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## 10-Year Budget 2021/2031 Waitematā St Georges Bay Pro Formas

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

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?

Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why:

### 4. Community investment

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