for community and the importance may be lost if an overview stops. Community is an asset in itself. Careful planning for the future growth needs to be carefully planned as to public facilities (community assets).

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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?

Support Key issue 2. Housing & Climate change top of list. I am concerned as to no mention of cemetery & any increase in costs for community. To many targeted rates, look forward to a change 22/23.

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

Do not support

Tell us why: The salary of Auckland Council staff should not be increased

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Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: I think Auckland has already got a very nice environment, and I don't support more investment on this area.

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Tell us why: The water bills are already very high

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Tell us why: This is not necessary

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Tell us why

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I do not support increase on general rates

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Tell us why:

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

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Don't know

Tell us why: I don't know

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Do not support

Tell us why: should really think other way rather than taking \$ from median income groups.

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Do not support increased investment

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Tell us why: Auckland's water bill is already very high

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Tell us why: Council should hire the so-called professionals who make useless proposals but don't delivery value to Auckland.

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Tell us why: climate change is not our decision to make, but NZ should involve other countries to make efforts together.

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Tell us why: Watercare's performance is very low

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Council should be more cost effective, rather than increasing tax on all industries.

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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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Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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

Do not support

Tell us why: Council should decrease the general rate

2. 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: There might be potential tax on dealing with the electric pollutions

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

Tell us why: I don't support on increasing tax on water

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Tell us why:

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Which option do you support?

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Tell us why: Whoever benefits from this policy should pay for it

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No

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Support the proposed increased investment

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Don't know

Tell us why: I do not know

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Do not support

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Do not support

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?

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? Don't know

Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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Support the proposed increased investment

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Do not support increased investment

Tell us why: Forget about climate change for this year - recoveries from all the COVID repercussions is far more important, especially A.T's persecution to the public with roading/bikeways, unused cones, cones and more cones, taking hours to get from A to B. The of course there is Watercare too!

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

Tell us why: With increase in A.C. Rates also what are we to expect from W/Care? You put the 'fear of God' into young families who hardly pay their mortgages let alone rising rates.

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Tell us why: No, No, No to eg. Library facilities being 'consolidated'. I would rather pay a fee \$2.00 as facilities a library/art centre etc.

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Tell us why Closest shops/facilities to us is Glen Eden! For YEARS now we have been promised (via Greg Presland) updatment, refreshment, new frontage with main road shops, etc, etc. Nothing has happened - just no where to park & growing amount of cheeky beggars.

7. What is important to you?

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Future employed staff need to be = Businessmen, repeat knowledgeable Businessmen, who know how to balance the books, employ sufficient council staff - not overstaff & therefore overpay; pay wages/salaries that reflect NZ-wide; DON'T get caught up in the hype of political/climatic issues, but will look after the city and the little rate-payer, roading / water.

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What is your opinion on this proposal? Do not support

Tell us why: Online services do not replace face-to-face. It will be punishing those in the most need of community resources and those with the least income. Well-being and community support is completely tied up with these facilities. Any changes should have full community consultation on a case by case basis/scenario. Parks are essential for green space (? position on climate seems in doubt doesn't it) Libraries with people to assist important for education as well as arts facilities. Multi-use would depend on how viable this is in providing the same level of service again - case by case with community consultation.

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Tell us why:

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No

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Tell us why - Community ecological co-ordinators, good idea, also push for more tree protection. Reinstatement funding - yes. Some form of public transport should be pushed for the top of the Waitakere Ranges and West Coast even if it's a van running twice a day. At the moment our closest public transport is Glen Eden/Oratia border and Henderson/ Forest Hill. Letting adults use school buses if they are not full is also an option, If serious regarding climate change - this should be important - bus to meet town times in Glen Eden and Henderson.

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As stated elsewhere if Auckland Council is serious about climate change they should be working towards more tree protection and maintaining green spaces across Auckland. Libraries are essential for the well-being of the community - from-face-to-face interaction, group activities such as for preschoolers, general education and recreational reading /

newspapers/ computer facilities outside of home. With all of the apartments going up across Auckland council needs to ensure there are facilities and green space.

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Tell us why: Not enough investment to combat 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: Per capita we are one of the worst in the world in regards to our climate response.

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Don't know

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

Other

Tell us why: I understand the need for investment in proposed areas but just know that a rate rise, many already struggling will be more at risk infrastructure investments. I support its the people behind it. Support needed.

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Tell us why: Support the longer investment. Again I agree with this but more needs to be done around the systems that promote/encourage waste. What's the point of driving electric and planting trees if the damage we are doing cancels that maintain status quo.

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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? Other

Tell us why: Just because you don't do repairs doesn't mean the carbon footprint isn't there, it just shifts. I do believe an increase is needed to support community groups.

Agree with partnerships with community groups.

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Tell us why Agree town centre need upgrading despite recent road works.

Agree with supporting Marae. Think more needs to be invested into social cohesion given more people in area.

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Lots of changes - so I think more needs to be invested in to community development.

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Tell us why

7. What is important to you?

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Glen Eden Cycle connections

Plan from the Glen Eden Residents Association 2021

Current situation:

- We have engaged with Auckland Transport - see Rueben Pennings email's and case CAS-286231-T0G2Y7
- Glen Eden has some cycleways created under the Waitakere City Council via the project twin streams work. Unconnected to a larger network most users of these either live adjacent or drive to this facility to use it. AT are remedying this with a pop up cycleway, to connect the small shared path to the Glen Eden town Centre which is welcome investment into the infrastructure which has been largely unchanged for years.
- No cycle connectivity to other suburbs - despite New Lynn and Henderson both boasting growing safe cycling networks.
- Climate change is now the single biggest threat to NZ and future generations. Without urgent action to move people from cars to more sustainable forms of transport we will not meet our targets.

Opportunities:

- Glen Eden is situated on a rail line as are Sunnyvale and Kelston - which means there is an existing corridor which could be used for the cycle as was done with the 'Avondale to Waterview' and 'Avondale to New Lynn' shared paths. ([Map](#))
- All of the suburbs on the rail line have benefited from the unitary plan - which is supercharging development along the corridor. More new families are moving to the suburb every year. Offering another form of transport will allow these fast growing communities to be more resilient, healthy and connected to each other.
- There are huge economic benefits to unlocking Kelston, Glen Eden and Titirangi to the rest of the growing Auckland cycling community - including increased visitors to our town centers and more shopping. Cyclists are more likely to stop and spend money than drivers.
- Decreasing carbon emissions.
- A large number of local schools are focusing on increasing cycling usage among pupils but due to unsafe roads parents are reluctant to let them.

The quick wins (1 year):

- The Glen Eden to Henderson shared path - already existing [detailed design](#) could expedite the process of development. The simple no frills design of this would enable the community to see the benefits of cycling quickly. ([Map](#)) ([Local board greenways plan - adopted](#)).
- Alongside the implementation of the Glen Eden to Henderson business case, a new business case can be created for Glen Eden to New Lynn (which would then create a western ring route cycle path, going from the western cycleway at Waterview through

avondale, New Lynn, Fruitvale, Glen Eden, Sunnyvale, Henderson and linking back to the Western Cycleway).

- Adding monitored cycle parking to town centres.
- Beginning to trial more protected on-road cycleway networks to the surrounding roads of Kelston, Glen Eden, Oratia, Sunnyvale and Titirangi to allow for families, school kids and commuters to access these shared paths and move between communities.

Phase 2 (2 Years):

- Building the connection between Glen Eden and New Lynn.
- Continuing to expand the network of onroad cycleways.

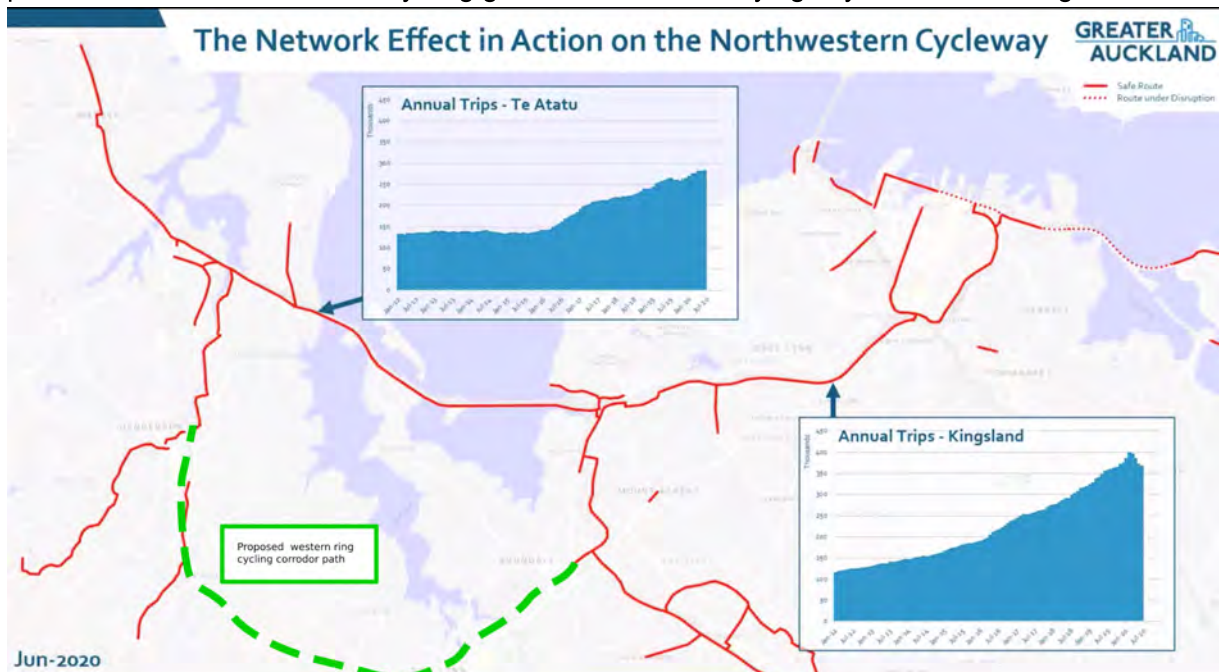
Phase 3 (3-5 years):

- Improvements to network.
- Business case development for a shared path to Titirangi.

Potential avenues for success: Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Waka Kotahi and Central Government.

Partners in the success of the program: Residents, Schools, Businesses, Iwi and non-for-profits.

Map: West auckland Cycleways growth and suggested shared path - the shared path has the potential to unlock even more cycling growth in auckland - tying key communities together.



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Recommended Case Definition and Design of a Baseline Monitoring Methodology for Kauri Dieback

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2 Introduction

Kauri (*Agathis australis*, Araucariaceae) is a native conifer distributed extensively in the North Island of New Zealand, north of Kawhia. Kauri are of cultural significance for Māori and a national icon for all New Zealanders (Lambert et al. 2018).

The disease known as kauri dieback is caused by the fungal-like chromist, *Phytophthora agathidicida* (Weir et al. 2015). While the first records of kauri dieback were from Great Barrier Island in the early 1970s (Gadgil 1974) the disease was not reported on the mainland until 2006, although it may have been mis-identified earlier. It is suspected that the disease had been present on the mainland for many years before first detection in 2006. Kauri dieback has been confirmed in kauri stands in Auckland, Northland and the Coromandel Peninsular.

In 2008 *P. agathidicida* was declared an Unwanted Organism under the New Zealand Biosecurity Act (1993). Kauri is currently managed by the National Kauri Dieback Programme (National Programme), a partnership with Biosecurity New Zealand (part of Ministry for Primary Industries), Department of Conservation, Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council, Northland Regional Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and the Tangata Whenua Roopu (representative body for hāpu/iwi with an interest in kauri lands).

To limit the impact of disease, an epidemiological approach is expected to provide a rational, cost-effective and time-efficient approach to guide the deployment of interventions designed. In brief, an epidemiological approach involves:

1. Establishment of a case definition, allowing cases to be recorded consistently over place and time;
2. Enhancement of surveillance for disease;
3. Descriptive analyses to describe the distribution of disease over place and time;
4. Development of hypotheses relating to why some trees are at greater risk of infection, compared with others;
5. Application of intervention measures based on the hypotheses developed in the previous step; and
6. Continued surveillance to record incident cases post application of control measures to determine if control measures have been successful.

This is an adaptive management approach with steps (1) to (6) repeated, if necessary, over time. Adjustments to interventions can then be made as additional information is accumulated over time.

This report provides details of a workshop held in May 2019 to achieve consensus among stakeholders on two key aspects of an epidemiological approach to kauri dieback control outlined above:

1. Development of an appropriate case definition for classifying kauri as either dieback-positive or dieback-not detected; and,
2. Selection of an appropriate spatial unit of interest that will allow stakeholders to: (a) describe the frequency of disease over time; and (b) monitor responses to interventions.

Additional questions posed by Biosecurity NZ, Ministry for Primary Industries (on behalf of the Kauri Dieback Programme) include:

1. What data are required to describe the prevalence of kauri dieback before the onset of formal control measures ('baseline project')?
2. How would baseline monitoring inform decision making and measure intervention success over time?
3. What is the best way to measure and report the prevalence and incidence of kauri dieback? How many kauri trees need to be sampled to estimate the prevalence of disease?
4. How should baseline monitoring outputs be reported against the Kauri Dieback Programme or the proposed National Pest Management Plan?

Section 5 provides definitions of technical terms used in this report.

3 Methods

A workshop for kauri dieback stakeholders was held at the Ministry for Primary Industries, 17 Maurice Wilson Avenue, Mangere, Auckland from 10 am to 3 pm on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

A copy of the workshop agenda and a list of workshop participants is provided in Section 6.1. Minutes from the meeting are provided in Section 6.2.

Following introductions from Bronwyn Mullions and Travis Ashcroft, Karyn Froud and Mark Stevenson led attendees through a presentation and group discussion of the steps involved in complex disease outbreak management, the elements of a good case definition and why a case definition is important for effective disease control.

In the afternoon, Mark Stevenson facilitated development of group consensus regarding the criteria and symptoms that should comprise a case definition for kauri dieback. While Karyn Froud led attendees through the principles of selection and definition of a spatial unit of interest for recording and reporting of kauri dieback case events. A draft kauri dieback case definition was developed using notes made during the early afternoon session. This draft was then presented back to the group for comment and editing. A copy of the case definition agreed-on by participants is provided in Section 3.1.

Following the workshop a consultation report with a draft case definition was drafted and released for feedback on 25/07/2019 to 53 people due to their previous interest in Kauri dieback, their attendance at the Kauri Dieback Programme 'Baseline workshop' on the 29 May 2019 in Auckland

and the members of the Kauri Dieback Strategic Science Advisory Group and Biological Heritage Rapid Implementation Group. A reminder was sent on the 19/08/2019 to the entire group and individual reminders were sent up until mid-September to people who had indicated they wanted to respond but hadn't yet done so.

The following people provided written feedback on the consultation document:

Murray Fea, You Chin Chew, Chris Green, Tony Beauchamp, Kim Parker, Lee Hill, Gavin Clapperton, Philippa Stevens and Lindsay Bulman (in part).

This report was then finalised based in the feedback received.

4 Results

4.1 Consultation

Most responses for feedback on the draft case definition were from members of the KDP planning and intelligence team and two members of the kauri dieback Strategic Science Advisory Group. In all cases there was support for developing an agreed case definition and baseline methodology for kauri dieback. Based on this feedback modifications were made to the draft case definition. Changes in terminology and clarification were made to the definition of a *P. agathidicida* site versus kauri dieback trees. Minor changes were made to the symptomatic criteria. Significant change was to the epidemiological criteria (as below). We added clarification to the wording of the baseline monitoring methods and examples based on feedback and change to the epidemiological criteria. We also clarified and extended the recommendations based on feedback and confirmed that a further round of consultation was required.

4.2 Case definition

Distinction is made between *P. agathidicida* sites based on pathogen presence in samples (soil, tissue etc.) and kauri dieback trees based on disease presence (i.e. visible symptoms of disease).

P. agathidicida sites are useful data points for measuring disease spread and risk management.

Kauri dieback trees are useful data to document the prevalence and geographic extent of disease and to monitor disease progression and responses to controls or interventions.

4.2.1 *P. agathidicida* sites

P. agathidicida sites are geospatial locations where the pathogen is confirmed or suspected to be present. How inclusive management agencies are with suspect *P. agathidicida* sites will be dependent on their objectives. For measuring disease spread into new regions only confirmed cases are likely to be acceptable, whereas for risk management, agencies may include suspect *P. agathidicida* sites to enable site management under the Biosecurity Act.

A **confirmed *P. agathidicida* site** is a point location where the presence of *P. agathidicida* has been confirmed (from a tree, soil or other substrate), using a National Programme approved test at an approved laboratory.

A **suspect *P. agathidicida* site** is a point location, where the presence of *P. agathidicida* is suspected on the basis that probable or suspect cases of kauri dieback (disease) have been recorded. Suspect *P. agathidicida* sites are recorded at the same point locations as probable or suspect cases of kauri dieback.

4.2.2 Kauri dieback cases (3 classes)

A kauri dieback tree is a kauri (*Agathis australis*, Araucariaceae) that meets the symptomatic criteria and may meet the epidemiological criteria, as described below, of having kauri dieback (disease). There are three classes of kauri dieback-trees: confirmed, probable or suspect depending on agreement with the epidemiological criteria. These are summarised in Table 1.

How inclusive management agencies are with suspect cases will be dependent on their objectives.

4.2.3 Symptomatic criteria

The symptomatic criteria for kauri dieback on a kauri tree is met if a National Programme approved trained observer detects one or more of the following symptoms that are consistent with kauri dieback: bleeding lesions on the basal trunk, lesions on roots, the presence of canopy thinning, yellowing of the foliage, tree death.

4.2.4 Epidemiological criteria

The **epidemiological criteria** for kauri dieback are met if the tree is located within a radius of 50 m of a **confirmed *P. agathidicida* site** (point location).

The epidemiological criteria differ significantly from the draft criteria based on feedback during consultation. The draft criteria and consultation responses are detailed in the Appendix.

4.2.5 Case classification – Kauri dieback cases

4.2.5.1 Confirmed case

A kauri dieback **confirmed** case is a tree that meets the symptomatic criteria **and** *P. agathidicida* has been confirmed from the tree or from soil sampling specifically around the tree using the National Programme approved soil sampling protocol and approved test at an approved laboratory.

4.2.5.2 Probable case

A kauri dieback **probable** case is a tree which meets the symptomatic criteria AND the epidemiological criteria (i.e. a tree that has symptoms, no laboratory confirmation (either no test or an undetected test) but is within 50m of a confirmed *P. agathidicida*-positive site).

4.2.5.3 Suspect case

A **suspect** case of kauri dieback is a tree that meets the symptomatic criteria listed above but DOES NOT meet the epidemiological criteria (i.e. a tree that has symptoms, no laboratory confirmation (either no test or an undetected test) and is not within 50m of a confirmed *P. agathidicida* site).

4.2.6 Case classification – Non-cases

Note a non-case relates to absence of disease NOT to presence or absence of the pathogen.

Unhealthy kauri – other causes, is a tree that may meet the symptomatic criteria, and possibly even the epidemiological criteria, but in the expert opinion of the trained observer the cause of ill-health is not kauri dieback related and rather is associated with other causes such as lightning strike, drought, flooding etc.. It is useful to classify these trees separately to non-cases.

Non-cases – are kauri trees that **do not** meet any of the symptomatic criteria but may meet the epidemiological criteria.

Table 1: Proposed criteria for *confirmed, probable, suspect* case and non-cases (*unhealthy* and *non-cases*) of kauri dieback.

Case	Test positive	Symptomatic	Epidemiological	Approved observer
<i>Confirmed</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes or no	Yes
<i>Probable</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Suspect</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
<i>Unhealthy kauri</i>	No	Maybe	Yes or no	Yes
<i>Non-cases</i>	No	No	Yes or no	No

4.2.7 Use of case classifications

For disease management, *confirmed, probable* and *suspect* cases may be grouped together. For analyses designed to determine the influence of environmental factors that are contributing to disease development (e.g. soil type, moisture retention) there would be interest to identify the characteristics of kauri that made them more likely to show signs of disease by grouping *confirmed, probable* and *suspect* cases together and comparing them with *unhealthy kauri* and *non-cases*.

It is important to note that the existing canopy health score system is not intended to be replaced by the proposed case definition. Canopy health scores contribute to the case classification (within the symptomatic criteria) and separately provide information on the severity of disease within a site. For disease management it is anticipated that a map showing disease prevalence (case classification) of trees will be presented alongside a map describing disease severity (canopy score) for the same site.

4.3 Spatial unit of interest

The case definition of a kauri dieback-positive tree refers to individual trees and data are collected relating to individual trees. For this reason, it is recommended that the spatial unit of interest is an individual kauri tree for seedlings, saplings, rickers and mature trees.

Given widespread access to global positioning system (GPS) enabled hardware (i.e. hand-held GPS devices) it is recommended that the coordinates of point locations of suspect, probable and confirmed case trees are recorded using hand-held GPS devices in New

Zealand Transverse Mercator (NZTM). In addition to location, the approximate diameter of the trunk of the affected tree should be recorded as well as the canopy score and trunk diameter at breast height. Along with environmental and management variables.

Recording case locations at the finest level of spatial detail possible will ensure it is possible to carry out detailed geospatial analyses to determine the influence of local (micro) environmental effects (e.g. slope, aspect) on kauri dieback risk in the short to medium term future (Nguyen et al. 2011).

Case locations recorded at the point level can be aggregated up to the small area level for reporting to policy makers or stakeholders, as individual circumstances dictate. This may include a spatial polygon for biological zones (the canopy range or estimated rootzone of trees, hygiene zones, risk zones such as uphill and downhill water flow, watersheds and catchments) or for land management zones (conservatory, forest, rohe, takiwā or territorial authority boundaries).

The extent of the drip line for individual trees has been excluded from our definition of the spatial unit of interest for the following reasons: (1) the soil area is only relevant for those trees where a soil sample has been taken; (2) defining the boundary of a drip line would increase the amount of data to be collected by field staff; (3) data collected on the population of trees at risk is at the individual tree level (see below); and (4) drip lines will overlap with other trees that may have a different disease status.

4.4 Baseline monitoring methodology considerations

4.4.1 What data are required to describe the prevalence of kauri dieback?

We recommend that the following data are collected to estimate the prevalence of kauri dieback before the onset of formal control measures (based on the comments made in Section 3.3.3):

1. Details of the point location of confirmed, probable, at-risk and suspect cases. Existing data which uses a range of different disease status classifications can be re-classified for this purpose.
2. Raster maps showing the geographic distribution of kauri density. Which we understand are available.

4.4.2 How would baseline monitoring inform decision making?

The following comments and suggestions are made in relation to how baseline monitoring can be used to inform decision making and measure the success (or otherwise) of disease control interventions.

1. Numeric estimates of kauri dieback prevalence at the forest, catchment or regional park level can be used to prioritise (rank) areas, allowing control and investigative resources to be allocated accordingly to optimise the effectiveness of interventions.

2. Prevalence estimation conducted at regular intervals (say) every 12 to 24 months after a base-line prevalence study will provide an indication of how quickly disease is spreading in areas of interest and if control measures are slowing disease spread and reducing the impact of the disease over time.
3. Disease prevalence mapping techniques provide the opportunity to identify specific locations within an area of interest in which the frequency of disease is relatively high.
4. Presentation of prevalence maps to technical stakeholders (such as those that attended the May 2019 meeting) will allow hypotheses to be generated regarding disease spread. These hypotheses can then be tested by collecting the appropriate data followed by application of appropriate statistical techniques.
5. Quantitative evidence of the success (or otherwise) of disease control interventions will be provided by prevalence estimation and changes in severity of disease over time.

4.4.3 What is the best way to measure the frequency of kauri dieback?

Objective comparisons of the frequency of disease can only be made if case numbers are reported as a fraction of the total number of kauri trees that are at risk. When the entire population of trees cannot be enumerated with ease, calculations can be carried out to determine how many trees need to be sampled to estimate prevalence at a given precision and level of confidence, allowing statements such as 'sufficient numbers of trees were assessed to be 95% confident that our estimate of the prevalence of kauri dieback was within 5% of the true population value' to be made. This is important for defining areas that are free from disease.

Figure 1 is a line plot showing the number of kauri to be sampled to be 95% confident that the prevalence of kauri dieback within a given study area is within 5%, 10% and 20% of the true population value for prior prevalence estimates ranging from 5% to 95%. In summary, required sample sizes reduce as: (a) the estimated prior prevalence of disease increases; (b) the relative error increases; and (c) the level of confidence in the prevalence estimate decreases. The data presented in Figure 1 are shown in tabular format in Table 2.

Table 2: Number of kauri trees to be sampled to be 95% confident that the prevalence of kauri dieback is within 5%, 10% and 20% of the true population value for prior prevalence estimates ranging from 5% to 95%.

Prior estimate of prevalence	Precision		
	5%	10%	20%
5%	7246	3233	1821
15%	2172	967	544
25%	1151	512	288
35%	713	317	178
45%	469	209	117
55%	314	140	79
65%	207	92	52
75%	128	57	32
85%	68	30	17
95%	20	9	5

Numerous online tools are available for calculating sample sizes to estimate a prevalence, see <http://252s-epi.vet.unimelb.edu.au:3838/epi/sample.size/> for an example.

4.4.4 Options to measure kauri dieback frequency

Several options are available for estimating the prevalence of kauri dieback against the population at risk.

Option 1. The most accurate way to estimate the frequency of kauri dieback is to:

- (a) define the boundaries of an area of interest;
- (b) count the number of confirmed, probable and suspect cases of kauri dieback within the area of interest at a single point in time (the numerator); and
- (c) count the total number of kauri trees in the area of interest (the denominator).

Kauri dieback prevalence for the area of interest equals the number of (confirmed, probable or suspect) cases divided by the total number of trees at risk.

Option 2. Given the difficulties in enumerating every kauri present in an area of interest a second option for quantifying disease frequency would be to:

- (a) define the boundaries of an area of interest;
- (b) count the number of confirmed, probable or suspect cases of kauri dieback within the area of interest at a single point in time (the numerator), as shown in Figure 2; and
- (c) use remote sensed imagery to enumerate kauri forest density. Given knowledge of the size of the area of interest and size of areas within the area of interest with a non-zero density of kauri, the total number of trees within an area of interest could be approximated.

Kauri dieback prevalence for the area of interest equals the number of (confirmed, probable or suspect) cases divided by the approximate number of kauri trees at risk. While development of host recognition remote sensing is still in development, it is sufficiently accurate to estimate a population, excluding non-emergent life stages (seedlings and saplings).

Option 3. For the situation where observations are made on trees adjacent to walking tracks the approach would be to:

- (a) define the boundaries of an area of interest;
- (b) count the number of confirmed, probable or suspect cases of kauri dieback within a defined distance from specified walking tracks (the numerator); and
- (c) count the total number of kauri trees within the same distance from the same walking tracks.

Kauri dieback prevalence for the area of interest equals the number of (confirmed, probable or suspect) cases divided by the number of kauri trees at risk. This approach could also be applied where transects are taken or where randomised swathes of forest are flown, visually assessed and then ground-truthed (i.e. when the number of cases of kauri dieback directly observed are divided by the total number of kauri trees that are directly observed). In some situations, suspect cases may be excluded from analysis.

Option 1 provides the most accurate measure of the frequency of kauri dieback, but there is no guarantee that all stakeholder groups will be able to enumerate every tree in every area of interest accurately. In addition, it is possible that while some stakeholders might be very accurate at enumerating trees others may be far less accurate. This will lead to over- and under-estimates of the true frequency of disease in different areas (i.e. misclassification bias), making the ability to carry out objective area-level comparisons difficult.

Option 2 allows stakeholders to focus on their immediate area of interest and concern: identifying and enumerating kauri dieback cases. Use of remotely sensed images as a proxy for the size of the population at risk will provide less biased estimates of kauri dieback prevalence across different areas of interest and over time.

With Option 3, there is some evidence that kauri associated with tracks are at higher risk of disease and therefore option 3 would give an estimate of disease prevalence within the track network, but could not be used to extrapolate disease prevalence to the wider forest, or be used to test the hypothesis that tracks are associated with higher risk or that track closures are an effective intervention.

However, Option 3 applied to transects or swathes where these are representative of the study area will give an estimate of kauri dieback prevalence which should be an unbiased estimate of the true prevalence in the wider area of interest.

4.4.5 How should baseline monitoring outputs be reported?

There are two complimentary options for reporting the prevalence of kauri dieback at baseline:

1. Numeric estimates of prevalence at the area level (e.g. a forest, watershed or regional park).
2. Raster maps showing the spatial distribution of kauri dieback prevalence.

For each of these methods, we assume that the point locations of confirmed, probable or suspect kauri cases and raster maps of kauri density are available. In the absence of actual kauri dieback case data, data presented in a similar format are used for illustration of the recommended techniques for this report.

Future development of disease prevalence maps of kauri dieback should abide by good practice for image development for colour blindness.

The example data set provides details of the location of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) positive villages in Peninsular Malaysia in 2011 to 2017 (OIE 2016) as the numerator and raster maps of the density of villages in Peninsular Malaysia as the denominator.

Numeric estimates of prevalence at the area level

A map of the point locations of FMD-positive villages in Peninsular Malaysia for the period 2011 to 2017 is shown in Figure 3a. Figure 3b is a raster map of Peninsular Malaysia showing the density of villages or townships for the same time frame.

We assume that Peninsular Malaysia corresponds to an area of interest for estimation of kauri dieback prevalence (e.g. a regional park).

Numeric estimate of kauri dieback prevalence at the area level:

Step 1. Count the number of confirmed, probable and suspect kauri within the boundaries of the area of interest.

Step 2. Take the density of kauri in each raster cell and multiply it by the area of each cell to return the approximate number of kauri per cell. Sum the estimated number of kauri in each raster cell to return the approximate total number of kauri at risk in the area of interest.

Step 3. Prevalence equals the number of disease-positive kauri (confirmed, probable and suspect) divided by the estimated total number of kauri trees at risk. Quote prevalence as the number of disease-positive kauri per 100 kauri at risk. Provide exact confidence intervals for the prevalence estimate (Collett 1999). Numerous on-line tools are available for calculating the confidence interval for a prevalence, for an example see: <http://252s-epi.vet.unimelb.edu.au:3838/epi/conf.int/>.

Example calculations for the Peninsular Malaysia FMD example and the equivalent metrics for kauri dieback are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Analytical procedures to estimate the prevalence of disease using the point location of disease-positive sites (e.g. confirmed, probable and suspect kauri dieback cases) and a raster map of site density.

Procedure	Peninsular Malaysia FMD	Kauri dieback
Define the area of interest.	Peninsular Malaysia.	XYZ forest
Count the number of disease-positive sites within the boundaries of the area of interest.	For the period 2011 to 2017 there were 113 FMD-positive villages in Peninsular Malaysia.	In a baseline cross-sectional study carried out in 2019, there were N confirmed, probable and suspect kauri in XYZ forest.
Take the density of sites in each raster cell and multiply it by the area of each cell to return the approximate number of sites per cell. Sum the estimated number of sites in each raster cell to return the total number of sites in the area of interest.	Based on a raster map of village density, there are approximately 11,517 villages (i.e. populated places) in Peninsular Malaysia	Based on a raster map of kauri density, there are approximately M kauri in XYZ forest.
Prevalence equals the number of disease-positive sites divided by the estimated total number of sites at risk. Quote prevalence as the number of disease-positive sites per 100 sites at risk.	The [period] prevalence ¹ of FMD in Peninsular Malaysia for the period 2011 to 2017 was 0.98 (95% CI 0.81 to 1.17) FMD-positive villages per 100 villages at risk.	The prevalence of kauri dieback in XYZ state forest in 2019 was $(N \div M) \times 100$ (95% CI CC to DD) kauri dieback-positive trees per 100 trees at risk.

¹ Period prevalence equals the number of FMD-positive villages at the start of the follow-up period plus the number of incident FMD villages that occurred during the follow-up period, divided by the size of the village population at risk. Period prevalence is used for the Malaysian FMD data because FMD cases were accumulated over several years, 2011 to 2017.

Raster maps showing the spatial distribution of kauri dieback prevalence

For disease mapping, two options are available.

1. Plot the prevalence of confirmed, probable and suspect kauri per 100 trees per square kilometre (Pfeiffer et al. 2008) as shown in Figure 4a.
2. Plot the odds of confirmed, probable and suspect kauri, as shown in Figure 4b. Plot a raster map showing the density of confirmed, probable and suspect kauri, a raster map of kauri dieback-non-case (non-cases and unhealthy kauri) trees and divide the kauri dieback-positive raster map by the kauri dieback-negative map to return the odds of kauri dieback. When the density of kauri dieback-positive trees equals the density of kauri dieback-negative trees the odds will equal 1. When the density of kauri dieback-positive trees is greater than the density of kauri dieback-negative trees the odds will be greater than 1. When the density of kauri dieback-positive trees is less than the density of kauri dieback-negative trees the odds will be less than 1.

While prevalence maps (Figure 4a) have the advantage of being relatively easy to understand it can be difficult (when the prevalence of disease is highly skewed) to show the subtle features of the geographic distribution of disease using equal interval legend colour scales.

Taking the logarithm of an odds map, on the other hand (Figure 4b), has the advantage of being able to show a higher level of spatial detail. The disadvantage is that disease prevalence expressed in terms of log odds is a metric that is not familiar to lay audiences (e.g. the general public, decision makers).

4.4.6 Reporting against the proposed National Pest Management Plan

The proposed National Pest Management Plan lists the following objectives:

1. To maintain kauri dieback free areas.
2. To significantly reduce the spread of kauri dieback.
3. To significantly reduce the impact of kauri dieback.
4. To protect iconic trees.

The procedures and recommendations provided in this report specifically address each of the objectives listed above. Numeric estimates of kauri dieback prevalence and the production of prevalence maps will allow the geographic extent of disease to be objectively described. This will identify kauri dieback free and kauri dieback low prevalence areas, allowing interventions to be put in place to ensure that this status is maintained.

Numeric estimates of prevalence and prevalence maps developed on an annual or biannual basis will allow stakeholders to make objective assessments of disease spread and, over a much longer time period, provide a means for assessing the effectiveness of control measures. Based on this knowledge, control measures can be adapted accordingly to reduce both the rate of spread and the impact of kauri dieback.

5 Recommendations

1. Following feedback, we propose a new case definition for 'kauri dieback' based on slightly modified symptomatic criteria and an adjustment to the epidemiological criteria to a proximity measure of within a 50 m radius of a 'confirmed *P. agathidicida* site'.
2. Following feedback with KDP representatives we added a ***suspect P. agathidicida site*** as a point location, where the presence of *P. agathidicida* is suspected on the basis that probable or suspect cases of kauri dieback (disease) have been recorded.
3. The case definition provided as part of this report refers to individual trees. For this reason, it is recommended that the spatial unit of interest for monitoring is an individual kauri tree for all age classes (seedlings, saplings, rickers and mature trees).
4. We recommend that the existing surveillance data within the National Programme and other agencies reclassify their data to meet the definition of a) a *P. agathidicida* site, classified as confirmed or suspect, and b) kauri dieback cases classified as confirmed, probable, suspect and non-cases following final agreement.
5. We recommend that the proposed case definitions be tested by KDP partners in an operational based workshop using existing data that has been reclassified to the proposed case definitions to test operational decision-making requirements by the partners.
6. Because of the magnitude of change to the original proposed case definition, we recommend further consultation with stakeholders to provide the opportunity for the new case definition proposed in this report to be accepted or modified, if necessary. The importance of this step cannot be over emphasised. Put simply without stakeholder endorsement the ability to objectively document the occurrence of new cases of kauri dieback over time and to monitor responses to disease control interventions over time will be compromised.
7. It is recommended that all *P. agathidicida* sites and kauri dieback cases are recorded in a centralised database where possible, both from within the National Programme partners and from other sources e.g. research, community groups, mana whenua. This needs to abide by appropriate cultural IP practices, and clearly state the source of the data and whether the data is from an 'approved observer' (i.e. trained sufficiently to classify kauri dieback as per the case definition).
8. Aerial imagery is available to be used to provide estimates of the geographic density of kauri in forest areas. It is recommended that kauri density estimates be tested for accuracy when setting up long term monitoring plots and updated over time as kauri are lost to disease. Using this approach, reports can be generated for both biological and management agency spatial zones.

9. Numeric estimates of kauri dieback baseline prevalence at the management unit of interest such as forest, watershed or regional park level can be used to prioritise risk areas, allowing control and surveillance resources to be allocated accordingly. Ongoing incidence (refer to terminology) estimation conducted at regular intervals (say) every 12 to 24 months after a baseline prevalence study will provide an indication of how quickly disease is developing in areas of interest. Prevalence and incidence mapping techniques (described in detail in this report) provide the opportunity to identify specific locations within an area of interest in which the frequency (incidence or prevalence) of disease is relatively high.
10. We support the recommendation to carry out long-term demographic modelling of kauri populations (Black & Dickie 2016; Kauri Dieback Strategic Science Advisory Group 2018). In addition baseline prevalence data and ongoing monitoring of incidence (and other biotic and abiotic risk factors) would enable the expected timing of responses to interventions to limit the spread or impact of kauri dieback to be estimated and communicated to stakeholders and quantify the impact of other factors on disease development.
11. There remains a need for a training module for the National Programme to standardise assessment of the agreed symptomatic criteria for approved observers, as an approved observer in one area might take yellowing foliage by itself as diagnostic and classify thousands of trees as diseased on that basis, while another wouldn't. It is also recommended that a register be kept of who has met the approved observer training so that this can be matched with the database. i.e. it is a component of meeting the case definition.

6 Terminology

Case definition	In epidemiology a case definition lists the criteria by which health professionals determine whether an individual's illness is included as a case in an outbreak investigation.
Drip line	In horticulture a drip line is the area directly located under the outer circumference of a tree's branches.
Incidence	The number of new cases of disease in a defined population within a defined period of time.
Index case	In a disease outbreak the index case is defined as the first individual identified as disease positive.
Misclassification bias	Deviation of the observed result from the true result arising from measurement error.
Odds	The ratio of the number of case events to the number of non-case events.
Period prevalence	Period prevalence is defined as the number of disease-positive individuals in a population at a given point in time plus a count of the new cases that occur over a defined follow-up period, expressed as a proportion of the size of the population at risk.
Precision	Precision is a description of random error, a measure of statistical variability.
Prevalence	Prevalence is the proportion of individuals in a population having a disease at a given point in time.
Relative error	Relative error is the discrepancy between a variable's true value and an estimate of the variable, usually based on a sample.
Sensitivity (Se)	Proportion of trees with the disease that will test positive.

i.e.

$$\frac{\text{True positives}}{\text{True positives} + \text{false negatives}}$$

Where false negatives are trees that test negative but do have disease. Highly sensitive tests can be used to rule-out disease because they will have few or no false negatives e.g. if we fail to detect *P. agathidicida* from the leading edge of a fresh lesion where the lateral flow device has indicated phytophthora, it is most likely that it truly isn't *P. agathidicida*. Less sensitive tests such as soil samples may fail to detect *P. agathidicida* even when it is present. Typically, if a test has high sensitivity it will have lower specificity (i.e. you will find almost all

cases of disease (high SE), but you will also call lots of things diseased that are not (low Sp).

Specificity (Sp) Proportion of healthy trees that will test negative

i.e.

$$\frac{\textit{True negatives}}{\textit{True negatives} + \textit{false positives}}$$

Where false positives are trees that test positive but do not have disease. Highly specific tests will have very few or no false positives e.g. if we detect *P. agathidicida* in a soil sample using culture and sequencing it is almost certainly *P. agathidicida*. Less specific tests may detect '*P. agathidicida*' but actually be a cross-reaction detecting a different species of *Phytophthora*. Typically, if a test has high specificity it will have lower sensitivity (i.e. the cases you find are truly diseased, but you will miss quite a few cases of disease).

Surveillance The systematic ongoing collection, collation, and analysis of information related to health and the timely dissemination of that information to those who need to know so that action can be taken. Includes long-term monitoring.

Symptoms Physiological or structural changes in a plant that indicate the presence of disease.

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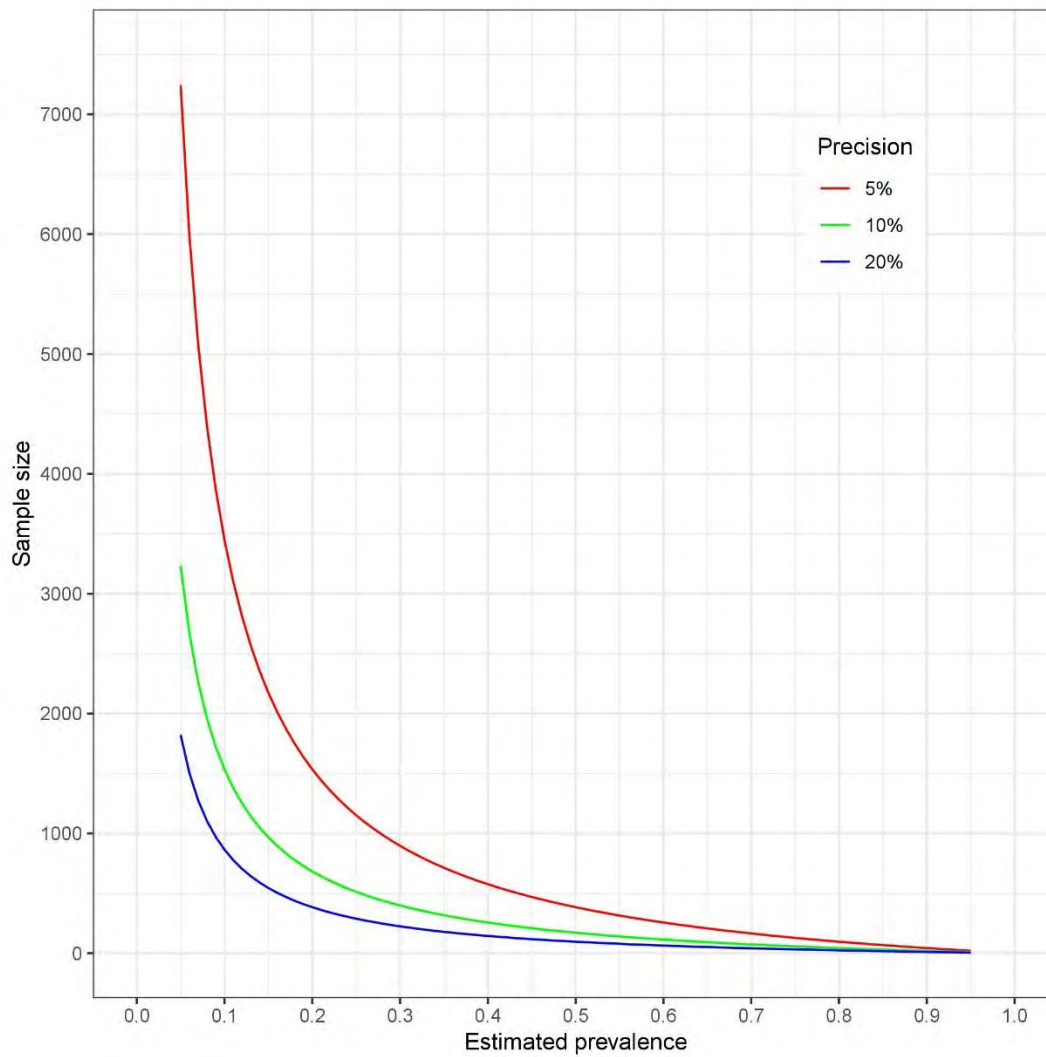


Figure 1: Line plot showing the number of kauri trees to be sampled to be 95% confident that the prevalence of kauri dieback is within 5% (red), 10% (green) and 20% (blue) of the true population value.

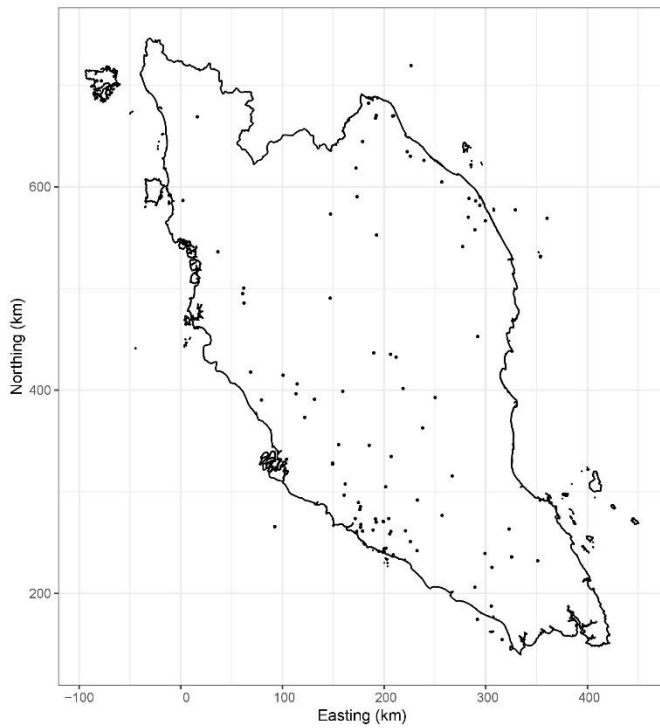


(a) High prevalence area

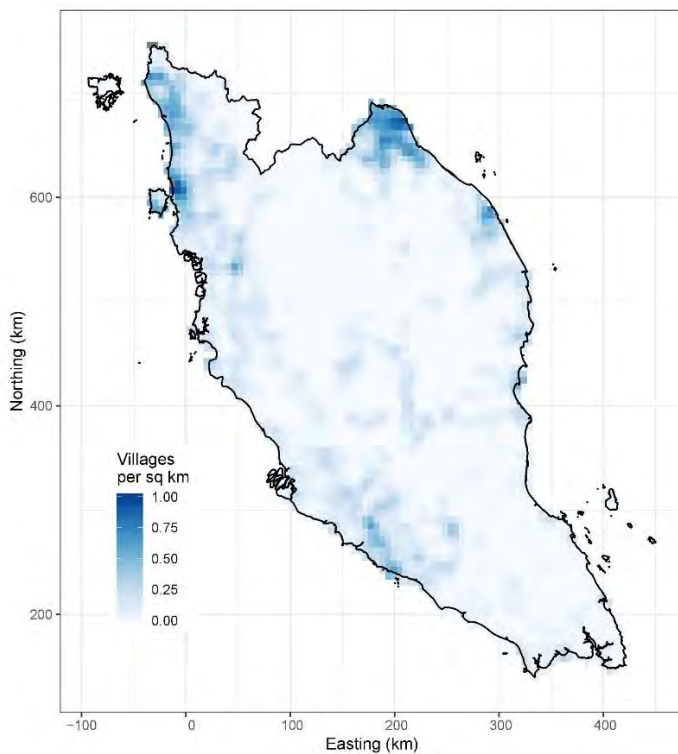


(b) Low prevalence area

Figure 2: Aerial photographs of the type that would be suitable for prevalence estimation Option 2 for: (a) an area of high kauri dieback prevalence; and (b) an area of low kauri dieback prevalence. Acknowledgements: A. MacDonald (Biospatial Ltd. Photoblique Software). Note these examples use the epidemiological criteria of 3x the dripline to classify cases.

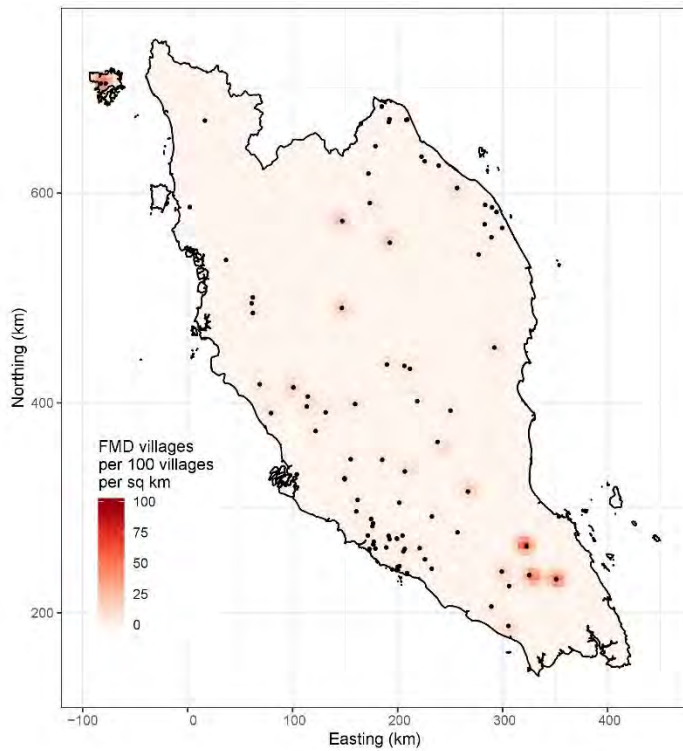


(a) Point location of FMD-positive villages

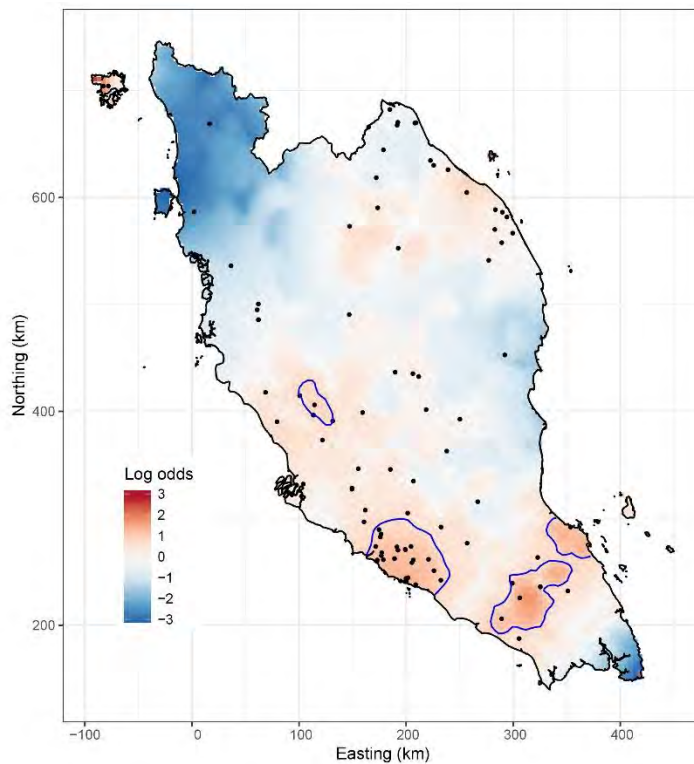


(b) Density of villages

Figure 3: Maps showing: (a) the point location of FMD-positive villages in Peninsular Malaysia in 2017; and (b) the density of villages and townships (expressed as number per square kilometre) in Peninsular Malaysia for the same time frame.



(a) Period prevalence



(b) Log odds

Figure 4: Maps showing: (a) the [period] prevalence of FMD in Peninsular Malaysia, expressed as the number of FMD positive villages per 100 villages per square kilometre; (b) the log odds of FMD. In (b) contour lines have been included to show the top 5% of log odds estimates.

9 Appendix 1 – Draft epidemiological criteria

Draft epidemiological criteria

The draft epidemiological criteria prior to consultation was:

A kauri tree meets the epidemiological criteria for having kauri dieback if it is located within a radius three times the length of the drip line of a confirmed case of kauri dieback (defined below) (Figure 5.)

This did not seem a pragmatic option and a consultation question was posed:

Acknowledging that drawing a drip line around all confirmed cases might be a laborious and time-consuming task (subject to measurement error and subjective), a more operationally workable epidemiological criteria for kauri dieback might be kauri trees located within the same watershed or water catchment area of a confirmed case. We request feedback on the most practical proximity criteria for the epidemiological criteria component of the case definition.

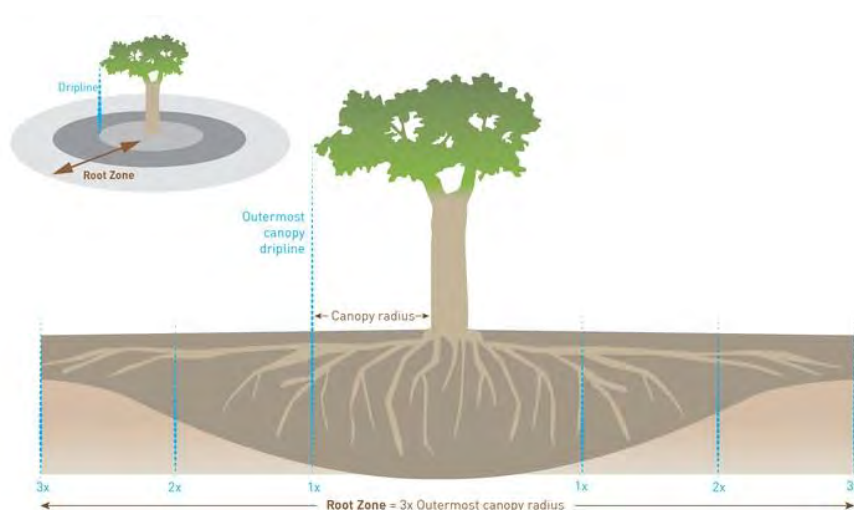


Figure 5: Diagram explaining the spatial extent of a tree's drip line and estimation of the extent of a tree's root zone as three times the length of the drip line.

Based on consultation feedback the use of watershed or water catchment area was considered far too large to be practical or biologically meaningful. Key comments that support this were:

- While broadening the epidemiology criteria to include all trees within a catchment/watershed would save a lot of time, it would clearly have a major impact on the case classification results. A much higher number of trees would potentially be classified as Asymptomatic high risk.
- If your watershed definition is linked back to the ...draft epidemiological criteria... then all of your highlighted "or" statements in each of the "probable" "asymptomatic high-risk" and "suspect" cases mean that **every kauri tree in the catchment** of a "confirmed" tree will be included in each of these cases. Essentially the "or" statements make it a catchment by catchment distribution, i.e. more of a landscape scale assessment.

- For finer scale, tree by tree monitoring of population trend, which is the level I interpret your later sections, I think your epidemiological criteria make it too coarse scale for a soil borne pathogen because natural spread is a lot slower than a catchment by catchment approach.
- This definition is not well tied into the sampling of a kauri in surveillance which could be a tree within 15 to 50 m of the index tree.
- If you were to use a wider definition than 3 times the radius of the dripline then I would move to 50 m.
- Because bush is often fragmented, we wouldn't say an entire catchment (or watershed) is infected.
- Disagree, as what we might consider a watershed could be very large and have ambiguous edges in non-hilly terrain.
- I do not agree with this as watersheds can be hundreds of hectares.
- Down slope, within landscape boundary yes but not watershed.
- Soil samples are taken around the most symptomatic tree, using the 4 cardinal points method described in Waipara et al. (2013) with four samples within 1.5 m of the tree trunk and in many cases, four more samples extending out to the dripline are included. This dripline is often shared by other kauri in the vicinity.
- The best estimate for disease extent would to my mind be the root zone extent of the kauri stand from which the pathogen has been isolated.
- I don't think it's possible to define an area. I think that's where the workshop landed, and where we ended up referring to trees again.
- I think your epidemiological criteria make it too coarse scale for a soil borne pathogen because natural spread is a lot slower than a catchment by catchment approach.
- This could be over a ridge from a confirmed case and in my opinion would require further sampling before being classified or at least show multiple symptoms
- A water catchment is too big (and WRC would oppose that description) to say yes to having dieback, and I've been trying to think how else you can describe and I'm not sure how else you would describe this. How are they doing it Australia / California?

10 Appendix 2 – Workshop Agenda, minutes and presentations

Kauri Dieback: Baseline Project Workshop (Stage 1)

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday 29th May 2019

Venue: 17 Maurice Wilson Avenue, Mangere, Auckland.

Room: M1.07

Time: 10am to 3pm

Facilitators: Professor Mark Stevenson, University of Melbourne; Karyn Froud, Biosecurity Epidemiologist, Biosecurity Research Limited.



Purpose of the meeting: (1) Define appropriate case definitions for measuring kauri dieback presence & absence against programme outcomes, and; (2) Identify the appropriate unit of interest (e.g. management units) to enable end-users to monitor outcomes.

Out of scope: Development of a baseline methodology (Stage 2). This will be developed at a later date. Stage 1 (this workshop) will inform Stage 2.

Decisions and Actions: Will be noted during the meeting, as meeting minutes.

Time	Item	Agenda Item	Lead
10.00	1	Welcome/Introduction	Bronwyn Mullions
10.20	2	Purpose	Travis Ashcroft
10.30	3	Case Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it? • Examples • Why is it useful for kauri dieback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management Decisions ○ Linkages with the National Pest Management Plan 	Mark Stevenson Karyn Froud
11.30	4	Case Definition Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a case definition for kauri dieback? • Draft and agree on a case definition. 	
12.30	5	Lunch (to be provided) <i>Note: There will be an opportunity to discuss the sensitivity/specificity project with Massey University Researchers during lunch for those of you who are involved or interested.</i>	
1.00	6	Management Unit of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction / relevance • Why is it useful for kauri dieback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management Decisions ○ Linkages with the National Pest Management Plan 	Mark Stevenson Karyn Froud
	7	Unit of Interest Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a unit of interest for kauri dieback and over what scale? • Draft and agree on a unit of interest 	
2.55	8	Wrap up & Next Steps	Travis Ashcroft
3.00		Meeting Close	

Kauri Dieback : Baseline Project Workshop (Stage 1)



Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 29th May 2019

Venue: Ministry for Primary Industries, Maurice Wilson Avenue, Auckland

Facilitators: Mark Stevenson (University of Melbourne); Karyn Froud (Biosecurity Research Limited).

Attending	
• Bronwyn Mullions, Ministry for Primary Industry	• Travis Ashcroft, Ministry for Primary Industry
• Ian Horner, Plant & Food	• R.C Winkworth, Massey University
• Lindi Eloff, Department of Conservation	• Kim Morgan, Department of Conservation
• Nari Williams, Scion	• Chris Green, Department of Conservation
• Kim Parker, Waikato Regional Council	• Peter Scott, Plant & Food
• Yue Chin Chew, Auckland Council	• Andrew McDonald, Biospatial
• Adrian Peachy, Northland Regional Council	• Murray Fea, Auckland Council
• Lee Hill, Biosense	• Randy Lacey, Victoria University
• Stanley Bellgard, Landcare Research	• Emilie Vallee, Massey University
Observers/Support	
• Shruti Mewara, MPI	

Meeting Minutes
<p>PURPOSE:</p> <p>(1) Define appropriate case definitions for measuring kauri dieback presence and absence against programme outcomes and</p> <p>(2) Identify the appropriate unit of interest (e.g. management units) to enable end-users to monitor outcomes.</p> <p>OUT OF SCOPE:</p> <p>Development of a baseline methodology (Stage 2). This will be developed at a later date. Stage 1 (this workshop) will inform Stage 2.</p> <p>INTRODUCTION (Mark Stevenson)</p> <p>Presentation (Appendix 1) which encapsulates the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent examples (BSE, avian influenza, bovine tuberculosis) • Key factors for success (look for patterns, not perfection) • Do we have a problem » define identify and count cases » describe outbreak in term so animals places and time »develop hypotheses »test hypotheses » implement control measures » monitor responses to control measures • A structured approach to problem solving. • Case definition (probable cases and confirmed cases, with examples) • Unit of interest for Kauri • Stop the impact of the pathogen and prevent on-going spread of pathogen • We need to start finding the pathogen in absence of symptoms

WORKSHOP – KAURI DIEBACK (Karyn Froud)

Presentation (Appendix 2) on Kauri Dieback which encapsulates the following topics:

- Draft (April) Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan (primary objective and secondary objective)
- What are we measuring?
- Should focus be on the disease (KDB) or on the pathogen (PA)?
- Maintaining currently kauri dieback-free areas
- Significantly reducing the spread
- Managing diseased forests
- Prevalence and incidence
- Incidence is better for measuring success of interventions (Cases vs time graph for tree interventions and impacts of current interventions)
- Psa case definition example
- Myrtle rust case definition

Current process for soil collection and testing (Appendix 3-1):

- Currently kauri dieback assessment is done via aerial surveillance (visual/high resolution photography). Each symptomatic tree identified is classified according to their canopy health state (canopy score 1-5 = 1 being healthy; 2-5 being unhealthy). Symptomatic trees are then assigned a Priority level for ground truthing. This is based on canopy rating; lesion presence/absence; vector risk and current disease status of the area.
- High priority sites are soil sampled first (minimum 3 soil sample collection) (1-4 meters or within the drip line).
- Soil samples are sent to lab for soil testing (Plant & Food and Scion).
 - 1.5% likely that one lab test has positive result and one lab test has negative results
 - How often does “No detection” lab result from both lab are false negative (3-10%)?
- Soil sample results:
 - Positive-presence of PA
 - Negative- absence of PA
 - Not Detected- Lab result pending or inconclusive result

What is the case definition for Kauri dieback (Appendix 3-2)?

- **Probable case**- reasonable grounds to suspect on unwanted organisms is present:
 - Symptoms vs aerial survey (healthy vs unhealthy trees)
 - Canopy score
 - Ground truthing and visual symptoms
- Lab test/soil test with positive results- “confirmed case” within tree/stand/site
- Genetic test with positive results?
- Legal case definition?
- Asymptomatic indicators
- Primary indicators currently used (need to be included as part of the case definition) based on symptomology and proximity to confirmed sites:
 - Bleeding lesions- basal trunks and roots and/or
 - Canopy thinning
 - Yellowing foliage

- Dead tree
- Proximity to other trees with similar symptoms
- Soil test positive
- Kauri Tree
- Vector risk
- Secondary Indicators
 - Alternate host symptoms (indicator species) and/or
 - Epicormics growth
 - Moss/Lichen on bark
 - Bark shedding
 - Root discolouration
 - Timing- mostly expressed during summer drought stress
 - Seedling loss
 - Loss of fine feeder roots
 - Forest health indicators
 - Cultural health indicators
 - Multiple age class

Starter for 10

- Probable cases of Kauri Dieback:
 - Part 1: Forest environment
 - A Kauri tree with symptoms (below) that is contiguous with other Kauri trees that exhibit Kauri Dieback symptoms or have a positive soil test
 - Part 2: Describe the symptoms
 - Part 3: Classification system of individual trees
- Confirmed cases of Kauri Dieback
- Confirmed cases of PA

UNIT OF INTEREST (Karyn Froud):

- Positive symptom expression– Tree (+/- 30 meter) and positive symptomatic mates/ stand (how big is the stand) / site (how big is the site)/ Forest (0.5 hector)/ Geospatial/ property
- Types of sites:
 - Suspect site (symptoms but not positive)
 - Probable site (symptoms and non-symptoms with positive result)
 - Confirmed site (symptoms and positive)

MANAGEMENT UNIT OF INTEREST (Karyn Froud):

- Protectable unit (land owner, community, region, Rohe)
- Biological based – buffer / probable definition (might include topography)
- Forest level
- Rohe- territories or boundaries of Iwi

- Contagious symptoms linked to a positive soil test
- High risk slope topography

FINALISE CASE DEFINITION FOR KAURI DIEBACK (Mark Stevenson):

We distinguish between Phytophthora-positive sites and kauri dieback positive trees.

A Phytophthora - positive site is a location where the presence of *Phytophthora agathidicida* has been confirmed following collection of soil sampling using an approved sampling protocol and tested at an approved laboratory using an approved diagnostic test.

A kauri dieback positive tree is one that meets the epidemiological and symptomatic criteria as defined below.

Phytophthora- positive sites are used for disease spread risk management. Kauri Dieback positive trees are used to document the geographic extent of infection and to monitor responses to controls.

Epidemiological criteria:

A kauri located in close (i.e. within contagious proximity) of another kauri that meets the confirmed case of kauri dieback. This criteria is not valid for index cases of Kauri Dieback within a given site.

Symptomatic criteria:

A kauri showing one or more of the following symptoms following examination by an approved (accredited) trained observer:

Bleeding lesions on the basal trunk or roots, the presence of canopy thinning, yellowing of the foliage, the presence of epicormics growth, tree death

DRAFT CASE DEFINITION FOR KAURI DIEBACK

A **suspect case** of kauri: symptomatic, or dead but not contiguous to a confirmed case (laboratory confirmation)

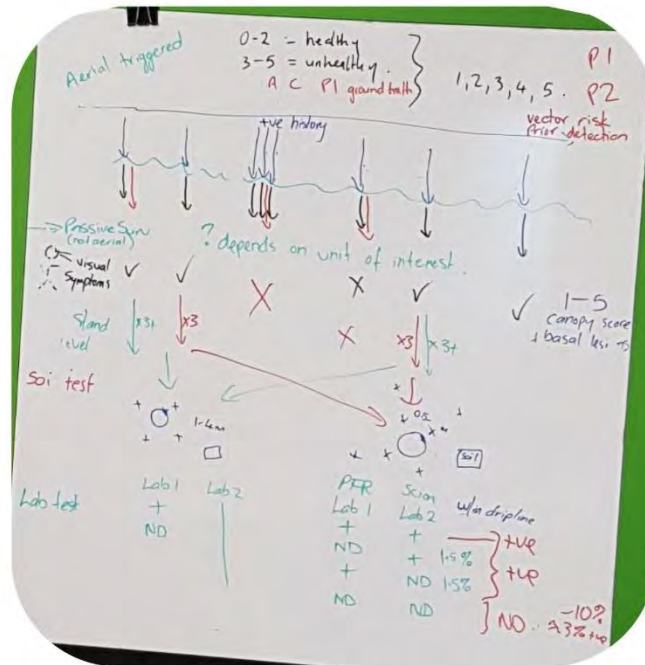
A **probable case** of kauri dieback is a tree which meets the epidemiological and symptomatic criteria listed above.

A **confirmed case** of kauri dieback is a kauri tree (dead or alive) which tests PA positive to an approved diagnostic method (of 100% assumed specificity) or other approved methods (Management Agency) and testing of that sample at an approved laboratory using an approved test.

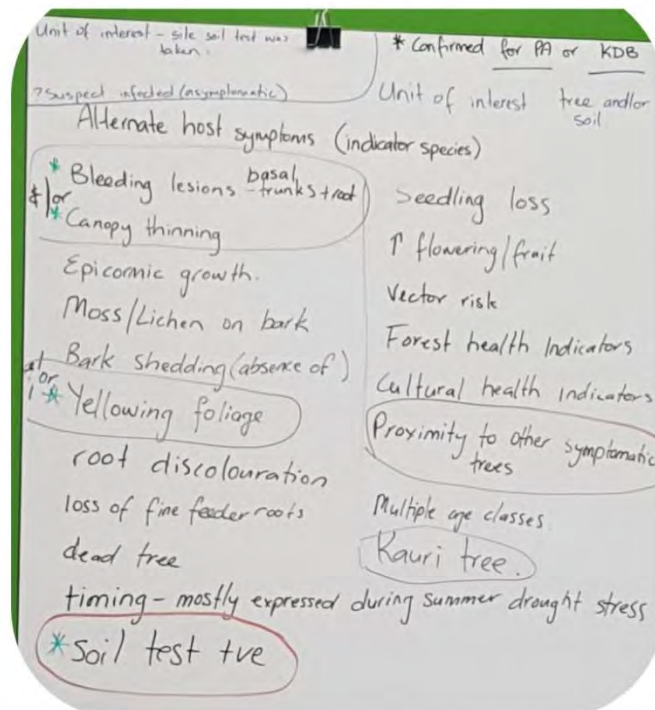
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DRAFT UNIT OF INTEREST - Kauri tree (including x3 the dripline)

Appendix 1: Whiteboard sessions
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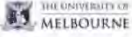
Whiteboard #2



Solving difficult problems in [animal] health

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My background ...

- A veterinarian
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- Many war stories
 - foot-and-mouth disease (UK 2001, South Korea 2002, 2011, Japan 2010), Varroa destructor (New Zealand 2000), bovine spongiform encephalopathy (UK 1986-2017, Japan 2001-2006), highly pathogenic avian influenza (Vietnam 2002-), bovine tuberculosis (New Zealand 1990-), bluetongue (Australia 2017) ...




Road map

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Recent examples

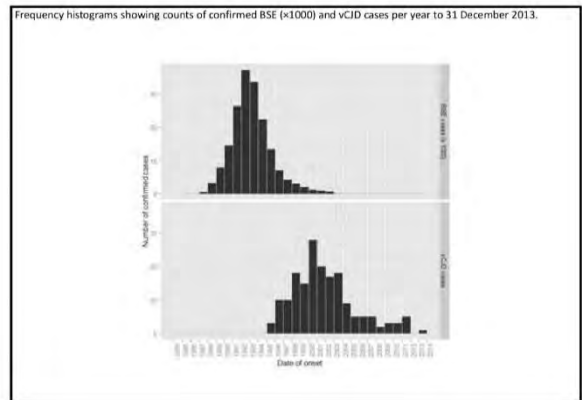
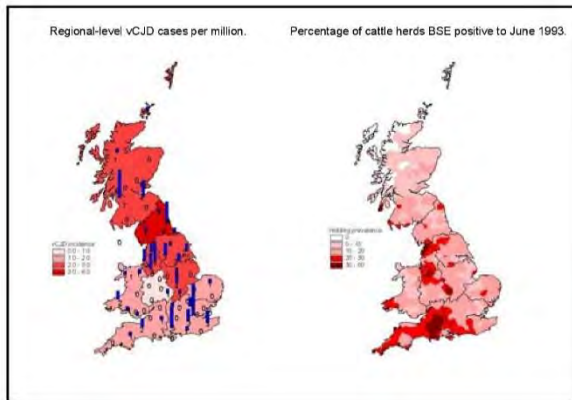
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease)
- Highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1
- Bovine tuberculosis



Recent examples

- BSE
 - fatal, nervous disorder of cattle first identified in the United Kingdom, November 1986
 - consumption of meat from BSE-positive cattle believed to be the cause of variant Creutzfeldt Jacob disease in humans
 - ~38,000 cases of BSE detected in the United Kingdom in 1992
 - 4 cases of BSE detected globally in 2017

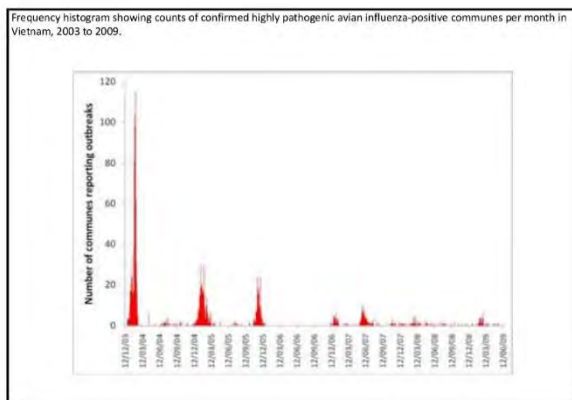




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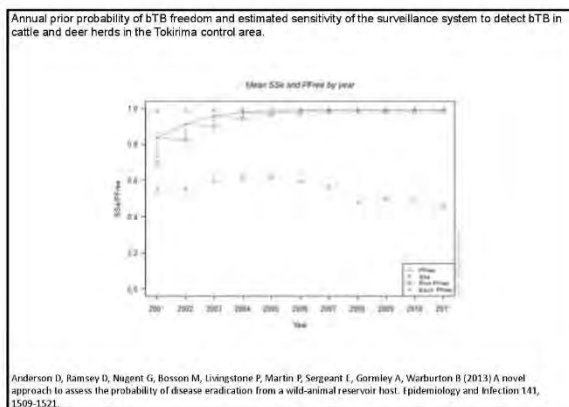
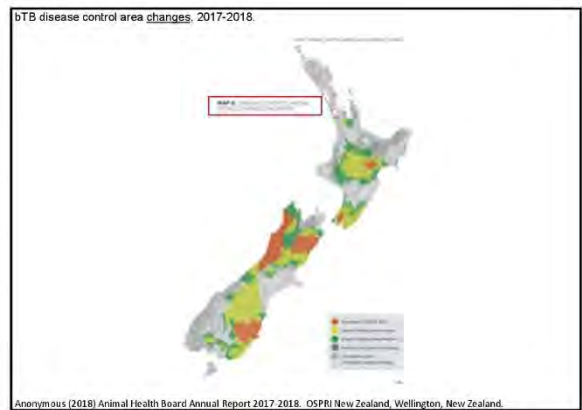
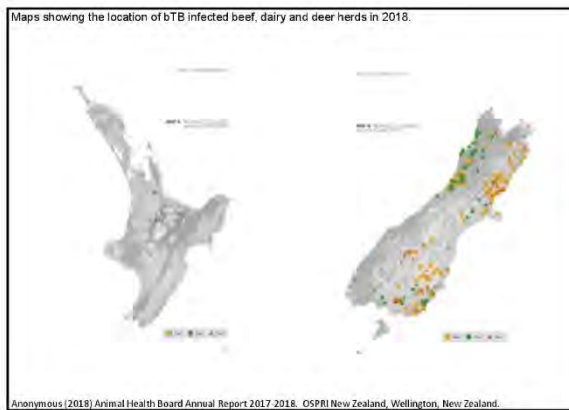
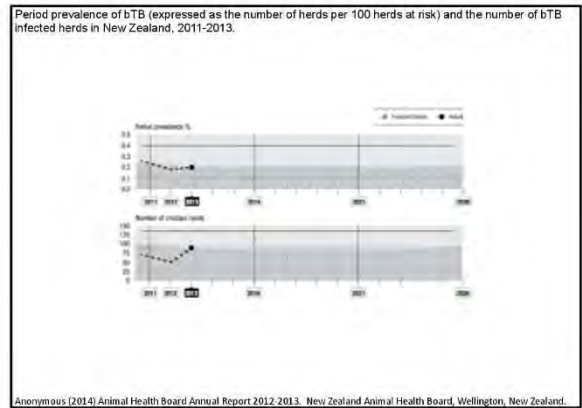
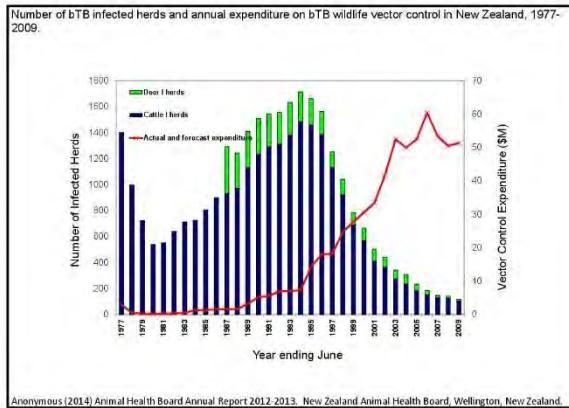
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Recent examples

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- Highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1
- Bovine tuberculosis


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- Key factors for success**
1. Consistency in what you're calling a case
 - allows extent of the problem to be clearly reported to stakeholders
 - allows resources for controls to be allocated appropriately
 2. Look for patterns, not perfection
 3. Be prepared to adapt management plans in light of new information
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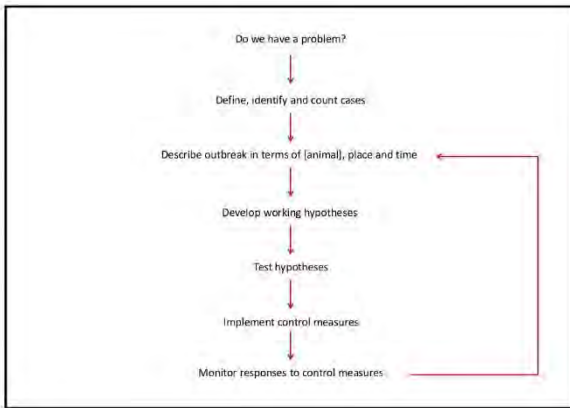

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A structured approach to problem solving

- A case definition ensures consistency in what's defined as a 'case'
 - over space (e.g. from one jurisdiction to another)
 - over time (e.g. BSE)
- Allows you to confidently describe the frequency of disease
 - over space
 - over time
 - so funding agencies can allocate resources for control appropriately




A structured approach to problem solving

- Monitoring an essential part of the outbreak investigation process
- Monitoring allows you to identify what's working and what's not working, so control measures can be modified accordingly
- A process of 'adaptive management'



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Case definition

- A case definition is comprised of clinical criteria and (sometimes) epidemiological criteria
- Legionnaires' disease:
 - the **clinical criteria** required that a person have onset between 1 July and 18 August 1976, an illness characterised by cough and fever and chest x-ray evidence of pneumonia
 - to meet the **epidemiologic criteria**, a patient either had to have attended the American Legion Convention held 21-24 July 1976 or had to have entered Hotel A between 1 July 1976 and the onset of illness

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Case definition

- Not all cases will have the benefit of laboratory testing, so [post data collection] we often distinguish between probable and confirmed cases
- Probable case: a [herd, animal, tree, forest] with signs-symptoms consistent with the clinical criteria listed above
- Confirmed case: a [herd, animal, tree, forest] with signs-symptoms consistent with the clinical criteria listed above and the listed laboratory criteria for diagnosis

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New Zealand Veterinary Journal 37(4) 2012

Correspondence

A case definition for acute salmonellosis in dairy herds in New Zealand

This letter propose a case definition for identifying and reporting cases of acute salmonellosis in dairy herds in New Zealand. We request veterinary practitioners in New Zealand use this case definition when identifying and reporting herds affected by salmonellosis.

By way of background, on 19 December 2011 Dr. Katie Owen (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, MAFF) reported that the National Animal Health Information Surveillance programme had detected a change in the pattern of diagnosis of salmonellosis in dairy herds in New Zealand, with an increase in the incidence of commonly reported *Salmonella* serovars in milk and a moderate increase in laboratory case counts for salmonellosis in milk (Owen 2011).

To date, milk still appears to be an emerging disease syndrome in dairy herds in New Zealand, a disease group was formed in early January 2012 that comprised of representatives from MAFF, the Dairy Cooperator Association of New Zealand, dairy veterinarians from Dunedin, Auckland and the Bay of Plenty.

The official description includes acute onset of diarrhoea and defecation affecting more than 5% of the milking herd over a 10-14 day period. In affected animals there is initially high faecal temperature (39-41°C) that subsides with the onset of diarrhoea. Diarrhoea is severe and unresponsive to antimotility by olivomycin and treatment. The acute mortality rate in affected herds is less than 2%.

The laboratory criteria for diagnosis include isolation of *Salmonella* spp. (Typhimurium, *Salmonella* spp. *Abonitika* and/or *Salmonella* spp. *Senftenberg*) from faecal samples from clinical cases.

The case classification for a **probable case** is a herd with clinical signs consistent with those listed above, but **insufficient** support in a herd meeting the proposed clinical description and laboratory criteria for diagnosis.

The behalf of the Salmonellosis Liaison Group I request that

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Case definition

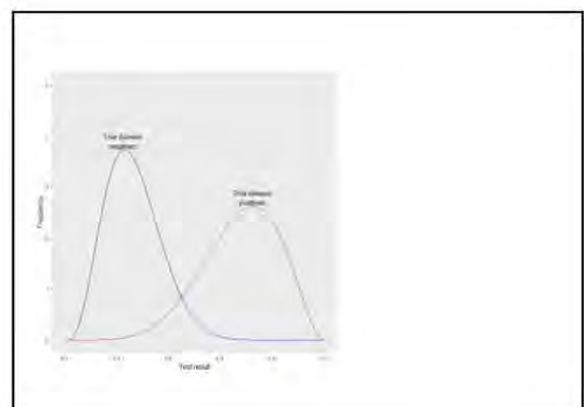
- Probable cases
 - no reliance on laboratory testing, therefore inexpensive
 - likely that some of the probable cases we accumulate won't actually be cases, i.e. false positives
- Confirmed cases
 - relies on laboratory testing; not all cases will be tested
 - we can be confident (given the characteristics of the diagnostic test) that a confirmed case will actually be a case
 - essential to define the characteristics of your diagnostic test

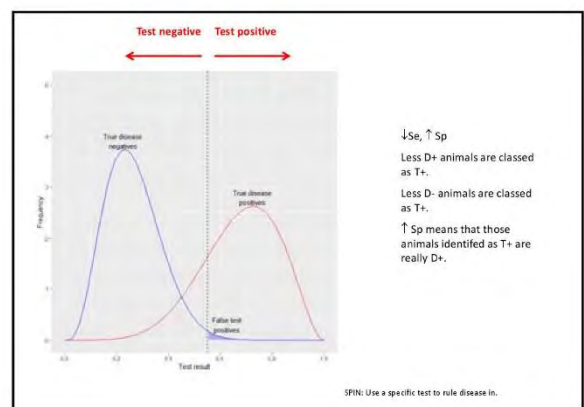
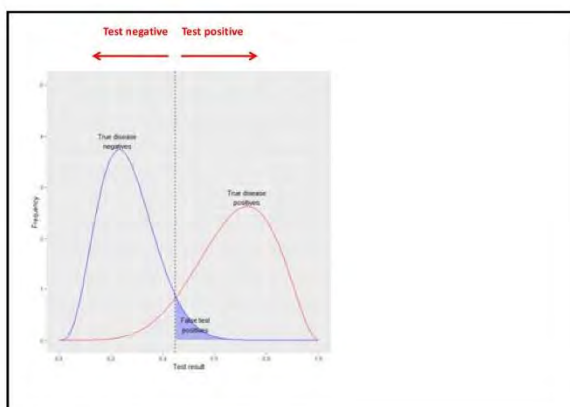
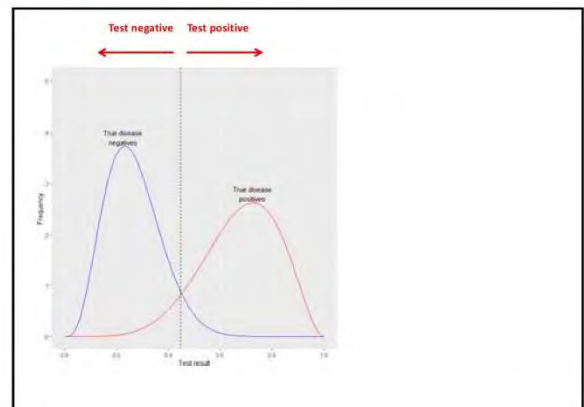
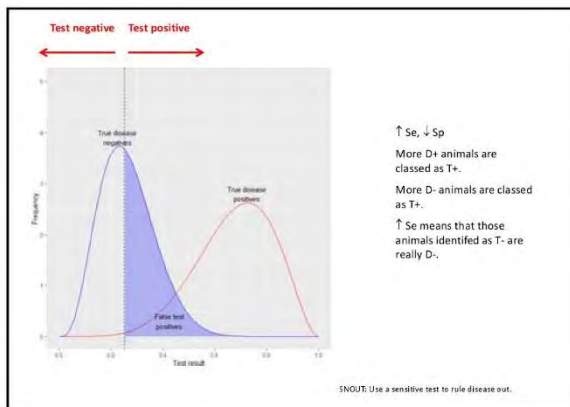
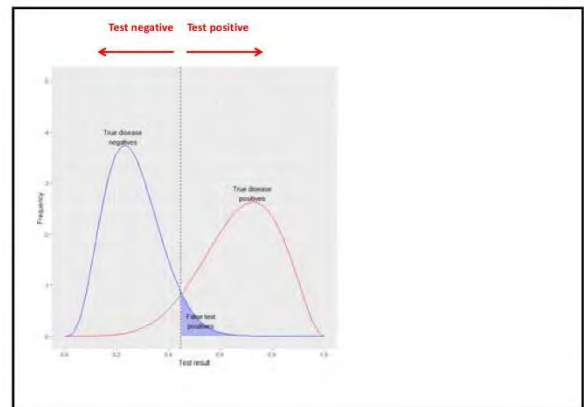
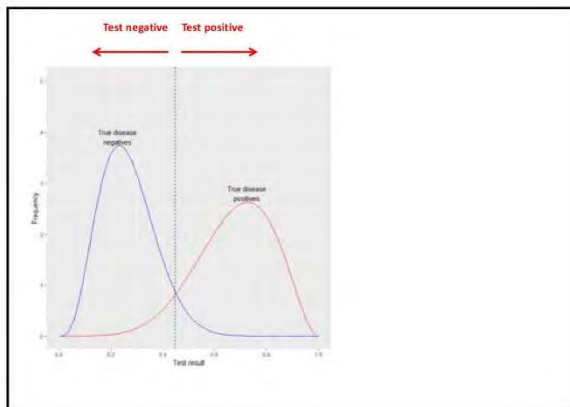
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Case definition

- An analysis of *probable* cases will give you the worst case scenario; an analysis of *confirmed* cases will give you the best case scenario
- The truth will be somewhere between these two extremes
- Perfectly OK to use probable cases for monitoring; relative changes in disease frequency critical for decision making

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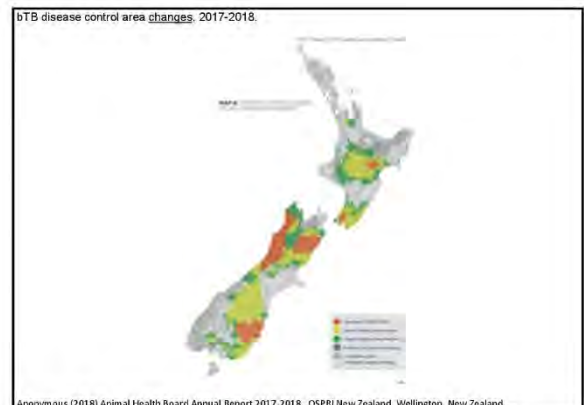
- Veterinary epidemiology
 - individual animals are managed within groups called herds, flocks, or mobs
 - observations, analyses and interventions can be carried out either the individual animal level or the herd level
 - if we can't observe [assess] all animals within a herd we take a sample; sampling theory allows us to calculate the required number of animals to sample to detect disease if it is present or to determine the prevalence of disease in the herd population

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Units of interest

- Kauri
 - need to define the geographic 'extent' of each forest (similar to OSPRI's bTB control areas), i.e. define your 'herds'
 - may need to quantify die-back frequency at both the forest level and the individual tree level
 - using the individual tree as the unit of interest gives you the greatest flexibility for reporting; aggregating data 'up', if required is easy

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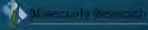
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Kauri dieback

Kauri dieback National Pest Management Plan primary objective

- To reduce the harmful effects of PA by preventing the spread of PA and minimising its impacts on kauri forests, culture, communities and economy
- Secondary objectives:
 - Reduce spread of KDB
 - Maintain KDB free areas
 - Reduce impact of KDB within infected sites
 - Locally eliminate KDB within infected sites
 - Protect kauri trees and stands with special values from KDB
 - Facilitate controlled access to kauri forests without compromising kauri protection or future
 - Provide for Māori knowledge, values and approaches to manage KDB and prevent its spread

What are we measuring?

- What is a 'case'?
 - a) P.a. positive test?
 - b) P.a. positive test and disease symptoms?
 - c) Disease symptoms?
- Selection will differ depending on the question you are asking
- For "~~reducing the spread~~" you are interested in detecting new cases of disease associated with the pathogen *P. agathidicida* and therefore b) could be your case definition
- For measuring "~~maintaining currently kauri dieback free areas~~" c) will be most appropriate, followed by b) if disease is detected.
- For managing disease c) should be sufficient

Should focus be on the disease (KDB) or on the pathogen (*P. agathidicida*)?

- The KDB NPMP aims are based on managing the disease
- This is landscape scale not pathogen scale.
- All disease in Kauri is bad, not just that caused by P.a.
- If you manage disease factors you may manage multiple phytophthora's
- Will it be important if some symptomatic trees are misclassified as P.a. positive based only on symptoms?

Maintaining currently kauri dieback-free areas

- Need targeted surveillance and/or passive surveillance to detect disease (case definition c)
- We need to understand the sensitivity and specificity (Se/Sp) of the detection method (aerial or visual inspection)
- We need to know the unit of interest – tree, stand, watershed, forest?
- Knowing these we can calculate the search effort (sample size) for confidence that disease is present or absent from an area.
- E.g. "Based on visual assessment of disease we need to inspect 380 trees per watershed to be 95% confident that an area is free of disease and requires expenditure for ongoing preventative management."

Significantly reducing the spread

- Detecting new cases either when surveying disease-free blocks or measuring spread
- Needs surveillance to detect disease (case definition c) and follow-up testing to detect P.a.
- We need to understand the sensitivity and specificity (Se/Sp) of the P.a. detection method (soil sampling)
- We need to know the unit of interest – tree?
- Knowing these we can calculate the search effort (sample size) for confidence that P.a. is present or absent from an area.
- E.g. "Based on visual assessment of disease and follow-up sampling we need to take 87 soil samples from 5 symptomatic trees to be 95% confident that an area has P.a. and requires expenditure for disease management"

18/07/2019

Managing diseased forests

- Need to know the baseline prevalence of disease
- Need to know the unit of interest (tree, stand, watershed, catchment, forest) for the question you are asking
- E.g.
 - does phosphorous acid work = tree level or stand level
 - Do hygiene stations work = watershed or catchment
 - Do track upgrades work = forest
 - Are pigs an issue = forest
- Need to monitor the incidence rate of disease following intervention (or no intervention)

Prevalence and Incidence

- Prevalence is how many cases of disease are there in a given population at a point in time
- Incidence is how many new cases of disease develop over a period of time
- If you know the baseline prevalence of disease you can calculate how many new cases occur (incidence) in areas where interventions are made versus in areas where no interventions are made.

Incidence is better for measuring success of interventions.

- Prevalence can increase by increasing survivorship of diseased trees



Monitoring interventions: Example using Possum control



Ebola example



CONSULTATION

Re: 10 year A.C.C. Plan. 2021 - 2023

Talk about fish in a barrel. The whole world is suffering COVID 19. But A.C.C. are assuming that Auckland ratepayers will be able to pay extra, rate increases of 7 years of compounding 7% p.a. for watercare. And 8 years of compounding 7% p.a. for Auckland Transport, right on top of a 5% rate rise.

Isn't that the definition of unsustainability? Surley the A.C.C. can't expect to throw Aucklanders ratepayers under the diesel bus via putting up rates during such unprecedented social economic hardship.

Auckland council seem to think they're getting away with a ponsy scheme... with their continuing squandering already high rates (Random, Ad Hoc... consolidated fund) while "defferring maintance and adequate infrastructure for growth" Plus, delayed climate emergency (half funding option.)

I put it to A.C.C. that they're out of control, unfit for purpose & require immediate Govt. intervention, before the misrepresented people of Auckland go broke & lose their life savings & assets in an unsustainable cycle of inflation, recession, unemployment, homelessness & social wellbeing dysfunction. It's bad enough that we've already mortgaged our kids & their kids future. But totally unexceptable that we still haven't got a sustainable solution.

Waitakere

NEED TO KNOW

My father brought his Auckland house section for \$800. And now, I pay over \$800 every 12 weeks, just in council rates.

So, when I say that ACC acts in stealth, denial & delusional spin... I say... "Show me the progress!"
(Non living wage, unaffordable housing, unsustainable gridlock, pollution, climate emergency etc.)

The stealth, denial & delusional spin I talk about, is the conflict & vested interests of taxes, rates, compound penalties, interest, insurance, percentage, commissions and compounding price/ wage spirals (inflation), that are the winners, over the majority of the people (losers).

It's time for the elephant in the room (expert economists etc.) to expose today's democracy as an unsustainable dark age of uninformed voters voting uninformed leadership. (unaccountable & untransparent market forces of FRIEDMAN ECONOMICS.)

Bob Magee

Waitakere

**Submission - Auckland Council 10 year Recovery Budget 2021-31
by Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association**

22 March 2021

From: Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association (TRRA)'s submission on the proposed 10 year Recovery Budget.

This submission is made by The Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers Association, a non-profit incorporated society formed in 1987 to promote and represent the interests of ratepayers and residents in the Titirangi area. The Association can be traced back to the 1920s when an unincorporated society is recorded as lobbying Council regarding roads.

We wish to speak to our submission if that opportunity is provided.

Key Points:

1. We support extending the Water Quality and Natural Environment targeted rates until 2031. Specifically for investment in water quality projects in the Manukau Harbour and an additional \$107 million to lock in the benefits gained from pest control initiatives and ensure ongoing protection for native species such as endangered kauri.

It is very important that all the funds actually collected via NETR are applied to what are genuine priorities.

It is also our understanding that a proportion of the funds from last year was not available as a result of the Council's inability to borrow money to make them available, even though the information documents that have been provided to Aucklanders imply strongly that these funds were applied with substantial impact.

It is stated in the consultation documents that even the extension to the NETR will result in only maintaining 50% of rural Auckland under sustained possum control and maintaining 66% of priority ecologically significant parkland under sustained pest plant control. This is not an adequate outcome.

Animal and plant pest control and the coordinated management of indigenous ecosystems must be taken seriously. The natural infrastructure of our region is under threat. This is perhaps the most serious risk that needs to be managed at this time.

Council must ensure that funds are available to do this properly. However, it must also ensure that it specifies and monitors the right outcomes from its own activity. This means that when all work with an environmental impact is

contracted out by itself or CCOs , e.g. weed management, civil works, etc, then that environmental impact is identified in advance, managed according to best practices and monitored post hoc. To levy rates while failing to do this is not acceptable.

2. We disagree with Council's proposal as presented, around selling "surplus properties" because we have demonstrated already that the identification of these properties as "surplus" has been totally flawed with insufficient consultation with local communities and local boards and no respect shown for the views of locals in the decision making.

It is concern, for example, in the large consultation document (Table, P562), that a category of assets includes, "Parks and facilities, Community based assets, Not 'run as a business' ", and that this includes "Large number of assets" which may be seen to have 'Potential higher value or alternative use'.

It is proposed that assets be evaluated on their 'strategic' value, though how that is determined is not said. No assets must be disposed of without consultation with the local boards and communities concerned. These assets are not owned independently by Council but on behalf of the communities they serve. If **those communities** wish the assets to be repurposed, or sold and the funds used for a different purpose, this is quite acceptable, but to decide autocratically is not acceptable. Also, as has already been shown, Council ignorance of the history or nature of these assets can result in very unwise decisions carrying risks, as demonstrated in two instances already in the Waitakere Ranges area where disposals were fortunately stalled by local people pointing out the facts regarding the flooding risks posed by these properties. A desktop assessment by Panuku to identify "surplus assets" has been demonstrated to be fatally flawed.

3. We consider that borrowing should be maintained at the higher ratio of up to 290 per cent in the longer term. Interest rates are at an all time low and Council should be making the most of that opportunity to borrow more while it is affordable. We consider that Council should be borrowing more and selling off less of our assets. The financial information suggests that Council's net derivative liability is now \$2 billion. Effective interest rate is 4.1% and Auckland Council should be in a position where it can borrow at cheaper rates. Council should review their use of derivatives. As a comparison last year Wellington City's effective interest rate for borrowing was 3.4%.
4. We support a one-off increase of 5 per cent in the next financial year but also believe that rates rises have been suppressed for years due to political pressure and that this has left the city under funded and unsustainable. We have suffered a loss in services & sale of assets for this reason as the city has grown with unsustainable under-rating. Auckland has grown at the rate of 2% each and every year for the past 7 years and this year it could be even more. A 2% rates increase means that per head of population you are just keeping up and not paying for growth. Therefore we support a higher than 3.5 per cent rates increase in the long-term and believe that 5% pa for the 10 year period of this plan would be acceptable rather than more asset sales.
5. We do not believe we are moving fast enough or investing enough to offset climate change or the deterioration of the natural environment. We cannot afford

not to invest in these things if future Aucklanders are going to have a liveable city and country. We support larger investment to make more progress towards achieving climate goals and do not understand why an option to achieve the required goals is not being consulted on. We would support a targeted rate if necessary for this. We consider that funding to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts is essential now and should not be deferred to some unspecified time in the future. Once our ecosystems go beyond a tipping point it will be impossible to bring them back and every year delay increases the amount of investment needed to make a difference. Spend more now to protect our future.

In relation to this, while there is extensive analysis in the supporting documents of the impacts of initiatives such as planting, electrification and so on, we see nothing mentioned about the vital priority of significantly increasing the protection of existing indigenous or mixed forest areas, and existing urban trees. The importance of the protection of the Waitakere Ranges forest cannot be overstated, and it is quite illogical to spend money on other initiatives without making this the first priority. Further, to spend \$27 million to plant 29,000 street trees while not reinstating the blanket protection of urban trees on private land is quite unacceptable, not to say illogical, and we strongly urge Council to lobby central government to reinstate tree protection on private land now. Council recently claimed not to be able to fund the processing of scheduling for 587 nominated notable trees (cost \$800k). These mature trees, among the most significant and largest in the city, will be lost to development if they are not individually protected by scheduling. Their contribution as carbon sinks will far outweigh the contribution from 1000s of planted saplings for decades. Budget must be made available now to do this work and protect these mature notable trees.

6. Growth - Council is not investing enough in more parks and green spaces. In fact many smaller reserves are being sold as "surplus to requirements". As Auckland intensifies access to green spaces becomes more important for those without gardens of their own. There is no dedicated acquisition budget for new regional parks which means that Council is unable to react to buy suitable properties when they are offered. This is unacceptable for providing for the open space needs of a growing city. Development contributions should be increased to fund infrastructure rather than increased rates.
7. Council needs to work with central government to prevent the urbanisation of high quality soils in south Auckland needed for growing food close to the city. This is short sighted and stupid. This requires a change in zoning for this area in the Unitary Plan.
8. Congestion - particularly in rapidly growing NW Auckland is appalling. Passenger rail needs to be urgently provided to Huapai - even on a 1 track diesel system in the short term because the roads are already completely jammed all the way into the city at commuter times. As more development happens in this area over the next 10 years this situation is only going to get worse. Express buses from Titirangi and other communities along the Manukau Harbour have been stopped - why? This is not going to encourage an increase in public transport use from these outlying suburbs. In addition we urgently need shuttle buses or similar for Piha, Karekare, Waiatarua, Te Henga and Waitakere Village to get people out of their cars.

9. Community investment: community properties should be kept and maintained wherever communities can derive value from these. To lose community properties through lack of maintenance would be tragic, and is a real risk. If there are properties which Council has allowed to run down, it is very important that these are not automatically considered to be surplus just because people are not using them very much. Indeed, this impression may be gained erroneously by the current practice of evaluating the performance of these assets. It is important to understand that just because people don't like to use a degraded asset, this does not mean that the asset is not needed, instead it should be improved to meet the standard required for the use required.
 - a. Libraries are essential community assets and services and staffing levels should not be cut. We support the removal of fines, but we do not support the current management restructuring and reduction of staffing levels which will result in reduced levels of service for communities.
 - b. We support maintaining and increasing funding for the arts and community arts facilities such as Lopdell House, Te Uru and Corbans Estate in west Auckland as these are high quality and essential community facilities.
10. We support the homelessness fund and other initiatives to protect vulnerable communities, Māori, Pacifica and other ethnic communities.
11. All Council contractors should be paid a Living Wage as a minimum. The Living Wage. The Living Wage is important to me and my household because it ensures that our lowest-paid workers and contracted workers are being paid a wage that enables them to be active citizens in our community. The Auckland Council plan is good, but the people who will be doing the hard work need to be valued and paid fairly. Auckland Council becoming an accredited employer is also important because it keeps the Council accountable to these workers who are doing the hard work.
12. We do not support the expansion of the Urban Rating Area for communities like Herald Island that most certainly do not have the same level of services as those in the city.
13. We support the Electricity Resilience Targeted Rate.
14. We support the reinstatement of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate from 1 April 2021.
15. We support the extension of the City Centre Targeted Rate.
16. We support the proposed new fees and increases.
17. We support the removal of library late return fees.
18. However, along with our support of these proposals, we also urge Council to review its threshold for the annual refund of a proportion of the rates bill for those on very low incomes. It is not appropriate that those attempting to live on low incomes, pensioners and others on benefits who have no extra disposable income whatever, to be simply faced with rate increases that they cannot meet. The income threshold for eligibility for a rate refund is already too low, and the refund is too small. This needs to be reviewed and revised for the 2021 mid-year, and annually thereafter. We cannot make living in Auckland inaccessible for those on low incomes or ask them to tolerate living in increasing poverty in order to do so.

19. Regarding strategic assets. We believe that Bledisloe House should be sold.
20. Local Board Priorities (Waitakere Ranges Local Board) - we support the stated proposals. In addition:
 - a. We do not support deferring of local capital projects.
 - b. We strongly support an additional \$3.5m investment for Greenways in the Waitakere Ranges Local Board area to improve and encourage walking and cycling and reduce car use.
 - c. We also request once again that Auckland Council seriously review the inadequate funding allocation currently made for the Waitakere Ranges Local Board in the light of its responsibility for the protection and management of the natural environment. The reasons for this, given the massive significance of these nationally significant natural assets in the context of the Council's climate change obligations and the need to protect and restore biodiversity cannot be over-emphasised. The Local Board has a huge national responsibility in relation to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act that is not recognised in the level of funding provided to the board.
 - d. We support continued investment in the coordination of the Waitakere Ranges Pest Free Alliance by the Waitakere Ranges Local Board.
 - e. We consider that the Local Board should be funding Kauri Rescue to run workshops in local parks involving local people treating kauri trees that are infected and dying with kauri dieback otherwise these trees will all die.
 - f. We support investment in funding the proposed improvements to Glen Eden town centre.
21. Council also needs to report to the community on its progress in improving the oversight of CCOs. This is significant to this budget proposal in relation to two factors.
 - a. The larger CCOs absorb the great majority of the available funds from rates. The independent CCO review clearly pointed out the urgency of reviewing how CCOs spend money, and it is not hard to infer that the lack of oversight by Council, the need for integrated strategic planning and structures, and the general operations of Auckland Transport, say, have impacts on whether or not money is spent efficiently or with appropriate accountability. This would include, inter alia, how contract costs are evaluated before bids are received, how contracts are awarded, how cost overruns are funded, how the frequency of maintenance work that is carried out is decided, and so forth. The review stated, poignantly, that "The . . . council has all the necessary levers at hand to ensure accountability, but it is not using them effectively – and in one important respect, not at all"
 - b. CCOs undertake the majority of Council's work in providing services, and they are specifically charged with ensuring Auckland's natural environment and cultural heritage are valued and cared for. Among the CCOs, Watercare has three other accountabilities, for example:
 - Applying a Māori world view to treasure and protect our natural environment (taonga tuku iho)

- Using growth and development to protect and enhance Auckland's natural environment
- Ensuring Auckland's infrastructure is future-proofed

It is very important that Auckland Council not only factors into its budget the savings from cost efficiencies which proper oversight of the CCOs could yield, but also the need for monitoring of how the CCOs discharge their responsibilities to care for and value the natural environment. In the Waitakere Ranges we have long been aware of how CCOs have failed to meet those responsibilities. Again, it is not acceptable to spend additional funds on safeguarding and restoring our natural 'infrastructure' if the CCOs are simultaneously degrading them or not factoring into their plans and approaches the necessary understanding to enable them to do otherwise.



**Submission - Auckland Council 10 year Recovery Budget 2021-31
by The Tree Council**

21 March 2021

From: The Tree Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council (TTC)'s submission on the **10 year Recovery Budget 2021-31**.

This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.

We wish to speak to our submission if that opportunity is provided.

Key Points:

1. We support extending the Water Quality and Natural Environment targeted rates until 2031. Specifically for investment in water quality projects in the Manukau Harbour and an additional \$107 million to lock in the benefits

gained from pest control initiatives and ensure ongoing protection for native species such as endangered kauri.

2. We disagree with selling "surplus properties" because the identification of these properties as "surplus" has been totally flawed with insufficient consultation with local communities and local boards and no respect shown for the views of locals in the decision making. Many of these properties proposed for sale are small parks and reserves that could be planted with native trees that are allowed to grow to maturity. Auckland is rapidly running out of space for large trees so every possible location for them should be retained and utilised in line with the Council's Urban Ngahere Strategy.
3. We consider that borrowing should be maintained at the higher ratio of up to 290 per cent in the longer term. Interest rates are at an all time low and Council should be making the most of that opportunity to borrow more while it is affordable. We consider that Council should be borrowing more and selling off less of our assets. We do not support deferring of local capital projects.
4. We support a one-off increase of 5 per cent in the next financial year but also believe that rates rises have been suppressed for years due to political pressure and that this has left the city under funded and unsustainable. We have suffered a loss in services & sale of assets for this reason. Therefore we support a higher than 3.5 per cent rates increase in the long-term and believe that 5% pa for the 10 year period of this plan would be acceptable rather than more asset sales.
5. We do not believe we are moving fast enough or investing enough to offset climate change or the deterioration of the natural environment. We cannot afford not to invest in these things if future Aucklanders are going to have a liveable city and country. We support larger investment to make more progress towards achieving climate goals and do not understand why an option to achieve the required goals is not being consulted on. We would support a targeted rate if necessary for this. We consider that funding to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts is essential now and should not be deferred to some unspecified time in the future. Once our ecosystems go beyond a tipping point it will be impossible to bring them back and every year delay increases the amount of investment needed to make a difference. If Council cannot afford to spend \$800k to

process the current nominations for scheduled trees then there is something seriously wrong with your budgeting and prioritisation. Spend more now to protect our future.

In relation to this, while there is extensive analysis in the supporting documents of the impacts of initiatives such as planting, electrification and so on, we see nothing mentioned about the vital priority of significantly increasing the protection of existing indigenous or mixed forest areas, and existing urban trees. The importance of the protection of the Waitakere Ranges forest cannot be overstated, and it is quite illogical to spend money on other initiatives without making this the first priority. Further, to spend \$27 million to plant 29,000 street trees while not reinstating the blanket protection of urban trees on private land is quite unacceptable, not to say illogical, and we strongly urge Council to lobby central government to reinstate tree protection on private land now. Council recently claimed not to be able to fund the processing of scheduling for 587 nominated notable trees (cost \$800k). These mature trees, among the most significant and largest in the city, will be lost to development if they are not individually protected by scheduling. Their contribution as carbon sinks will far outweigh the contribution from 1000s of planted saplings for decades. Budget must be made available now to do this work and protect these mature notable trees.

6. Growth - Council is not investing enough in more parks and green spaces. In fact many smaller reserves are being sold as "surplus to requirements". As Auckland intensifies access to green spaces becomes more important for those without gardens of their own. There is no dedicated acquisition budget for new regional parks which means that Council is unable to react to buy suitable properties when they are offered. This is unacceptable for providing for the open space needs of a growing city. Development contributions should be increased to fund infrastructure rather than increased rates.
7. Need to work with central government to prevent the urbanisation of high quality soils in south Auckland needed for growing food close to the city. This is short sighted and stupid. This requires a change in zoning for this area in the Unitary Plan.
8. Congestion - particularly in rapidly growing NW Auckland is appalling. Passenger rail needs to be urgently provided to Huapai - even on a 1 track diesel system in the short term because the roads are already completely jammed all the way into the city at commuter times. As more development happens in this area over the next 10 years this situation is only going to get worse. Express buses from Titirangi and other communities along the Manukau Harbour have been stopped - why? This is not going to encourage

an increase in public transport use from these outlying suburbs. In addition we urgently need shuttle buses or similar for Piha, Karekare, Waiatarua, Te Henga and Waitakere Village to get people out of their cars.

9. Community investment - community properties should be kept and maintained. Local Boards are well placed to advise on what assets the community needs and wants.
 - a. Libraries are essential community assets and services and staffing levels should not be cut. We support the removal of fines, but we do not support the current management restructuring and reduction of staffing levels which will result in reduced levels of service for communities.
 - b. We support maintaining and increasing funding for the arts and community arts facilities such as Lopdell House, Te Uru and Corbans Estate in west Auckland as these are high quality and essential community facilities.
10. We support the homelessness fund and other initiatives to protect vulnerable communities, Māori, Pacifica and other ethnic communities. All Council contractors should be paid a Living Wage as a minimum.
11. We do not support the expansion of the Urban Rating Area for communities like Herald Island that most certainly do not have the same level of services as those in the city.
12. We support the Electricity Resilience Targeted Rate.
13. We support the reinstatement of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate from 1 April 2021.
14. We support the extension of the City Centre Targeted Rate.
15. We support the proposed new fees and increases.

16. We support the removal of library late return fees.

17. Regarding strategic assets. We believe that Bledisloe House should be sold.

Submission to: Auckland Council - LTP

From: Auckland GE-Free Coalition (AGEFC)

Submission to the 10-year budget 2021-2031 Key issue 2 - Response to Climate Change ; Key issue 5- the Natural Environment; Environment Management and Regulation; and Maori Outcomes

Thank you for the opportunity for the public to have a say on the LTP.

Auckland GE- Free Coalition (AGEFC) is a network of community members and environmental groups concerned for regulation of the risks of Genetic Engineering, and has long contributed to Council community consultations and plans.

To give adequate support to the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) we ask that the LT Plan include wording and budget commitment for AUP E37, regarding Genetically Modified Organisms.

AUP E37 includes an precautionary approach and important cost-recovery policies that protect Ratepayers from exposure to the financial risk of GMO use.

This responds to deficiencies in the HSNO Act including inadequate liability provisions and no mandatory requirement for the EPA to take a precautionary approach to outdoor GE/GMO applications.

This protection from costs in the absence of commercial insurance is even more important given budget challenges from Covid-19. Many of the economic advantages of Auckland land use are agricultural. To prepare for CCA we believe it is important to support sustainable solutions and mitigate against extra costs associated with new technologies like GMOs.

Auckland Unitary Plan E37 policies on GMO must be reflected in priorities and budget needs of the Long Term Plan 10-year budget 2021-2031

We ask that adequate funds are budgeted to be included in the new LTP 2021/31 plan for addressing management of GMOs (particularly important in

the event of an EPA approved GE/GMO outdoor application for a GE/GMO experiment/ field trial/ release)

This is in response to the consultation Issues for the LTP cited above.

It is required to meet the Auckland operative Unitary Plan precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMOs provisions/ policy and regulations

Council is also asked to recognise cost efficiencies of this budget being use in collaboration as part of the Inter Council Working Group on Management of GMOs. This approach has been effective in the past and reflects the values and concerns of the diverse Auckland communities.

The Inter-Council Working Party on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Risk Evaluation and Management Options was established to respond to community concerns in the Northland region about GMOs. The Far North, Whangarei, and Kaipara District Councils, Auckland Council and Northland Regional Council are represented on the working party.

As a community- supported outcome The Auckland operative Unitary Plan contains valuable precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMOs provisions, for both land and the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) aligned with various Long Term Council Community Plans (LTCCPs/ LTP's) containing precautionary and prohibitive wording/ policies

These reflect community wishes and aspirations, to protect our existing valuable GE/GMO free status, set policy direction, and budgetary requirements.

These precautions are important to diverse communities across Auckland and the outcome of extensive community consultation over many years (including prior to the creation of Auckland Council, involving Waitakere City Council, Rodney District Council, North Shore, Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council, etc)

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We urge council to ensure budget support for the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMOs policy/ wording is in the new Auckland LTP 2021/23 (and that gene edited organisms are clearly noted as GMOs)

The budget should be sufficient for further collaboration with other regional and local councils to address the risks of outdoor GE/GMOs.

Auckland Council has worked collaboratively for many years - as a full member of the Auckland/ Northland "Inter Council Working Party on GMO Risk Evaluation and Management Options"- with every single Northland council (including all 3 District councils and Northland Regional Council. Excellent results have been achieved through the innovative and fiscally responsible, collaborative work of the ICWP on GMOs, in order to protect biosecurity, biodiversity, the wider environment, existing GM free primary producers, exports, diverse cultural values, and food safety.

Climate change

We strongly support council doing everything in its power to ameliorate climate change but note our strong opposition to any outdoor use of GE/GMOs/ gene edited organisms. The inclusion of E37 funding in the new Auckland LTP 2021/31 is important to respect the Auckland operative Unitary Plan and community wishes/ aspirations for Auckland region.

We have particular concerns about false claims of benefit of gene edited trees, grasses, animals from the pro biotech industry. NZ CRI AgResearch has advocated the use of controversial and risky Gene edited ryegrass (despite the impossibility of keeping such a GMO separate from nonGM grasses). Vectors for contamination are considerable: soils, pollen, seeds, vegetative material, machinery, wind, water, etc.

Protection of soil health and biodiversity are integral for authentic climate-smart and regenerative agriculture. Regulation of GMOs and protections in the Auckland Plan are part of this kaupapa.

We note that the FSC and PEFC (global certification bodies for truly sustainable forestry) prohibit the use of any GE/GMO trees, due to the serious ecological risks, their adherence to the Precautionary Principle, and market aversion.

Council's strategic planners are asked to respect democratic process and public concerns for GMO precautions for Auckland to be included in plans. They must ensure they are informed about why it is wrong to block policy or funding:

<https://www.psg.org.nz/genetic-engineering-new-breeding-technologies/faqs>

Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility/ Responsible Genetics Charitable Trust (NZ)

Three major reports commissioned by the Working Party have identified a range of risks involved with the trialling and release of GMOs.

Auckland's Unitary Plan has approaches to managing those risks.

Environmental risks

- GMOs becoming invasive and affecting non-target species including indigenous flora and fauna
- the development of herbicide or pesticide resistance creating 'super-weeds' or 'super-pests'
- long term effects on ecosystem functioning.

Socio-cultural risks

- effects on Maori cultural beliefs of whakapapa, mauri, tikanga
- ethical concerns about mixing genes from different species including human genes
- concerns about the long term safety of genetically engineered food.

Economic risks

- loss of income through contamination (or perceived contamination) of non-GMO food products
- negative effects on marketing and branding opportunities such as 'clean and green' or 'naturally Northland'
- costs associated with environmental damage such as clean-up costs for invasive weeds or pests.

Thank you.

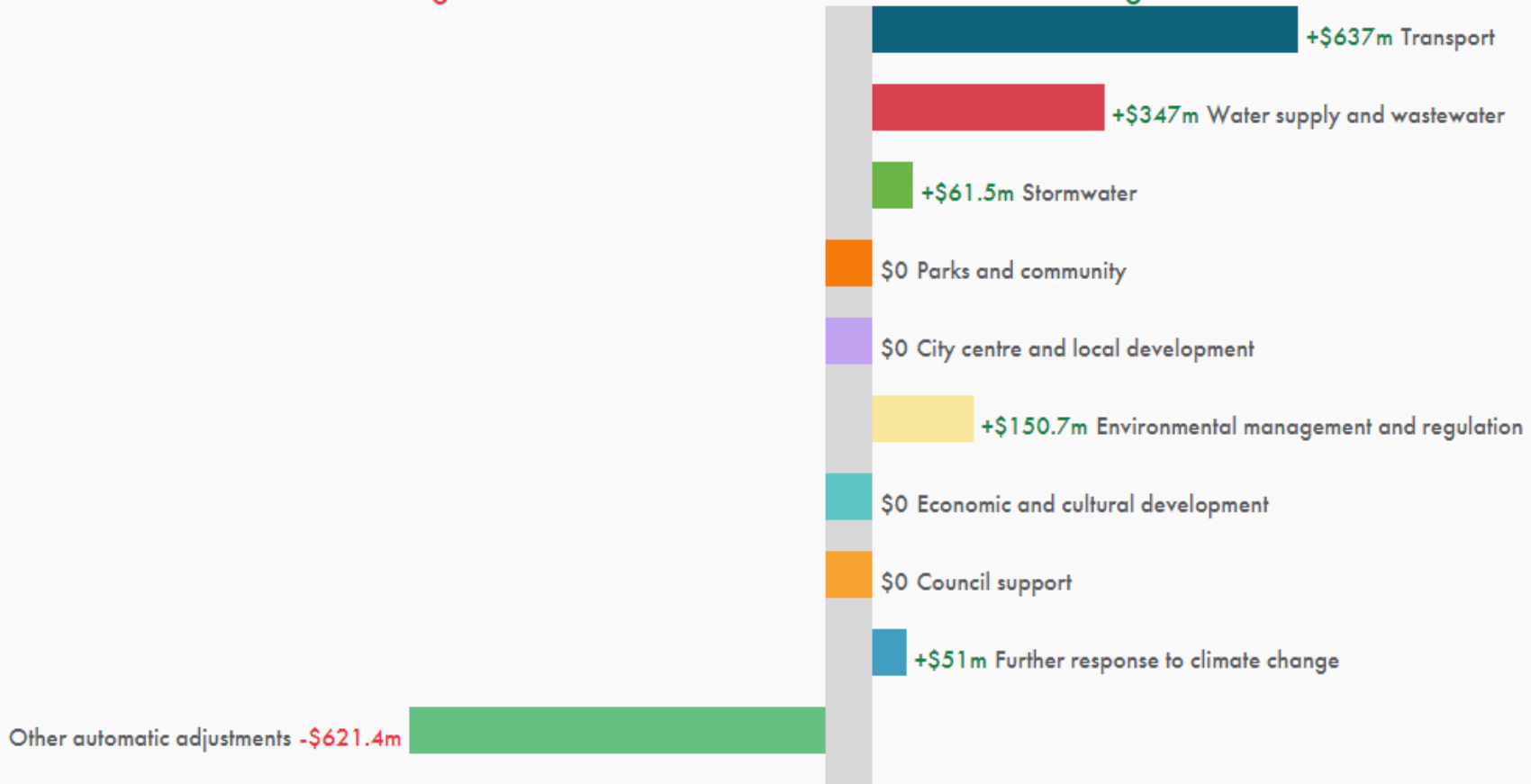
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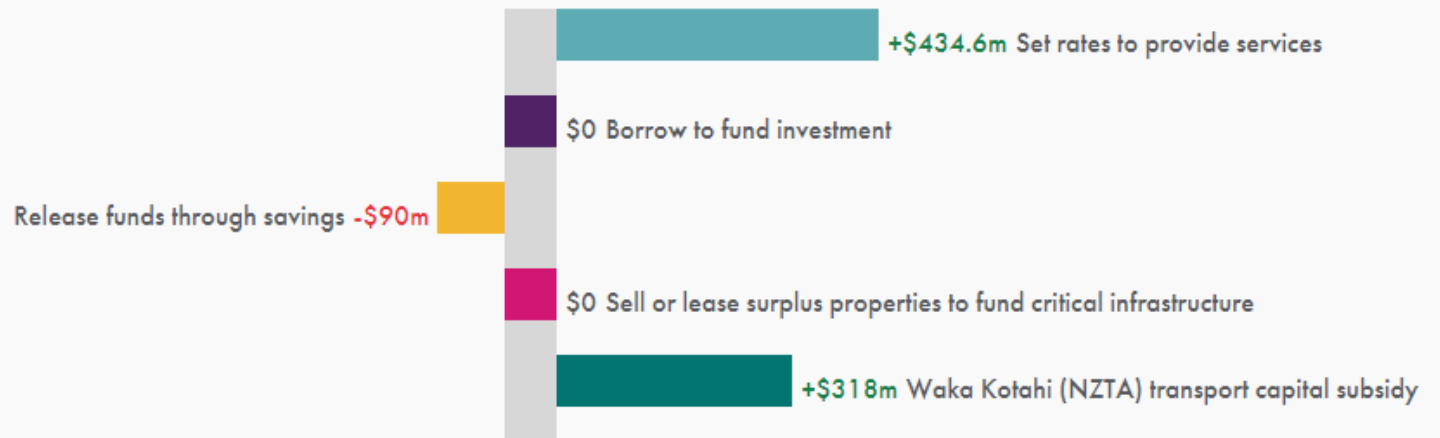
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Last name: _____

Email or postal address: _____

Your local board: WAITAKERE RANGES

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

Name of organisation or business: CLOUD DANCER TRUST

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

- Support
- Do not support
- Other
- Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Climate change

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

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

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

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

- Support the proposed increased investment
- Do not support increased investment
- Other
- Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Water quality

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

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

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

Extending the targeted rate

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

Increasing the targeted rate

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

What is your opinion on this proposal?

- Support the extension and the increase
- Support the extension only
- Do not support either change
- Other
- Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Community investment

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

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

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

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

What is your opinion on this proposal **#13071**

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Rating policy

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

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

What is your opinion on the following rating policy proposals?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

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



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

- Support option 1** – targeted rate of \$238 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located up to 500m walking distance of a proposed bus stop
- Support option 2** – targeted rate of \$153 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located in the wider Paremoremo and Lucas Heights area of the Upper Harbour Local Board
- Do not support either option**
- Don't know**

Tell us why:

Do you live in the affected area?

We are proposing other changes to rates and fees, including the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector to fund council's tree management programme around the Vector overhead power lines and options to reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate. Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges (see pages 35, 36, 39-47)? (please be clear which proposal you are talking about).

Local boards

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

Which local board area does your feedback relate to?

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

- I support all priorities
- I support most priorities
- I do not support most priorities

- I do not support any priorities
- Other
- Don't know

Tell us why:

What is important to you?

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

SEE ATTACHED LETTER

19 March 2021

Manager Financial Policy
Auckland Council

Dear

Re: **Proposal to remove Farm & Lifestyle Rates Differential on 43
Minnehahha Avenue, Titirangi
Assessment # 12341886595**

The trust believes that there is no justification for charging its property in Minnehaha Avenue and others of the like the full general rates charged to urban residential properties.

This property is zoned a Significant Ecological Area by the council, which means that it is basically a forest park. It has groves of mature kauri, kahikatea, rimu, supplejack, rata and many other natives species, along with many species of native and other birds and insects. Some of the trees are several hundred years old, and through careful management, so far there is no kauri dieback evident.

In short, it is native forestland with a ranger's cottage, the forest being maintained for the benefit of the community at large. As such it should attract rates only on the curtilage of the cottage.

The property has no potential for subdivision or the creation of additional housing – of which the city is in desperate need.

Trees cannot be cut or removed.

Nothing can be done with this land other than to leave it as it is, to the benefit of the community at large. Owning such a property is a public service that should be recognised by council.

This suggestion to increase the rates on properties such as ours appears to be a blatant rates grab, with no account taken of the public service they provide, or the restrictions imposed on the owners. It is obvious that previous, more enlightened council(s) did see the benefit of such properties, hence the Farm and Lifestyle Rating Differential being implemented originally. What has changed? Little, if anything, apart from the

increasing importance of maintaining green areas within the ever expanding city boundaries.

Mr Duncan, in his 22 February 2021 letter, mentions that we

1. have the same access to council services as our urban neighbours, and
2. have access to much higher levels of council services than farm and lifestyle properties in rural areas.

The trust disputes both statements.

We have a footpath on one side of the street only.

We pay for rubbish collection through the bin tag levy.

We are on the “No Spray” register. Whilst our previous council used environmentally friendly steam based weed control, we now get none. Weeds are going viral.

Public transport is woeful and expensive, with no direct city link.

We have no public sewerage connection, although we pay for it.

Our “council services” are much more aligned to services provided to rural farm and lifestyle blocks than to our urban neighbours – a direct and absolute contradiction of Mr Duncan's assertions.

In summary, we see no rationale or fairness in increasing our rates to 100% of the urban residential rate. Rather, increased recognition should be given for the important public service we provide to the people of Auckland.

We assume that there will be a public hearing on this issue. The trust wishes to be heard.

Yours faithfully

for and on behalf of the Cloud Dance Trust.

19th March 2021

Submission to akhave your say@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Submission 10-year Budget 2021-2031 Recovery Budget

The Auckland Council Recovery Budget is an important document and should have resilience, social, environmental, financial, and economic wellbeing. All must be considered on an equal basis. Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency, this must be given top priority and not considered as an 'add on' to council projects.

Key Issue 2 Responding to climate change

We support plans for dealing with coastal erosion, we support increasing number of street trees.

There must be increased funding for continued active management of pests and threatened species, these native forests will not survive without.

There must be a stop to the cutting of mature native trees in Auckland. The continual massacre of these trees shows no stopping. There needs to be a schedule and protection of native trees. We agree that housing is a priority but with large amounts of concrete and trees and green space not being a priority, community well being will soon show signs of deterioration. The spending of \$27 million to plant 29,000 street trees while not reinstating the blanket protection of urban trees is quite unacceptable, not to say stupid. We strongly urge Council to reinstate protection of urban trees now.

Growth – Council is not investing enough in more parks and green spaces. Many small reserves or pocket parks are being sold as “surplus to requirements”. This was evidenced by the recent sale of a green space adjacent to the Nola land in Glengarry Road. Despite the Local Board and the community, requesting this small green strip be developed into a green space for the 250 new homes being built on the Nola land, and providing a green corridor to the Milan Reserve, the land has been sold. It is extremely disappointing that a unilateral decision was made prior to the Nola land being sold and the value this green space would provide of community wellbeing.

Congestion – urgent consideration needs to be given to rail to Huapai, this area is developing quickly. Urgent consideration needs to be given to feeder buses to the rail stations. In the Glen Eden area with the development of intensive housing many with no car parking or garages, roading is becoming clogged with commuter and cars from nearby houses, small feeder buses could bring these people to the station mornings and evenings.

Community Investment – We are opposed to the “focused investment approach” of moving away from delivering services through community assets. Community centres are the heart of the community and many projects, courses, activities are offered from these facilities for all ages of the community. Yes, the building may be old and may need repairs and that is what should be done, not sold. In new community’s large community facilities are being built, large skateparks, libraries and playgrounds – we have none of that in Glen Eden, Titirangi and Green Bay. To even consider selling our community facilities is outrageous. You have no idea what goes on in our community facilities and the value community places on them.

Urban Growth – we believe most strongly that class A soils need to be kept to produce food. It was evident during Covid the need for New Zealand to be self sufficient.

Local Board Priorities – we do not support deferring any local capital projects and would want to see the long overdue Glen Eden village development continue. With the big increase of people coming to live around the CBD it is important this area is safe, friendly, and vibrant.

Water Quality Targeted Rate proposal – we support the proposed extension of the WQTR from 2028 to 2031 providing an additional \$150 million. It is essential to deliver improved water quality in the Manakau Harbour. We would like to see specific plans to clean up West Coast beaches and lagoons. It is not acceptable to have so many beaches and lagoons that are polluted and unable to be swimmable. This has gone on for too long, there must be change and our beaches and lagoons restored.

Other matters

We support the homelessness fund.

We support that all council employees and contractors should be paid The Living Wage.

We support the assistance volunteer environmental projects receive from Auckland Council.

We support a review of the rates refund for seniors. The threshold is too high and many seniors are struggling to stay in their homes. This review is urgent.

We support the review of CCO’s and await the report on this review back to the community.

We support Auckland Council funding the balance needed to complete the Walkway Walk/Cycleway. This is essential for commuting.

As a Council, you have declared a Climate Emergency, what does this mean? It is not only a document. It means so many positive things. As a Council you could and should be doing, as we have outlined in our submission.

10-year Budget 2021-2031

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- Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why: The proposal is sensible & hard to argue against. But council needs to focus more on the peripheral areas rather than city centre

Climate change

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

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

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

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

- Support the proposed increased investment Do not support increased investment Other Don't know

Tell us why: Refer to our enclosed statement which will inform our support for this

Water quality

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

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

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

Extending the targeted rate

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

Increasing the targeted rate

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

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

What is your opinion on this proposal?

- Support the extension and the increase Support the extension only Do not support either change Other Don't know

Tell us why:

Community investment

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

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

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

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

What is your opinion on this proposal?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why: _____

Rating policy

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

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

What is your opinion on the following rating policy proposals?

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

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

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

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

Do not support either option

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the affected area?

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

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

Local boards

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

Which local board area does your feedback relate to?

Waitakere Ranges

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

I support all priorities

I support most priorities

I do not support most priorities

I do not support any priorities

Other

Don't know

Tell us why: _____

What is important to you?

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



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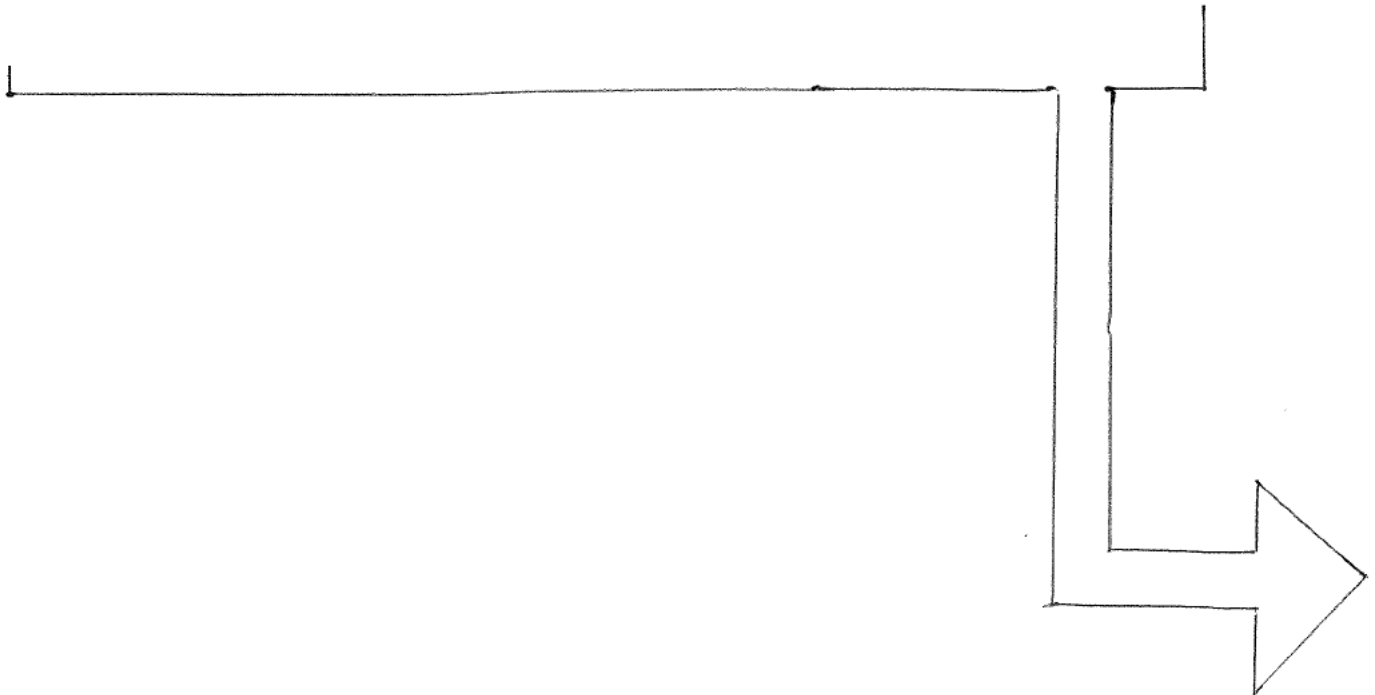
Our submission is in respect of and specifically regarding:
Number 26 Fawcett Road, Laingholm.- Lot 6 DP 63221

Council needs to be aware that this approximately 4.5 Hectare property is a whole of title covenanted block under the Queen Elizabeth Second National Trust, which is of the view that there needs to be substantial rates remission applied to these types of properties. In fact, there are councils within New Zealand where QE II covenanted properties are designated as non -rateable. One of the recommendations of the soon-to-be-released National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity is that on properties such as these, they should be non-rated or there should be substantial rates remission rather than a rates increase.

To explain what a QE II covenant means:

- 1) The total area of the property is covered by the covenant.
- 2) The property has to be of significant biodiversity and natural landscape.
- 3) The property is a sanctuary for both flora and birdlife.
- 4) The covenant is in PERPETUITY.
- 5) The property can NEVER be subdivided.
- 6) The property is inspected regularly by QE II inspectors to ensure that pest and noxious vegetation are controlled by the owners.

It appears that council seems to be of the view that all farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area will eventually become part of the urban development of the city. This may be true of these properties, but it will never apply to this property for the reasons outlined above. Therefore we are asking for this property to be removed from council's proposal for a rates increase.





F R I E N D S O F A R A T A K I

SUBMISSION FROM THE FRIENDS OF ARATAKI & WAITAKERE RANGES REGIONAL PARKLAND INC ON THE DRAFT OF THE 10-BUDGET 2021-2031

This submission is made on behalf of the Friends of Arataki & Waitakere Ranges Regional Parkland Inc, a small voluntary community-based group established in 1995. We are an Incorporated Society and a registered Charitable Organisation, run by an Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees.

Our purpose is to:

- Participate in the care and enhancement of the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park and the Arataki Visitor Centre
- Encourage outdoor education and conservation through the organisation of activities for all ages, such as functions, lectures, and educational programmes
- Assist Auckland Council promoting and supporting the interests of the Arataki Visitor Centre and the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park
- Provide assets for the Centre and the Park to enhance visitor experience
- Organise social and educational functions and events for the benefit of members, other groups and the general public

Local partnerships: We cooperate and work with other groups and organisations with similar aims, such as Friends of Whatipu, Pest Free Waitakere Ranges Alliance, Friends of the Regional Parks, local R&R groups. We were a major partner in establishing the Ark in the Park through funding and active support. Also we work closely with Te Kawerau a Maki, Arataki Visitor Centre, Regional Parks and the Waitakere Ranges Local Board and local Councillors.

The detail of our submission is as follows:

Proposed 10-year budget

Overall we support the proposal and its funding with some reservations.

Responding to climate change

We support the proposal. If additional funding is not made available, the consequences for the environment are too great, e.g. on kauri and therefore our forests. However we are concerned that the proposed measures are insufficient and more funding is needed. For example, we are concerned to see that the work urgently needed to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts are not being funded in the proposal. It is our view that deferring this until some unspecified future time will only have lasting and detrimental effects on the environment that would almost certainly require higher funding to deal with.

Protecting and enhancing our environment

Natural Environment Targeted Rate

We support retaining the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and increasing it. Addressing issues such as kauri die-back, track re-opening and predator and weed control are vital. We note that parks expenditure and spending from the environmental fund have slowed. Revenue should be spent as it is gathered and not staggered. Regional Parks are experiencing increasing use that is putting additional pressure on rangers and infrastructure. Funding needs to be able to deal with this adequately.

Water Quality Targeted Rate

We support the retention of this rate and the annual increase. Attention to the Manukau Harbour is urgently needed. With regard to the role of on-site wastewater treatment and disposal in pollution, failures in the maintenance of such systems have adverse effects on waterways and harbours. We recommend to Council that they give serious consideration to using the model adopted by Waitakere City Council to maximise community involvement. Although adoption of this model post 2010 was rejected by the Governing Body, it is worth looking at again. Enforce regulations through co-operation rather than punitive measures.

Investment in our community

While we appreciate the rationale behind this proposal, there are aspects that raise concerns for us.

Libraries: With the decision to move the “community hub” function from Local Board Offices to Libraries extra responsibilities will be put on Library Staff. Adequate funding to allow more staff to be employed and trained must be ensured. There is also the possible

loss of knowledge and experience. Presumably redeployment of the frontline staff members in the Board Offices to the local Library would help mitigate this expenditure.

We support the abolition of fines. Consideration should be given to ending lending fees for new acquisitions while continuing the shorter loan term.

Other community facilities such as pools and community houses. We note that no allowance has been made for urgent renewals beyond the first three years. We are opposed to this and consider that some allowance should be made for future years. Regarding the proposal for asset sales, our concern would be that these sales occur before replacement venues etc are in place. These facilities are being very well used and are growing in importance for the wellbeing of the community, especially post-COVID. The move to more digital services is also a concern in that it would disadvantage people without ready access to technology or lacking the confidence to use it. This would be a particular issue for older people and low-income families. The increase in community partnerships to ensure service delivery shifts the responsibility onto the community and groups will need to be supported. This should be done by Council and therefore needs adequate funding.

Transport

Getting Around.

Public Transport: In the proposal no attention seems to have been given to public transport needs in the outer areas. The lack of public transport in most cases entails considerable travel to access public transport. The fact there will be no further growth in Park and Ride facilities will serve only to further disadvantage residents in these areas.

Also, in the Waitakere Ranges for example, the increase in visitor numbers to parks and beaches results in more cars. Restricted opportunities for infrastructure such as parking areas and narrow roads, mean that roadside parking makes many roads very difficult for emergency vehicles to use easily and safely.

Impact of growth on transport overall means more buses are needed and high-density housing needs to be concentrated in easy distance of transport hubs.

Roads: Deficiencies in road and footpath maintenance need to be addressed, including the regular clearing of culverts where currently blockages lead to flooding and undermining of road surfaces.

Pedestrian – Provision of appropriate infrastructure and maintenance, including surface and overhanging vegetation is necessary.

Cycle ways – great in urban areas but not unfortunately viable in in outer the areas with narrow roads, etc. Except that more and more cyclists seem to use these areas as a competition route.

Filming

While we recognise the benefits that come from filming, we consider that the revenue Council gets from this activity should be spent in the area where the filming takes place and not put into the general revenue stream and available to communities to be used locally for community projects – environmental, well-being, and the like.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this draft.

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I am writing on behalf of the Waitākere Ranges Protection Society (WRPS) to submit on **Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021-2031, the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 (Recovery Budget) consultation document.**

Background on the WRPS

The WRPS was incorporated in 1973. Its purpose is the conservation and protection of the Waitākere Ranges and to oppose any activity that may threaten or adversely affect the natural environment in the area, including the coastal and marine environment.

WRPS and its members are strong advocates for the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Waitākere Ranges and WRPS was one of the key groups promoting the concept of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area (WRHA) for 35 years before it was achieved through an Act of Parliament in 2008.

Introduction

The WRHA is of local, regional and national significance due to its unique heritage features outlined in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act (WRHA Act) which (s7 (1) (2)) sets out that the heritage area is of national significance, with heritage features including that the area provides a diversity of habitats for indigenous flora and fauna; (s7 (a)) its terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems of prominent indigenous character and (l) it's distinctive local communities. The WRHA is also unique because of the population it services; New Zealand's largest metropolitan area with a relatively low proportion of accessible natural/non-built environments. The WRHA Act clearly states that among the heritage features (s7) of the area are: (g) the opportunities that the area provides for wilderness experiences, recreation, and relaxation in close proximity to metropolitan Auckland (m) the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and its importance as an accessible public place with significant natural, historical, cultural, and recreational resources. It is therefore of significant and increasing value as it constitutes an essential public amenity for an increasingly urbanised population.

The WRHA Act sets out objectives which include to protect, restore and enhance the WRHA and its heritage features. Adverse cumulative effects of activities on the WRHA's heritage features must also be recognised and avoided. Auckland Council is also obliged, when considering decisions that threaten serious or irreversible damage to a heritage feature, to endeavour to protect the heritage feature.

Kauri dieback disease is threatening one of New Zealand's most iconic species. It is the single greatest threat to conservation values in the Auckland region. The disease could, if not successfully managed, eliminate kauri from the region and from New Zealand. The Department of Conservation lacks the resources to manage its own lands, which leaves Auckland Council's regional parks in the Waitākere and Hunua Ranges as the "last chance for kauri" on the mainland of the Auckland Region and possibly in New Zealand.

*Specific submissions***Key issue 2: Responding to climate change**

Take matua 2: Urupare ki te huringa āhuarangi

We support the key outcome areas and areas for climate investment:

- Coastal investment and developing coastal management plans to respond to coastal erosion.
- Increasing permanent native forests.
- Increasing the numbers of street trees in urban areas, especially native trees.

- Address the issues of toxic burden from closed landfills (however it is inadequate to only protect 4 of the council's 85 closed coastal landfills)

Key issue 5: Protecting and enhancing the environment

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

7.5 Natural Environment Targeted Rate Proposal

- We strongly support the extension of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) from 2028 to 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control.
- In addition we believe an INCREASE in the Natural Environment targeted Rate, as well as the extension, is crucial to on-going adequate management and protection of important areas such as the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

7.6 Water Quality Targeted Rate proposal

WRPS supports:

- the proposed extension of the WQTR from 2028 to 2031.
- that this extension would be to deliver improved water quality in the Manukau Harbour

Monitoring information of West coast lagoons, wetlands, and streams indicates significant contaminant is due to poorly performing septic tanks and long drops, with additional sources including bird droppings, dog faeces, and ruminant sources – further possible sources include possums, rats, pets, and other mammals living in the bush.¹ Therefore, WRPS submits that:

- It is necessary to have specific plans to clean up important West coast areas such as the Piha lagoon, Karekare lagoon, and Te Henga lagoon.
- Appropriate management includes the serious involvement of Tanagta Whenua. The lagoons were historically highly regarded as taonga.
- There is no specific mention of septic tanks. It is essential to improve these systems for the health of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

¹ Ducker, D. (2015).

Part Six: Local board priorities

Te Wāhanga Tuaono: Aronha mātāmua a ngā poari ā-rohe

What is proposed for the Waitakere Ranges Local Board Area:

Under Key advocacy initiatives for 2021-2031 in the draft Recovery Budget, we support that the WRHA is a local priority area for funding, but are disappointed at the three suggested initiatives. We would like to see key advocacy initiatives and priority areas which better reflect those set out in the Local Board Plan 2020.

We strongly support the Local Board Plan 2020 priorities as laid out in the Message from the Chairperson of the WRLB, where;

- 1) the WRHA is protected and enhanced and connections with surrounding communities are strengthened, and;
- 2) we work to respect, protect, and restore the environment are laid out as clear priority areas.

We would like to see these two clearly prioritise in the Recovery Budget, under priorities and key advocacy initiatives.

Other feedback

Under current policy only 50% of rural Auckland is under sustained possum control, and 66% of ecologically significant parkland under sustained pest plant and pathogen control - this is not good enough. Majority of ecosystems remain without co-ordinated management, and three quarters of threatened species remain without active management. Indigenous biodiversity in the region is under substantial stress due to invasive species.

Without increased funding for, and continued active management of pest and threatened species, maintaining and increasing our native forests won't be successful, and our native forests have an essential role in future climate resilience.

The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society is concerned the proposal is not focussed enough in regards to long term environmental protection and management of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

With the growth of Auckland City the Waitākere Ranges are more important than ever before and are more than ever at risk with pressures from diseases and pests. We need immediate action on the following points:

- A strong NO to reductions in pest control programmes, delayed track upgrades for kauri dieback, cuts to kauri dieback research and environmental services staff redundancies.
- Ensure continuation projects that address flooding and pollution on our beaches
- Retain and INCREASE Local Board discretionary funding at current levels for our community

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "AM Fomison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line to the left of the text.

Anna Maria Fomison
President
Waitākere Ranges Protection Society

**Submission – Auckland Council’s 10-year Budget 2021-31
by Laingholm and District Citizens Association (LDCA) Inc.**

DATE 22 March, 2021

From: Laingholm and District Citizens Association (LDCA)

Thank you for the opportunity to present the LDCA’s submission on **Auckland Council’s 10-year Budget 2021-31**

The Laingholm and District Citizen’s Association (LDCA), was formed in the 1930s to represent the Laingholm community to local government and through its activity benefit the community at large. Incorporated in its current form in 1998, the purposes of the Association are to act as a non-profit body to support and promote the economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing and long term benefit of the residents and ratepayers (and any other persons having community of interest) of Laingholm and District.

Key Points:

1. We support extending the Water Quality and Natural Environment targeted rates until 2031. Specifically for investment in water quality projects in the Manukau Harbour and an additional \$107 million to lock in the benefits gained from pest control initiatives and ensure ongoing protection for native species such as endangered kauri.

It is very important that all the funds actually collected via NETR are applied to what are genuine priorities.

It is also our understanding that a proportion of the funds from last year was not available as a result of the Council’s inability to borrow money to make them available, even though the information documents that have been provided to Aucklanders imply strongly that these funds were applied with substantial impact.

It is stated in the consultation documents that even the extension to the NETR will result in only maintaining 50% of rural Auckland under sustained possum control and maintaining 66% of priority ecologically significant parkland under sustained pest plant control. This is not an adequate outcome.

Animal and plant pest control and the coordinated management of indigenous ecosystems must be taken seriously. The natural infrastructure of our region is under threat. This is perhaps the most serious risk that needs to be managed at this time.

Council must ensure that funds are available to do this properly. However, it must also ensure that it specifies and monitors the right outcomes from its own activity. This means that when all work with an environmental impact is contracted out by itself or CCOs, e.g. weed management, civil works, etc., then that environmental impact is identified in advance, managed according to

best practices and monitored *post hoc*. To levy rates while failing to do this is not acceptable.

2. We disagree with Council's proposal as presented, around selling "surplus properties" because the identification of these properties as "surplus" can easily be flawed.

It is concern, for example, in the large consultation document (Table, P562), that a category of assets includes, "Parks and facilities, Community based assets, Not 'run as a business' ", and that this includes "Large number of assets" which may be seen to have "Potential higher value or alternative use".

It is proposed that assets be evaluated on their 'strategic' value, though how that is determined is not said. No assets must be disposed of without consultation with the local boards and communities concerned. These assets are not owned independently by Council but on behalf of the communities they serve. If *those communities* wish the assets to be repurposed, or sold and the funds used for a different purpose, this is quite acceptable, but to decide autocratically is not acceptable. Also, as has already been shown, Council ignorance of the history or nature of these assets can result in very unwise decisions carrying risks, as demonstrated in two instances already in the Waitakere Ranges area where disposals were fortunately stalled by local people pointing out the facts.

3. We support a one-off increase of 5 per cent in the next financial year as we believe that rates rises have been suppressed for years due to political pressure and that this has left the city underfunded and unsustainable. We have suffered a loss in important services and assets have been sold for this reason.
4. We consider that borrowing should be maintained at the higher ratio of up to 290 per cent in the longer term, rather than Council cutting services or selling off our assets. Interest rates are at an all time low: this is not a fluctuating market subject to fleeting trends: and even conservative forecasters know that we have entered a global recession which will not pass quickly. We feel that Council has far more leverage with lenders than it is using, and given the size and stability of Auckland Council as a credit risk, can be confident to manage a debt of this relative size. The financial information suggests that Council's net derivative liability is now \$2 billion. Effective interest rate is 4.1% and Auckland Council should be in a position where it can borrow at cheaper rates. Council should review their use of derivatives. As a comparison last year Wellington City's effective interest rate for borrowing was 3.4%. We acknowledge the advice of the credit rating agencies that increased borrowing always has the potential to impact credit rating, but the agencies have not advised against the move. The way Council is managing this, is going to cost the City a great deal of money in every year of this budget, and it is seeking to recoup this from rates increases. We ask that Council seriously review this situation
5. We do not believe we are moving fast enough or investing enough to offset climate change or the deterioration of the natural environment. We cannot afford not to invest in these things if future Aucklanders are going to have a liveable city and country. We support larger investment to make more progress towards achieving climate goals and do not understand why an option to achieve the required goals is not being consulted on. We would support a targeted rate if necessary for this. We consider that funding to support our native species and ecosystems to be resilient to climate impacts is essential now and should not be deferred to some unspecified time in the future. Once our ecosystems go beyond a tipping point it will be impossible to bring

them back and every year delay increases the amount of investment needed to make a difference. Spend more now to protect our future.

In relation to this, while there is extensive analysis in the supporting documents of the impacts of initiatives such as planting, electrification and so on, we see nothing mentioned about the vital priority of significantly increasing the protection of existing indigenous or mixed forest areas, and existing urban trees. The importance of the protection of the Waitakere Ranges forest cannot be overstated, and it is quite illogical to spend money on other initiatives without making this the first priority. Further, to spend **\$27 million to plant 29,000 street trees** while not reinstating the blanket protection of urban trees is quite unacceptable, not to say illogical, and we strongly urge Council to lobby central government to reinstate tree protection on private land now.

In regard to this, Council recently claimed not to be able to fund the processing of scheduling for 587 nominated notable trees (cost \$800k). These mature trees, among the most significant and largest in the city, will be lost to development if they are not individually protected by scheduling. Their contribution as carbon sinks will far outweigh the contribution from 1000s of planted saplings for decades. Budget must be made available now to do this work and protect these mature notable trees.

6. Growth - Council is not investing enough in more parks and green spaces. In fact many smaller reserves are being sold as "surplus to requirements". As Auckland intensifies access to green spaces becomes more important for those without gardens of their own, as well as for these to provide small habitats for native birds. There is no dedicated acquisition budget for new regional parks, and this means that Council is unable to react to buy suitable properties when they are offered. This is unacceptable for providing for the open space needs of a growing city. Development contributions should be increased to fund infrastructure rather than increased rates.
7. We believe that Council needs to work with central government to prevent the urbanisation of high quality soils in south Auckland needed for growing food close to the city. It is vital to look ahead here, and to keep to the commitment to intensification, not succumb to public pressures from some residents favouring urban sprawl. This requires a change in zoning for this area in the Unitary Plan.
8. Congestion - particularly in rapidly growing NW Auckland is appalling. Passenger rail needs to be urgently provided to Huapai - even on a one-track diesel system in the short term because the roads are already completely jammed all the way into the city at commuter times. As more development happens in this area over the next 10 years this situation is only going to get worse. We do not understand why express buses from Titirangi and other communities along the Manukau Harbour have been stopped, given the urgent need for better public transport. This is not going to encourage an increase in public transport use from these outlying suburbs.
9. We also strongly advocate for the provision of adequate public transport for more outlying areas. The current provision of buses does not meet needs, and can easily be improved if Auckland Transport is willing to consider the situation of residents through a systematic review and small-scale consultation process.

We urgently need a review of the 171 bus service through Laingholm, Woodlands Park and Waima. We need an hourly service, including weekends and evenings (like the South Titirangi

service). We need the service to run both ways through Laingholm (as it did prior to Auckland Transport's involvement). We need more bus stops and they should all be accessible. The bus timetable needs to accommodate the schools' timetables and there needs to be incentives to encourage children to use the bus to go to and from school, which would get cars off the road, reduce carbon emissions and improve safety outside our schools. An express service should be introduced between New Lynn and the City.

10. Such provisions also need to be made for residents of Piha, Karekare, Waiatarua, Te Henga and Waitakere Village, who currently have no option but to travel by car.
11. Community investment: community properties should be kept and maintained wherever communities can derive value from these. The loss of these properties through lack of maintenance would be tragic. If there are properties which Council has allowed to run down, it is very important that these are not automatically considered to be surplus just because people are not using them very much. It is important to understand that just because people don't like to use a degraded asset, this does not mean that the asset is not needed.
12. We support the homelessness fund and other initiatives to protect vulnerable communities, Māori, Pacifica and other ethnic communities. All Council contractors should be paid a Living Wage as a minimum.
13. We do not support the expansion of the Urban Rating Area for communities like Herald Island that most certainly do not have the same level of services as those in the city.
14. We support the Electricity Resilience Targeted Rate.
15. We support the reinstatement of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate from 1 April 2021.
16. We support the extension of the City Centre Targeted Rate.
17. We support the proposed new fees and increases.
18. We support the removal of library late return fees.
19. However, along with our support of these proposals, we also urge Council to review its threshold for the annual refund of a proportion of the rates bill for those on very low incomes. It is not appropriate that those attempting to live on low incomes, pensioners and others on benefits who have no extra disposable income whatever, to be simply faced with rate increases that they cannot meet. The income threshold for eligibility for a rate refund is already too low, and the refund is too small. This needs to be reviewed and revised for the 2021 mid-year, and annually thereafter. We cannot make living in Auckland inaccessible for those on low incomes or ask them to tolerate living in increasing poverty in order to do so.
20. Regarding strategic assets. We believe that Bledisloe House should be sold.
21. Local Board Priorities (Waitakere Ranges Local Board) - we support the stated proposals. In addition:
 - a. We do not support deferring of local capital projects.
 - b. We strongly support an additional \$3.5m investment for Greenways in the Waitakere Ranges Local Board area.
 - c. We also request once again that Auckland Council seriously review the inadequate funding allocation currently made for the Waitakere Ranges Local Board in the light of its

responsibility for the protection and management of the natural environment. The reasons for this, given the massive significance of these natural assets in the context of the Council's climate change obligations and the need to protect and restore biodiversity cannot be over-emphasised. The Local Board has a huge national responsibility in relation to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act that is not recognised in the level of funding provided to the Board.

22. Council also needs to report to the community on its progress in improving the oversight of CCOs. This is significant to this budget proposal in relation to two factors.

- a. The larger CCOs absorb the great majority of the available funds from rates. The independent CCO review clearly pointed out the urgency of reviewing how CCOs spend money, and it is not hard to infer that the lack of oversight by Council, the need for integrated strategic planning and structures, and the general operations of Auckland Transport, say, have impacts on whether or not money is spent efficiently or with appropriate accountability. This would include, *inter alia*, how contract costs are evaluated before bids are received, how contracts are awarded, how cost overruns are funded, how the frequency of maintenance work that is carried out is decided, and so forth. The review stated, poignantly, that "The . . . council has all the necessary levers at hand to ensure accountability, but it is not using them effectively – and in one important respect, not at all".
- b. CCOs undertake the majority of Council's work in providing services, and they are specifically charged with ensuring Auckland's natural environment and cultural heritage are valued and cared for. Among the CCOs, Watercare, for example, has three other accountabilities:
 - Applying a Māori world view to treasure and protect our natural environment (taonga tuku iho)
 - Using growth and development to protect and enhance Auckland's natural environment
 - Ensuring Auckland's infrastructure is future-proofed

It is very important that Auckland Council not only factors into its budget the savings from cost efficiencies which proper oversight of the CCOs could yield, but also the need for monitoring of how the CCOs discharge their responsibilities to care for and value the natural environment. In the Waitakere Ranges we have long been aware of how CCOs have failed to meet those responsibilities. Again, it is not acceptable to spend additional funds on safeguarding and restoring our natural 'infrastructure' if the CCOs are simultaneously degrading them or not factoring into their plans and approaches the necessary understanding to enable them to do otherwise.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our comments.

To

The Auckland Council's *Ten Year Budget 2021 -2031*.

1. I am mystified why are you selling a large amount of open space, such as on pp.560-562, when Auckland's population continues to grow fast, and people need access to open spaces for their mental and physical health. Please do not sell these properties. Green space is at a premium and is much needed in a city the size of Auckland.
2. I note that in the Budget there is no money set aside a proper scientific survey of the Waitakere Ranges vis a vis kauri dieback. Why not. No proper baseline survey has ever been done, which is a distinct weakness on the part of Auckland Council.
3. Do not permanently close any more tracks in the Waitakeres or the Hunuvas, and please stop spending a fortune on track upgrades in the Waitakeres, until a proper scientific survey is done of the soil and kauri dieback, how it behaves and spreads. I would prefer a targeted baseline survey in both ranges, Hunua and Waitakere and am happy to have my rates money spent on this.
4. I am very unhappy at the increase in rates and water costs. There are many people who have lost their jobs following lockdowns, people who don't work very much because of the contracts they are on, and I don't see why we citizens should carry the cost of the Council's problems. People are struggling already, providing food for their families, clothing etc. How are we expected to pay increases in rates and water fees? I believe that money from Council investments in Auckland Airport and the Ports of Auckland could be put to increasing Watercare infrastructure.
5. With regard to the impacts of Covid -19 on many, many people living in Auckland City, I submit that Auckland Council could focus instead on delivering core services, providing value for money and be able to deliver more services for less money.

17 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION to proposed changes to the Urban Rating Area for the following assessment numbers:
12340404937, 12340038965, 12341361662, 12340054057, 12341398140

I write to express the opposition of Anderson & O'Leary Ltd, the owners of the above properties, to the proposal to charge full Urban Rates to the above sites. Reasons stated are:

1. The businesses that operate at these sites do so in part due to the lower cost base that comes with being located in a rural area. Our sawmilling facility could never be considered urban.
2. Facilities are substandard compared to an urban area;
 - a. A patchy bus service, not able to be used by any employee.
 - b. Limited stormwater systems,
 - c. lack of a sewage system for most of Whenuapai,
 - d. few parks and recreational areas.
3. Being moved into an Urban Rating Area will increase our costs – exacerbating an already very difficult financial environment – without providing better infrastructure or services in exchange.

The proposed 10% change due to moving to urban rates, plus the 5% proposed general increase on top, will place an additional rates burden of approximately \$31k across these properties. That will have to be born by the businesses that operate at these locations.

There are over 80 staff employed across the sawmilling, roundwood treatment, and pre-nail businesses operating at these sites (many of whom live locally) and at a time when we are needing to control costs and doing everything we can to keep everyone employed in these financially strained industries, being expected to pay this level of additional rates for no additional benefit to the businesses is a bitter pill to be expected to swallow.

Given the substandard facilities provided to properties and residents of Kumeu and Whenuapai we believe it is unfair and unreasonable to expect them to bear the same rate burden as those in the suburbs and we would ask that the proposed change to full urban rates for these areas is not made.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission, I trust it will be given consideration and we are happy to attend any formal proceedings to reinforce this objection.

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