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**10-Year Budget 2021/2031  
Waitematā Local Board**

**WRITTEN FEEDBACK Vol. 2  
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Sub #	Organisation	Local Board	Volume
10262		Waitemata	2
10263		Waitemata	2
10271		Waitemata	2
10292	Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA]	Waitemata	2
10295		Waitemata	2
10301		Waitemata	2
10303		Waitemata	2
10305		Waitemata	2
10319		Waitemata	2
10330		Waitemata	2
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10922		Waitemata	2
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11076		Waitemata	2
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11161		Waitemata	2
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11429		Waitemata	2
11443		Waitemata	2
11484		Waitemata	2
11488		Waitemata	2
11498		Waitemata	2
11506	Auckland City Centre Residents' Group	Waitemata	2
11522	Grey Lynn & Around	Waitemata	2
11538		Waitemata	2
11548		Waitemata	2
11567		Waitemata	2
11584		Waitemata	2
11599	Grey Lynn Residents Association	Waitemata	2
11611		Waitemata	2
11614		Waitemata	2
11636		Waitemata	2
11642		Waitemata	2
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12019		Waitemata	2
12020		Waitemata	2
12045	Urban Auckland Inc.	Waitemata	2
12065		Waitemata	2
12106		Waitemata	2
12160		Waitemata	2
12165		Waitemata	2
12172		Waitemata	2
12208		Waitemata	2
12218		Waitemata	2
12274	Leys Orchestra	Waitemata	2
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12303		Waitemata	2
12304		Waitemata	2
12325		Waitemata	2
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12411		Waitemata	2
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12427		Waitemata	2
12433		Waitemata	2
12436	Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery Inc	Waitemata	2
12437		Waitemata	2
12457		Waitemata	2
12486		Waitemata	2
12491		Waitemata	2
12501		Waitemata	2
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12613		Waitemata	2
12652		Waitemata	2
12667		Waitemata	2
12672		Waitemata	2
12700		Waitemata	2
12732	Hotel DeBrett	Waitemata	2
12750		Waitemata	2
12761	Ponsonby Business Association	Waitemata	2
12770		Waitemata	2
12797	Grey Lynn 2030 Waste Away	Waitemata	2
12805	NZ Hotel Holdings Ltd & Russell Property Group	Waitemata	2
12817		Waitemata	2
12840		Waitemata	2
12841		Waitemata	2

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12887	Grey Lynn 2030	Waitemata	2
12895		Waitemata	2
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16653		Waitemata	2
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16697	University Of Auckland	Waitemata	2
16717		Waitemata	2
16722	Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association	Waitemata	2
16730	Newmarket Business Association	Waitemata	2
16902		Waitemata	2
17008		Waitemata	2
17086		Waitemata	2
17141		Waitemata	2
17196		Waitemata	2
17300		Waitemata	2
17314		Waitemata	2
17370	The St Mary's Bay Association Inc	Waitemata	2
17378	Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition (SASOC)	Waitemata	2
17425	St Mary's Bay Association Inc	Waitemata	2
17453		Waitemata	2
17456		Waitemata	2
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17633		Waitemata	2
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19536		Waitemata	2
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19794		Waitemata	2
19799		Waitemata	2
19800		Waitemata	2
19886		Waitemata	2
19925		Waitemata	2
19952		Waitemata	2
19961		Waitemata	2
19983		Waitemata	2
20019	Friends of Leys Institute	Waitemata	2



# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

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

**Tell us why:**

## 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?

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

### 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?

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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

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

### What is your opinion on this proposal?

**Tell us why:**

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**Which option do you support?**

**Tell us why:**

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## 6. Local Boards

## 7. What is important to you?

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

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We need to keep momentum going on transformation and environmental projects but also need to retain basic services.

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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 can't keep putting this off. Council also needs to look at coastal development to minimise future costs due to sea level rises. I was surprised to see the intensive Boathouse Bay development go in so close to the sea. Who pays when it gets inundated??

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

**Tell us why:** In my lifetime our environment has degraded terribly. It's time we did something about it. Can Council please also look at easy added measures such as pet restrictions when approving development near covenanted bush? We've seen a development start in Wainui adjacent to bush with kakariki and many other native birds - requirement for planting but no restrictions on pets that kill birds.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** We need to keep our community assets in Council ownership - they are more important than ever and won't be as accessible if they have to become profit-making.

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Don't know

### Tell us why:

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No

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

**Tell us why** Leys Institute and the long-awaited park on the old Nosh site are both important to me.

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** Much of what Auckland Transport has done in the past has been a waste of money and supported the few and not the majority, e.g. cycleways in West Lynn, Westmere area. The steep gradient of the pavements have reduced access to roads and pavements for people with disabilities.

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**Tell us why** Most of what has happened is to please the wishes of Pippa Coom, which are not representative of majority living in this area. she is only interested in cycleways and there are other services that need improvement.

## 7. What is important to you?

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

## Proposed Recovery Budget

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## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):** Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA]

**Your local board:** Waitemata

## Your feedback

### 1. Proposed 10-year budget

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

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA] seeks the best outcome for businesses with the lowest business rate possible



## 2. Climate change

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

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

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

Other

**Tell us why:** The Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA] agrees that climate change leadership by Auckland Council is important. Outcomes sought in the climate change space can have positive economic and social outcomes for business communities. KBA would be interested in programs specific for the business community to be initiated in this space as part of the council approach.

## 3. Water quality

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

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

### Extending the targeted rate

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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 only

**Tell us why:** Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA] support focus on wastewater infrastructure spend – to ensure continuity of water supply for the Auckland region business community.

## 4. Community investment

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

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA] support additional \$65M funding availability for community facilities. Whilst KBA is a business association, we operate in an environment where community are our customers, our neighbours and our business owners.

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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.

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

### Which option do you support?

Don't know

### Tell us why:

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

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## KBA submission to Auckland Council Long Term Plan

### ‘Recovery Budget 2021 – 2031’

#### Background

Karangahape Road Business Association [KBA] represents over 600 member businesses. Our community is changing in front of our eyes with the Auckland Transport Streetscape Enhancement project and the development of the Karangahape Station [CRL project]. We are evolving into what will be the most accessible business precinct in Auckland with roading, bus lanes, cycle lanes and inner-city location.

#### The KBA:

**Agree** that maintaining infrastructure spend is important. Auckland needs enough infrastructure to support new business developments, as more people will need more places to work and do business.

However, greater care needs to be taken to ensure the *sequencing of projects* proposed does not severely impact business areas and businesses directly. Increasing capital project spend from \$26B to \$31B could mean increased project intensity in some business areas [i.e., several projects happening simultaneously – as Karangahape Road is experiencing currently]. Council may achieve its spend objectives but at the cost to businesses and business areas.

**Agree** that we Auckland needs to look after its assets. Karangahape Road has been the recipient of significant capital expenditure. KBA **supports** ensuring that ongoing maintenance of these assets is adequately funded in this budget period planning.

**Agree** that the Auckland economy and the local Karangahape Road economy has been impacted by COVID 19. The KBA supports spending on community facilities which contribute to vibrant town centres and asks for the Response Budget to consider targeted support for the business community.

**Agree** that capital investment can provide jobs and economic stimulus once projects are completed. KBA **supports** the recognition that businesses are often severely impacted by capital investment projects and that funding to support impacted businesses should be included in project budget decisions. This funding, Development Response, should be considered an overhead of each capital project budget calculation.

**Don't agree** with the concept of selling surplus assets owned by council to free up funds. KBA believes that decision making around local assets being considered for sale should not rest with CCOs but should be decided in consultation with the relevant local board. The KBA's expectation is that any possible surplus asset owned by council and within our business community, that is considered disposable would be discussed with affected stakeholders including the KBA.

**Support** additional funding being provided for economic development and business recovery initiatives. KBA notes that support in economic and cultural development falls from 0.4% to 0.3% of the recovery budget for 2021\_2022. Additional funding to assist businesses should be provided so that the CCO involved in this area, Auckland Unlimited can improve and grow grassroots programmes, working alongside the business associations of Auckland.

**Support** focus on wastewater infrastructure spend – to ensure continuity of water supply for the Auckland region business community.

**Support** additional \$65M funding availability for community facilities. Whilst KBA is a business association, we operate in an environment where community are our customers, our neighbours and our business owners.

KBA **strongly supports** funding be made available for centres and local development. Business associations help deliver a vibrant city centre and local town centres. We do this to support businesses and a thriving economy, strong and inclusive communities, and showcase the culture and identity of Auckland.

**Agrees** that climate change leadership by Auckland Council is important. Outcomes sought in the climate change space can have positive economic and social outcomes for business communities. KBA would be interested in programs specific for the business community to be initiated in this space as part of the council approach.

**Supports** the intensification of residential development in the Karangahape Road area. Great intensification will make maximum use of the capital invested [CRL, streetscape project] and attract greater numbers of residents and businesses.

In the section called 'Other Priorities' we found the only reference to a significant issue for the Karangahape Road business and community area – homelessness. KBA is **strongly supportive** of the approach where Auckland Council leads a programme to resolve issues attached to homelessness. KBA supports the approach of early intervention, targeted outreach, dedicated city centre initiatives, research and innovation initiatives. KBA believes that the amount of funding for support Auckland's homeless issues - \$500,000 – is inadequate in relation to the scale of the issue.

If AC is transitioning to a 'move away from an asset dominated approach to community services .... utilising partnerships' , KBA is concerned that organisations operating in an area where homelessness is an issue are not left responsible for this issue. Business associations are funded through a target rate paid for by business members. These funds are to support business initiatives, not resolve social issues.

**Supports** the striking of the annual Business Improvement Target Rate [BID rate] for the 21/22 financial year for Karangahape Business Improvement District.



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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Some projects need to be abandoned and money redirected to core services.

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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:** Mainly because the current buses are so noisy. European public transport is much quieter. The noise is very unpleasant.

## 3. Water quality

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** You need to consolidate what we have rather than spend on new facilities.

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**Tell us why:**

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Yes

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Concentrating on core services which ratepayer expect and not wasting money on art projects and sculptures. Queens street is full of beggars and is totally intimidating to anyone walking along it. It is dirty and the council should either take action of get local retailers to sort it out. Forget the bike lanes they just slow traffic, and hurry up and get the roadworks finished. I don't think Auckland CBD is a very good advert for NZ.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Urgent need for spending on infrastructure eg prevent future water shortages, beaches suitable for swimming etc



## 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:** Many scientists now refer to the 'climate crisis' rather than climate change. Action to mitigate is urgent.

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

**Tell us why:** we can't promote ourselves as 'clean and green' if we aren't, and I like to swim.

## 4. Community investment

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** While I support multi-use facilities, consolidation of community facilities and services resulting in some facilities being closed will disadvantage many communities as will reliance on online services to provide for our diverse communities.

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

#### **Which option do you support?**

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:** Everyone in the wider Paremoremo and Lucas Heights area of the Upper Harbour Local Board, as well as Albany, will benefit from the proposed bus service.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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## 7. What is important to you?

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I would like to see priority also given to developing Age-friendly initiatives for Auckland's rapidly growing ageing population.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** have enjoyed cycle lanes and traffic calming. need to get out of cars and better e- transport options.

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

**Tell us why:** swim a lot in the sea and the water quality is getting worse.

## 4. Community investment

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Rakino Community hall has been abandoned in management consistently over the years.

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

#### **Tell us why:**

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

No

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Where multi unit dwellings are being constructed in builtup areas, significantly more effort needs to be undertaken to ensure the impact of current dwellings is well managed. The continuous cycle of development means there is no peace and no quality of life close to construction. The Council is failing in its obligations for the owners of house with character. The weight or meeting heritage requests is not balance with evidenced pictures of housing from the time, and turn these homes into modern usable homes is hard enough without trying to make them look like a concept of a heritage home. have enjoyed cycle lanes and traffic calming. need to get out of cars and better e- transport options.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** It is important that Council continues to invest in its parks, sport, recreation and public facilities such as libraries.

## 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

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

**Tell us why:** Ratepayers are already being hit hard by the fuel tax and the 5% "one off" rate next year. Enough it enough.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** This represents outsourcing a core Council responsibility and will then also leave operational costs to facility users such as clubs. These users may struggle to manage the operational side of facilities, therefore impacting the quality and condition of the asset with capex implications. Clubs can find operational costs, such as cyclical maintenance, challenging - exacerbated by COVID-19. There is an ongoing need to also include budget for operational costs to ensure the facilities are appropriately maintained and managed.

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Tell us why:

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## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** I would prefer more initiatives to improve local parks and introduce more cycleways

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

Don't know

Tell us why:

## 2. Climate change

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

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:**

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**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**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

Other

**Tell us why:** My vision for Auckland is where our future generations can grow up safe from the threat of climate change. I want to see Auckland Council make a more ambitious investment in the future of our city. The proposed 10-Year Budget doesn't meet that vision. It is not ambitious enough and does not achieve the necessary changes to address climate change. I am disappointed that so little is being set aside for climate change projects. Less than 0.5% of the 31B Budget is dedicated to climate change efforts. I am disappointed that councillors voted for the least ambitious option presented to them of \$150M. I would like to see councillors get behind the more ambitious option that was originally proposed (\$320M secured through a targeted rate). Further, I believe Council cannot keep investing in things that are causing emissions and climate change. All of Council's investments, from now on, must contribute to building a safe and stable future for current and future generations. Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and said it would reduce emissions by half by 2030. I want Council to pursue a much more ambitious investment in accessible public transport, safe cycleways, safe footpaths as well as an equitable shift to electric vehicles. Council needs to direct its efforts to the things that matter most. Right now, transport is our biggest source of climate pollution. It's happening because many people don't have the option to leave the car at home. Investing in accessible busways, trainlines, safe cycleways and footpaths will give more people climate-friendly transport choices. The more people who are able to make the switch, the more space there is on Auckland's existing roads for those who really need to use them.

## 3. Water quality

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**Tell us why:**

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Support

**Tell us why:** We have to do something money must come from somewhere

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**Tell us why:** good plan

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

**Tell us why:** We badly need a better water system no other way and it will cost

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Yes yes yes some are big a waste of money

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**Tell us why:** better for all

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

No

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

Support

**Tell us why:** It might need a bigger investment into Water supply though.... And more recycling....

## 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:** There are so many countries not doing enough or anything at all so we have to do as much as possible to counter those.... Also, I like green cities...

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

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I think Climate Change is the biggest challenge and we have to do whatever we can to slow it down

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We would like more affordable decent rental properties

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**Tell us why:** A lot of council buildings seem aging - makes sense to tackle it now rather than wait until its more expensive



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**Tell us why:** Lower rates are more important to me than climate change

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Electric scooters are ruining the inner city and making it unsafe and unsightly. Ban these from footpaths and only allow them to be parked in fenced hidden designated areas (not sprawled all over the footpath).

Ban smoking and vaping from public footpaths and enforce it.

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Support

Tell us why:

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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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

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Investment and renewal are important, particularly with respect to expediting transport mode shifts and enabling denser and more sustainable housing.

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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 is obviously a serious concern. The short-term focus I'd prefer would be on electrification of public transport. I prefer option 1 to option 2 as I think managing density and improving infrastructure also play into our desired climate outcomes.

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

**Tell us why:** Would prefer not to support this, but our water system desperately needs investment to mitigate past neglect.

(??? Where is the feedback section for "Key issue 3: Responding to housing and growth" ???)

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

**Tell us why:** The idea of "focused investment" sounds nice, but I'm not clear (even after glancing through the supporting information) what the practical implications are.

One of the things I appreciate about Auckland is the quality of community infrastructure, from community halls to sports fields to well-maintained public loos, and I'd hate to see that lost through lack of investment or misdirected investment.

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

**Tell us why:** Not from that area, so won't comment

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No

## 6. Local Boards

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**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** Need more info on the cost/benefit of fixing Leys Institute; wouldn't want to give carte blanche approval.

I favour a Ponsonby Park option that includes some commercial/retail to help fund the project.

Perhaps not super popular, but one of the best ways we inner suburbs can help with transport issues is to allow/encourage increased housing density options such as build-to-rent.

## 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?

Regarding Key issue 3: Responding to housing and growth

I'm in favour of increased housing density along public transit lines, and strongly in favour of investing in safe biking and walking options, especially in commute corridors.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** No meaningful increase in transportation. Reduction in cultural. What is your plan for affordable housing and densification?

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** I think that we would do much better for the environment through other measure that could balance the budget as tolling to go to the city center. Grants for double-glazing would make much better for the environment.

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**Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:** Those houses are going to be the main beneficiary of the lane... they should pay more.

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

No

**6. Local Boards**

**7. What is important to you?**

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The plan is simply reinforcing the errors of building independent houses with no densification. We need more apartments, townhouses and built quickly. Pushing the people outside the City Center will just require more infrastructure to be paid by taxes which would bring just more congestion and time wasted in the roads.

No meaningful increase in transportation.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Stop wasting rate payers money like redoing roads, footpaths & drainage like Kroad. Stop blaming the pandemic - policy to move Maori & Pacifica out to South Auckland is discriminatory of who can to who cannot pay. Stop outsourcing like with Watercare and paying the CEO ridiculous remuneration. Look at management wages to downsize, restructure on improving risk management to Auckland roads of double ups, cut down on carbon emissions to save our city to maximise on benefit and minimise costs within project management.



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Do not support increased investment

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

**Tell us why:** Water suppliers have already made the increase due to water levels. Identify another source of water supply for Auckland. Innovative methods to clean up our beaches and waterways from raw sewage. Plan for a competition to collect these ideas, judge on the best and offer a prize.

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**Tell us why:** Some community spaces are iconic and should be repaired for future generations to enjoy. Leasing is going cost more in the long run.

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**Tell us why:** Why has a bus route for these 2 locations only been identified? After having bus routes in place going around it.

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**Tell us why** Rates increase is a must in this budget. What happen to paying one amount for se land rates and water rates? Separating the costs into individual rates have become more problematic.

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Leys Institute is a heritage building in Ponsonby, spend money here because the community will benefit and future generations will enjoy this space.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Council needs to get back to its core business stop pretending to be some sort of mini central government with a wide social brief and get back to its knitting. It needs to cut 1/3rd of its payroll and eg stop taking full page PR ads

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** you need to focus on water and sewage, everything else is kidding yourself

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

**Tell us why:** targeted rates are just dishonest rates increases

## 4. Community investment

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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:** you have to fix the leys institute and may not sell assets to fund a bloated payroll

## 5. Rating policy

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No

**6. Local Boards**

**Waitematā Local Board**

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

**Tell us why** fix the leys , do not sell it

i dont support ponsonby park, it is windswept

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you guys are empire building, get back to the basics

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

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No

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**Tell us why** Leys building is not worth spending more \$\$on, spend it on upgrading water quality Herne Bay beaches revolting and the pipes in GL also the pocket park idea is not a good one, Western Park is fine, spend \$\$ there or on Grey Lynn park, sculptures need some TLC, go and have a look, people leave vials of nitrous there and the three ladies are chipped and mouldy, the Andrew deBoer sculpture is hidden and there is rubbish and digging in the sculpture park area, upgrade the tennis court and bball hoops, the park is busy all the time, toilet and changing room upgrades good though Pool and playground also need TLC

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

Support

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** You already get enough fucking money, use it properly instead of building roundabouts you rip out a year later or putting a million cameras on onewa/albany highway you clowns. How can you seriously even say your putting up rates when you havent done anything for anyone with the money you're already collecting fuck off

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** We need to save the planet. Not put cameras on onewa road you fat cunts

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

**Tell us why:** Would rather be able to swim in the beach than be able to get cameras on onewa rd. No one wanted that and you still did it so I don't expect the beach to get done with your focus on revenue collection.

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**Tell us why:** You're idea of community investment is putting cameras on onewa rd you pricks

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**Tell us why** Because you pay your staff far too much for the little you do to help auckland. Instead of gathering more money from us and doing fuck all (eg. Revenue grab on onewa road and congesting the traffic even more through authoritarian enforcement of 13 fucking cameras) maybe start thinking about trains from the north shore to city, opening both outside lanes on onewa to reduce traffic congestion. Simple things a 5 year old could come up with.

## 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?**

Being able to get to my job on time. Being able to move around my area freely. Being able to fucking afford rates as a young person. Y'all really don't need anymore money and this survey was a joke. Look at how much your top people get paid for the fuck all that they do and maybe gather money from there. Greedy fucks.

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**Tell us why:**

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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 Paremoro and Lucas Heights area of the Upper Harbour Local Board

**Tell us why:**

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No

## 6. Local Boards

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

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Climate change and infrastructure resilience + redundancy

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**Tell us why:**

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These are critical priorities and I would prefer emphasis on intensification alongside equal emphasis on the environmental and social values attached. I like the concept of private, govt partnerships to develop projects.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** I support an increased investment. If we can do more, faster we should spend even more and do it.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** This is a 10 year budget for the last decade where climate action can still make a difference. Past 2030, the IPCC and the UN have indicated that climate change will definitely be out of human control. The budget doesn't convey the urgency of an existential threat to Aucklanders. The timeline of climate action is too tight for slow and phased delivery of hard infrastructure transport projects as planned in this budget. To reduce transportation emissions by 64% by 2030 (from 2016) the transport system will need to look radically different by then. Only bold regulatory changes (such as

congestion pricing, pedestrianisations, a circulation plan, low emission zones, a workplace parking levy in the CBD) combined with widespread reallocation of road space to sustainable modes (using temporary/light infrastructure or enforced special vehicle lanes) can allow the scale of change required. This budget, on the opposite, reflects a business as usual approach with an added Climate Change component. Council should move towards more flexible and cheaper types of transport infrastructure, for example repurposing road infrastructure through Tactical Urbanism. This is in line with principles enounced in the infrastructure strategy (Innovation, Adaptive approach, Community Engagement, Systems view of infrastructure - p.54). There is significant investment in bus routes proposed which is great. However to unlock the full benefits of these schemes, Council needs to be bold in prioritising buses over other traffic in the true spirit of a Bus Rapid Transit Network. Current bus lanes (even on the northern busway) are too often interrupted at pinch points (e.g. the harbour bridge). We also cannot wait for the Connected Communities programme to be fully implemented to see improvements to bus journey times. Therefore AT should implement a transitional reallocation of road space until the corridors are delivered. Using temporary materials this can be done cheaply and quickly.

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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:** It goes in the right direction but will not touch the sides. The trees are more of a liveability / greening project with minimal contribution to climate change. It is striking that the decision on buses is the only one that supports decarbonising transport where there is so much to do in this space. - In a context where funding is constrained, cycling infrastructure is ideal since it delivers large benefits for little investment in comparison to roading infrastructure. The Urban Cycleways Programme is only allocated 138 millions over 10 years in this budget. - Reducing traffic could not only reduce emissions but also allow Council to save on road and transport asset maintenance / renewal and let these assets last longer. A congestion charging scheme would therefore increase resources, reduce expenses, and reduce emissions at the same time. Council should push government for implementation of congestion charging as a matter of climate emergency and already has the tools to implement a parking levy like it has been done in Sydney since 1992.

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Other

**Tell us why:** I do not support more borrowing and the selling of surplus property, even in the short term, but I do support increased rates. Auckland is in a housing crisis - there is no such thing as surplus property, and National already demonstrated the stupidity of selling our assets elsewhere. Increased borrowing to me is like scooping water out of a sinking ship and then putting it in another part of the sinking ship, it is a waste of time and money and delays the inevitable.

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**Tell us why:** I support this initiative, but I think it is extremely important for Libraries to continue to operate or else we run the risk of further segregation in the availability of education material.



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With regard to the proposal to alter rates for lifestyle and farm properties, I feel the need to point out that in some regions such as Hunua, rates already do not reflect the level of service (a lack thereof, specifically) which those properties are receiving.

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

**Tell us why:** I do not live in this area and so do not presume to speak for the community affected by these changes

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

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I wish for the government to prioritise, primarily, getting out of COVID debt, followed immediately by climate change investment and initiatives. I also am disappointed to see a lack of consideration for the housing crisis across all these proposals, and would like to see this be addressed along with the infrastructure which is needed to support more housing in Auckland. La

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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## Your feedback

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

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

Don't know

Tell us why:

## 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?

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

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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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**Which option do you support?**

Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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No

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To include Waiheke Island Ferry Service into the Mayors Free Child Weekend Fares initiative launched in 2019. The Waiheke Ferry Service is the only commuting transport mode NOT included in this initiative. We believe Waiheke Children should have the same access to transport as all of the other children in Auckland.

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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?** Support

**Tell us why:** Support consolidation but on the fence about online services. I think speaking to a person can be more valuable than online services in a lot of cases.

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Don't know

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No

**6. Local Boards**

**Waitematā Local Board**

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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?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** shared facilities are way to go, not selling assets to friends of council

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**Which option do you support?**

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:**

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No

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**7. What is important to you?**

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Independent audits of resource and building consents to stop corruption at council, accountability of council employees. Bring back tree protection, Auckland lost too many trees to developers.

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**Tell us why:** I support the Council's proposal but think more needs to be done and sooner.

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Progress on the Zero Emissions Area in Queen Street Valley should be accelerated and more vehicle exclusion zones implemented. Please also consider daylighting Waihorotiu stream from Myers Park down Queen Street. Along with pedestrianising this part of Queen Street this would help revitalise the area as a social space, helping the CBD prosper through the changing shift in where people work that the world is seeing. The city centre needs to shift its focus on office workers & onto being the living room of the city.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** I believe that your budget needs to take better cognisance of the impacts of Covid on our revenue and the fact that this is not a short run issue. There are aspects of budget that can be cut back so that we focus on other important areas. For example, in the medium term we should have climate change policy that is on hold (with a view that it should get no worse than it is currently) whilst we invest in things that people need and for which the Council is

primarily responsible (housing, public transport, other people related services). In this way, we can continue to provide key services whilst long term strategies are put on hold for the time being.

With regard to transport: stop building cycle ways, stop building gardens in the middle of the road, and stop creating bottlenecks of traffic. For the time being all we need is for stuff not to get worse for a while, to make the best of what we have, and put all longer term growth strategies on hold for 2-4 years while we recover financially and start to grow again. If recovery happens earlier, then get back onto it earlier - but focus on what we really need right now first!

Key message: Cut back on your spending and stop increasing rates!

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Climate change investment is a luxury that we simply can't afford at the moment - we need to focus on the basics first and get them right before we start to work on climate issues.

In the short to medium term all we need is for things to get no worse than they are currently - for sure, when a bus NEEDS to be replaced, go for the hydrogen or electric one, but for goodness sake don't go out and change the fleet or bring forward purchase of this new fleet. We can work on emission reduction soon - but just let it run for now.

I don't understand why we need to "invest" in diverting stuff from landfill - ????. Surely this is something for the Government to get into with regulation on packaging and materials use??? Let them take responsibility for this issue in the short to medium term and focus Council's investment on things that help our local people right now, as opposed to in 20 years.

Gas boilers in aquatic centres are going to be just fine for the next few years - leave them there for now.

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

**Tell us why:** I just don't understand why I am paying water rates AND watercare charges?????

For sure we can invest in improving water quality - but truly \$130M is a huge amount of money and you would want to see some really incredible outcomes for that amount of investment. What are the actual outcomes we are talking about - all I can see here is good intentions with a huge dollar sign in front of them, but no controls and measures to ensure we are getting value for money!

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

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Just maintain what we have - if that's what we need to step back to, then simply do that.

It's a bit like saying I'd like to get some landscapers in to remodel my back yard and build a new spa pool. I simply can't afford stuff like that at the moment, so I am just maintaining what I have. Council should do the same!

The only thing that we could be looking at would be new social housing - but, to be honest, I am super confused about what is a Government responsibility and what should be Council funded!

Some of the stuff Council has been building lately looks to be hugely expensive and certainly not urgently needed.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TARGETED RATE

Do not extend it - let's wait until we get closer to the current 2028 plan and see whether we need to extend it. That is still SEVEN years away - what do we have to sign up to an extension now??????

URBAN RATING AREA EX

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**Which option do you support?**



Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** When you are paying for the actual bus ride, I fail to understand why you should pay property rates for it as well?????

**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** SUPPORT FOR

Leys Institute and library facility

Community Services

AGAINST

Cycle ways - this benefits an incredibly small proportion of people at a tremendously out of proportion cost. And the designs of the road based cycleways take no account of the fact that bicycles (and scooters) are becoming electric and behave much more like a motorbike. Just stop it!!!

A new park on Ponsonby Road: We don't NEED this, so don't do it.

Governance: \$1M per year - what is this even for???

Water and Wastewater: This is funded from our water care bills (or should be!)

Local Board transport Capital Fund: This fund appears to duplicate a lot of what we are already being asked to fund elsewhere in our rates. This kind of double dipping needs to stop!!!

## 7. What is important to you?

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What is important to me is that Council becomes much more real and pragmatic about what it invests in on our behalf. Please focus only on what is REALLY needed in the short to medium term and allow our businesses and families to get back on their feet after Covid.

I also feel strongly that the way that Council is charging for some things (see the feedback above) is unfair and, in some cases, double dipping. There is a real lack of transparency in the confusing way that things are presented and I have a feeling that some people in Council, in positions of strong influence, (both those working for the organisation and elected members) have very personal agendas and passions that they are promoting - at the expense of a more balanced and fair approach to investment and returns on investment that is really needed by MOST people - cycleways are an example of this, where a small group has been benefited by significant investment in a lobby group and its PR people.

So, haul back on spending that is not needed right now (and for the next 5 years), maintain what we have (don't allow stuff to get worse than it is), allow the city and its businesses and families to recover, and develop some structures and processes that better balance how Council evaluates spending priorities - get a lot less PR motivated and more real (and fair!).

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I support the proposed additional funding including the larger rates rise in year 1. I do not support cuts in Council services. I believe the COVID-related deficit should be funded through borrowing (directly or in partnership with central government) as it is a one-off event for which borrowing is an appropriate response.

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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:** I note that the recently released Climate Change Commission report provides advice on available emissions budgets and how those emission budgets can be met. I believe it is important that the 10 year budget be consistent with meeting those emission budgets, as well as being consistent with the Auckland Climate Plan's target to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. I note that the proposed budget currently appears inadequate in this regard.

I support the alternative larger climate investment package. In fact, I believe an even larger climate investment package is needed, in order to meet the emission budgets and targets in the Auckland Climate Plan and the Climate Change Commission report.

I support the planned measures to achieve mode shift from cars to public transport, walking and cycling. However, these are insufficient to achieve the reduction in transport emissions that is required. I would like to see measures (and targets) designed to reduce VKT by cars in the Auckland region. I would like to see a moratorium on increasing road capacity (i.e. expanding existing roads), with road spending focused instead on improving safety and prioritising non-car modes. I would also like to see road pricing introduced, with a combination of VKT-based charging region-wide and congestion charging (cordon-based) in central Auckland. However, road pricing needs to be part of a package that addresses the disproportionate financial and access impacts on low-income families. The funds raised by road pricing should prioritise disadvantaged areas such as South Auckland for public transport, walking and cycling investment, and should also be used to provide region-wide free public transport.

I would like to see walking and cycling projects delivered with more urgency, particularly those in the Grey Lynn area.

I support the proposal to increase street tree planting, and believe the target for planting should be much higher. As part of this, I would like to see the Council investigate the use of street trees for traffic calming purposes, such as used in the Self-Explaining Roads pilot in Pt England (<https://www.livingstreets.org.nz/sites/default/files/BEHAVIOUR%20-%201300%20Hamish%20Mackie%20-%20A%20successful%20self-explaining%20roads%20project.pdf>). Community engagement should be used to identify streets and communities that would support installation of self-explaining roads.

As part of emissions reduction, I would like to see more support for plant-based foods. Compared with meat and dairy in particular, plant-based food has much lower emissions and land use footprint, as well as being healthier. As part of leading the way, Auckland Council could adopt plant-based food for all catering.

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

**Tell us why:** I would like to see additional efforts (such as subsidies) to promote the installation of rainwater tanks, as these both reduce demand on the drinking water network and also reduce the load on the stormwater network, helping to reduce the risk of overflows. I also support the development of Ponsonby Park and the reopening of the Leys Institute.

I would like to see improving water quality in Cox's Bay also highlighted as a priority.

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##### **What is your opinion on this proposal? Other**

**Tell us why:** I do not support cuts in Council services or sale of Council assets as a way of responding to the current COVID-related financial challenge.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Auckland's services need to be upgraded, but all investment should be done through the lens of climate action. Active modes of transport and climate resilience should be the aim.

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

**Tell us why:** Community services are incredibly important in a lot of areas throughout Auckland. Closing facilities would be detrimental to some communities, so this is a difficult one. Those who need these facilities, even just as shelter in the library on a rainy day, are the most vulnerable, so if some places close, where will these people go? These are also the people who have limited access to online services.

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Other

**Tell us why:** I'm not sure if I should support it yet

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

**Tell us why:** As long as it doesnt take them longer to do the same proposed amount

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Keep community spaces - DO NOT MOVE THEM ONLINE. NOBODY WANTS THIS. DO NOT SELL OFF OUR COMMUNITY ASSETS - SHAMEFUL!

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**Which option do you support?**

Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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No

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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Helping homelessness. We need capital gains tax

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Seriously, I see so much misappropriation of Council funds across the board I have absolutely no confidence that you people can responsibly utilise the funds you have. You will always need more funds than you can have because you don't look after that money like it was hard earned by you. I'm sorry as I know there are many good intentions and a requirement to maintain our infrastructure but you need to cut your cloth. A long hard look at Panuku/ATEED whatever you're branding them this week is definitely in order as well.

## 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?

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** I've contracted in to AT in the past and again, I've seen some appalling wastage of money on unnecessary things and vanity projects. Yes we urgently need to get rid of diesel buses but that's it. Pull the pin on the 'nice to haves'

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:** You people and those who have gone before you should be ashamed of the mismanagement and underinvestment in this key infrastructure. Get it right this time people - we shouldn't have to pay extra for your mistakes but we have to as this is urgent.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** If I thought you could do this in a fiscally responsible way I would support it but time and again you manage to spend as much on 'new approaches' as you did previously if not more. So no, let the buildings rot or sell them off - you've made our bed, we now have to lie in it. Thanks - for nothing.

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Tree management - well that's a joke. We have trees in our street and frankly they are not 'managed' despite ongoing requests. As for the berms we don't rely on you to mow them as you don't. Your proposed increases unfortunately add up to a lot of mone

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Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** Why are ratepayers the only ones paying for this? If such a large percentage of people are renting why aren't they contributing?

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No

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**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** 1. Richard Northey can't be trusted. 2. Ponsonby Park and the Western Springs Tree Removal - money not well spent and bad behaviour with respect to pushing through eradication of trees 3. Save the Leys Institute but really - look at the money wasted 'decorating' the mini library. A classic example of misspent funds, we are in hard times people, cut back on the frippery. 4. Ponsonby Road - really? You guys are clogging up the streets so no-one - cyclists included - can get through. 5. K Road 'improvements' - how much longer? It's a death trap on a bike along there and has been for over a year. 6. City Centre - what a joke. You have killed off so many businesses and it is taking far too long and costing waaay too much. Don't even think about getting rid of the Downtown Carpark Building - like it or not, there will always be cars coming into town and with the increase in population you will need that parking space. Victoria St Linear Park - NO, its not necessary 7. West Lynn - people should be fired for that mess. 8. Cultural activity - please guys, try and trim it back. This is not essential spending. Shall I stop now or would you like me to continue?

## 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?

1. What is important to me is you guys taking a genuine long hard look at yourselves. I witnessed first hand ATEED in action in San Francisco under the guise of key international stakeholder engagement. Money up in smoke. And yet they continued with this - as recently as this week on the water entertaining key stakeholders as part of the America's Cup - blatant misuse of funds. Panuku/ATEED need to pull in their horns. And they are not the only ones - how much money was spent 'educating' us to put our rubbish bins out by 7am? Unbelievable. Oh, and 'Walk To School Day'? Really? When I went to school, every day was Walk To School Day.
2. Also, how much money has been spent on Lincoln and Lake Roads over the years and STILL they are a mess and in need of more investment and more roadworks. Guys - it's a joke. How much was spent on Franklin Road and how many people use the cycleways on it - that took way too long to get underway and was not thought through well despite the intention of 'Dig Once' which I don't believe actually came to pass in the end did it?
3. Council buildings for staff - cut the frippery. Really. Do you know how much the big black nightshades cost per unit in the Council central building kitchen? I do because I had to save up for ONE for my house. Really expensive - was it necessary? No. You could have got something cheaper - I hate to think how much money architects and interior designers have been paid in the quest for the best for our hard working council employees. It can still be nice without overpaying.
4. No to the ATPR - you guys need to find better ways to generate money. Oh and by the looks of it not playing with foreign exchange hedging - did anyone lose their job over that? I doubt it.
5. COVID - you're not going to be able to blame everything on that for much longer so how about you move on and start taking some responsibility for the shortfall in funds because it's been misspent over the years.
6. Cultural activity/sponsorship - I'm sorry but this is not an essential activity. Yes we are more culturally diverse but we simply can't throw money at everything - including some of the big entertainment events, that sponsorship needs to be trimmed back.
7. Watercare needs some sort of overhaul - I know of at least half a dozen major water leaks this summer that could have been prevented if Watercare was doing its job properly. And the Cement accident recently, how much did that cost and who paid for that?
8. CCOs do need to be more accountable to Council. If it wasn't going to cost a fortune to reintegrate them back into Council I would suggest that. In the interim you need to get more control of them urgently.
9. Local Boards are a bureaucratic financial nightmare of personal agenda fiefdoms and could operate more efficiently and have more scrutiny or guidelines around how they spend their funds more wisely.
10. Consultation - my last bugbear. Why am I bothering to waste my time 'having my say'? Because you will just charge ahead and do what you want to, justifying it one way or another. If I didn't want to be near medical facilities I would move out of this town in a heartbeat. You guys might have the best of intentions but you are ruining this city. It's a disgrace and it's distressing. This city is so fortunate in so many ways but it is completely mismanaged. Very sad.

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

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Tell us why:



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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.

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Tell us why:

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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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Most of us are suffering with loss of work/income. Do not burden us with more fees. You haven't got enough money? neither have we. Budget harder like the rest of us.

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

**Tell us why:**

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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#### **Tell us why:**

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### 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?**

Make the city far more walker and biker friendly. Far too much spaces is given over to cars. More residents' parking needed to discourage commuter parking close to town. Save our trees, stop allowing developers and residents to cut them down.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** It needs to increase even more. We currently have a waterfront without any trees because budget cuts. This is insane!! We need more public transport (city rail link) and thousands kilometres of bike lanes. We are one of the most fortunate countries when it comes to COVID, so we should be spending. Better facilities for people that live on benefits, cheaper housing and better transport so we are not reliant on cars.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Yes, but even this is too slow. We need to have electric buses NOW! We need more trees in our cities, more greenspace this will actually help us with drought. It's absurd this is even an question, when the council has announced a "climate emergency"

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

**Tell us why:** Again! This is obvious, right? The council has called a "climate emergency" we need to take care of our streams and water resources. Water quality here is already quite bad + we sell of our water to international companies. Which is absurd, really!

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** We still need to make sure our libraries and community centres are reachable for anyone. Not like wellington where they just sell of their central library to a commercial institution to get some money. Local community centres and libraries etc. are really important!!!

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We need to increase to 10-20%!!!! it's absurd, we hardly have any trees in our cities, we still driving diesel buses, there is lack of bike lanes or good PT infrastructure. Also, AT needs to be pulled in line as they are still focussing on cars and are li

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**Tell us why:** Everyone needs to contribute. It will have a long term positive effect for everyone.

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** As mentioned we really need to focus on more safer streets for people and reduce cars in our streets. More public transport, more bike lanes and just safe streets to walk and bloody close queen street to cars!!!! argh.

## 7. What is important to you?

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We need to make it easy for anyone to have safe housing, but that might be a central government thing.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Council needs to continue investing to meet existing demands in areas such as capital infrastructure, both in maintaining existing and investing in new for the growth of the City. Council needs to continue to invest in both the hard and soft infrastructure of the city to support the vision of being a world class city.

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**Tell us why:** Climate change is a critical need and we cannot continue to kick the can down the road.

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

**Tell us why:** After decades of under investment critical infrastructure is required to meet current demand and also to invest for future demand. To maintain existing assets and build new to keep up with growth.

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

**Tell us why:** This question is very vague, depending on which assets you are considering council will need to consider the impact of divesting assets on the community. There are currently not enough sport and rec facilities for example to meet the current demand. Multi purpose facilities are a great idea such as in Otahuhu and should be considered alongside accessibility and transport, particularly for our most in need communities.

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## 6. Local Boards

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I support the areas outlined under the waterfront properties in the strategic assets section. I would support increased investment in housing and growth infrastructure.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** If this is what we need to do I would support. However the cost of rates are so expensive for older people. One old boy in Herne Bay was paying almost \$30K per annum. That seems excessive!



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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Electric buses seems like a great solution. But we can never find a bus route which works for us. Hence, the reliance on cars. I support cycling but would never ride myself. I see so many people looking at mobiles whilst driving. I'm a big tree lover and we want more of them. Property developers seem to be able to do what they want in our city. They just chop them down!

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Bring on Ponsonby Park - that idea has been on the table since the Treaty of Waitangi! Please make it happen. We also want to see the Leys Library refurbished. There will be a huge public out if there is any talk of demolition.

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## 6. Local Boards

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Making Auckland a better city...It appeared to be clean and green when we moved here 20 years ago - but alas no more.

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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

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

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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

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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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

## 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?**

Our city needs to improve how it deals with rubbish and invest in waste management systems, one of them being centralized food waste management system. If we look closely at what is going into rubbish bin in our home, they are mostly food waste. Together as a city, we can avoid food waste entering into landfill. I am very keen to see changes in this area!

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

## Proposed Recovery Budget

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** While we allow truck access along Beach Rd. to the Port air quality for residents will never improve.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** Do not think gulf health is not being given adequate support.

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Make the inner city desirable to live in.

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** If you are asking whether i support the investment, I do. I can also pay the increased rates. I accept not all will be so fortunate.

## 2. Climate change

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** I am totally opposed to leasing or sharing facilities. I am happy to pay more, whether by rates or as a user, for the proper maintenance and renewal of these facilities which are vital community assets. And whilst I am on the subject of libraries, I wish the Council to get on and do whatever has to be done to get the Leys Institute open. That is a terrific facility and the library a much used and very convenient asset.

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#### **Which option do you support?**

Don't know

#### **Tell us why:**

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

## 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?**

See above re libraries.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Environmental issues should be at the forefront of ANY decisions & it needs to be taken seriously. Any infrastructure that will support this e.g. electric trains/buses, more/better/safer/extensive(longer) bike lanes & trails should be implemented ASAP. We need this anyway, with the proposed population growth.

## 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:** See answer to question 1. Again, climate change should be the highest priority for everyone. And we need to stop thinking about ourselves all the time - climate change will impact animals, plants, trees, waterways, the whenua as well. These all need to be catered for in your budget. More inland green spaces, for example, with extensive native tree planting to sustain native birds and animals. More green spaces that are dog-friendly. More working groups to actively clean waterways to protect native fish & animals, & more riparian planting to protect the waterway banks & surrounding environments. You're prepared to allow more intensive housing developments so equally, you should be allowing for more "green" facilities.

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:** Water quality is imperative for the health of everyone, including animals. Human activity has had an insurmountably negative impact on water quality & it's up to us to correct it, whether it be water fed into our homes, oceanic waters surrounding coast lines or water in lakes & waterways.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** It will be sad to see some facilities close down (especially those with some historical provenance), however for the betterment of wise cost savings & a lower carbon footprint, this proposal is practical & makes sense long term. If there are alternatives that can be utilised e.g. online services, then I see this being a positive approach.

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Urban Rating Area: for farms & lifestyle blocks. Sorry but I haven't read the full document regarding this (hence the "don't know" response). However, I imagine these types of properties, especially farming properties, have a high carbon footprint & possi

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

**Tell us why:** Again, I haven't read the documentation but presumably residents have called for a bus service. If this is the case, I would support Option 2, providing commuters from the wider area are easily able to get to the bus stop e.g. park & ride facility or plenty of free street parking within a short distance.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Whau Local Board

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

**Tell us why** It's imperative we protect the environment & our native birds, animals & insects. They are not only beautiful, but in many cases are rare & vulnerable due to human activity. We owe it to them to give back what has been taken from them, allowing them to thrive. A new park with an abundance of flax & native plants/trees & cleaning up the Whau River, will allow for that to happen. At the same time, these will provide beauty & enjoyment for the local community & a sense of pride.

## 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?**

No - other than to say from all my previous comments, you can conclude I have strong support for any changes that will POSITIVELY impact animals & the environment, as well as local communities.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why:



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

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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**Tell us why:**

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No

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**Waitematā Local Board**

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right? Don't know**

**7. What is important to you?**

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

The Living Wage is important to me 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.

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## Your feedback

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

Do not support

Tell us why:

## 2. Climate change

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

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:**

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### What is your view on this proposal?

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## 6. Local Boards

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I responded some time ago, however, I did NOT address the "living wage." The Council must adopt this progressive measure unless AKL is to become submerged in a backwater of impoverished workers. It has plenty of folk earning excessively GRAND salaries; you must step up for all those employees who are NOT in that earning category. Dr. Jeanne Guthrie 6E/14 Waterloo Quadrant, CBD 1010 027-329-4704

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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:**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** I think a rates rise and continuing to maintain and add new community facilities is a better option. These facilities provide unique services and spaces to their communities that should not be condensed for the sake of efficiency. We must continue to invest heavily in local communities.

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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:**

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### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** I support the priorities but think that there is significant underinvestment and lack of priority given to environmental issues within the board. The amount spent on community investment compared to environment investment is frankly embarrassing.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Due to Covid lockdowns mainly in Auckland, and the climate changes have worsen with earthquakes happening nationally and far too regularly now, its too late and budget needs to change NOW as govt has already had four years from the last budget and should continue for the next six years, there is too many homeless and our future generations will suffer, change housing borrowing most of whats happening is illegal anyway.

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Our rubbish is being dumped incorrectly, we cant change climates, we need to follow examples of countries who have changed their living conditions and usage of materials that do not hurt our environment gases, emissions, less tree felling, solar power, less water usage and coal.

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

**Tell us why:** Our water is contaminated and so are our waterways. The pipes need relooking at as they are too old and have needed fixing 25 years ago. When the earthquake in Chchurch happened we should have taken this as a serious warning as it will hit Auckland and Wellington and has already affected other areas, Palmerston North, Napier, which is why we have so many cancer patients from the young, youth, middle aged and elderly. We are not been told the truth about how less green our country really is.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** We have various religious groups and they have businesses within their own communities, why are they not supporting people in boundaries set, it appears that if you belong and follow their rules they will assist, govt with

Auckland churches need to be accountable for the survival of the next generations, money seems to be wasted on overseas missions etc instead of taking care of and being kind in their own backyards. (Too many domestic violence, abuse, physical, mental, sexual, psychological, neglect and ignorance has to be dealt with accordingly in secret which is how it isn't dealt with until it's too late.)

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What is the point of charging higher rates when you do not have enough people trained to do the jobs properly and appropriately, I do not want to pay the Mayor of Auckland higher wages, to spend on his own family and extended, I want my own house and car

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### Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** they have already increased the toll bridge, they have already taxed us with everything, I want to use my money to survive on a daily basis.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Henderson-Massey Local Board

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### Upper Harbour Local Board

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**Tell us why**

### Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why** My healthcare has let me down.

## 7. What is important to you?

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I want ownership of a house I can afford in my lifetime, I want healthcare that is free, Education free, transport free, proper food I can afford to eat well, less tax and petrol affordable, less traffic on the roads and waiting time to get to my job, I want to survive on my savings ( I do not have) to retire comfortably and enjoy whats left of my husbands life as he was misdiagnosed with cancer too late, as I am a New Zealand born Pacific Islander second generation who has lived and loved and breathed New Zealand and have seen changes for the worst for my Adult children and grand children, which is very sad.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Council should be using record low interest rates to borrow more, rates should be much higher relative to property valuations.



## 2. Climate change

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

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

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** The PM has declared a climate emergency, this plan is nowhere near ambitious enough.

## 3. Water quality

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### Extending the targeted rate

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### Increasing the targeted rate

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

**Tell us why:** Once again not ambitious enough, Cox's creek is a national disgrace.

## 4. Community investment

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Decisions need to be made on a case by case basis, but don't agree that council can't afford to maintain/upgrade assets, it comes down to desire, increase rates!

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Rates need to be linked to land values rather than improvements to promote efficient utilisation of a scarce resource.

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### Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** If there is sufficient demand AT should be providing the service, however ratepayers should get a discount if they can't readily access public transport. The city needs congestion charging to promote increased use of public transport and reduce the negative environmental and social effects caused by cars.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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## 7. What is important to you?

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The lack of ambition in providing growth infrastructure during the country's worst ever housing crisis is a disgrace. Debt is cheap, rates are extremely low relative to valuations when compared to other councils. Loading costs onto new arrivals when existing ratepayers had their infrastructure provided for free (not to mention maintained/upgraded in perpetuity for no additional cost) is the worst form of nimbyism.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** 5% is a big increase which I may not be able to pay

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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**Which option do you support?**

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**Tell us why:**

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

**6. Local Boards**

**Albert-Eden Local Board**

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

**Tell us why:** Please pay some attention to street's cleanness

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

**7. What is important to you?**

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** I don't know enough of the details about exactly how the money will be spent; I support the principle of a rates increase but need more info to determine if I think the expenditures are sensible.

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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:**

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

**Tell us why:** It's ridiculous that we always have to check reports to see if there's faecal matter in the water at the beach we want to go to. That just shouldn't be an issue in a world-class city.

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**Tell us why:** We need a lot more people taking public transit to help with traffic congestion.

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No

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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Support

**Tell us why:** Cutting spend will further impact the economy through lost jobs and will leave a greater challenge for the future (which will cost more).

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**Tell us why:** Climate change is the key priority for me. I'd like to see more on waste management too - not just the small tonnages that the Community Recycling Centres handle. We need to get better value for money.

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No

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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:** Alternative proposal 1 would have been better - more investment in climate change response and mitigation please given it is the greatest crisis we are all facing.

Please lobby central government to impose a carbon tax nationally, or the power to impose a carbon tax within the Auckland region, similar to the petrol tax. On the topic of the petrol tax - how about ring fencing the revenue from this to go entirely to zero-carbon transport options?

Please build into your procurement methods greater consideration of climate impacts of supply and target a zero-waste model of procurement.

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**Tell us why:** The Council has shamefully underinvested in infrastructure and we are now paying the price. I am greatly disappointed in the water quality around the Auckland region.

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### Which option do you support?

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Tell us why:

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** The record spend proposed by the Recovery Budget comes at a time when most ratepayers are recovering too ... from months of lost earnings and are coping with a drop in their household budgets. A 3.5% rise would be more in keeping with the times. I oppose the climate chnge package and reinstatement of the tax on BnB providers and oppose the extension of the water quality target rate and the suggestion it needs to rise by 5%.

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Any extra money should come from Central Government. Instead of demanding extra money from ratepayers for planting more trees, the council should be protecting the currently useful mature trees that are being killed daily by property developers.

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

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Support

**Tell us why:** Infrastructure has lagged behind Urban fdrag

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I feel there should be more investment in so called "heavy rail" instead of buses

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** I feel libraries are a key social need that must be maintained fully in terms of sites access

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No

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Support

**Tell us why:** We need to invest much much more money into the creation of a climate-friendly city that priorities walking and cycling. Everyone has a responsibility to chip in for that.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Stop spending money on new roads and spend more money on walking and cycling improvements. Plant more trees instead of building more lanes. Make it harder to drive and easier to cycle, walk, and catch public transit.

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**Tell us why** Build more cycle lanes! Address traffic problems. Ponsonby road is a terrible road to cycle on. We need protected cycle lanes on all arterial roads in the city, including in the Waitematā board. Stop subsidizing polluting Cars and drivers. Make it easier to cycle and more people will.

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We need to massively increase investment in cycling, walking, and public transit initiatives. There needs to be protected cycle lanes on all arterial roads in Auckland. How many people have to die before we take serious action on this? Failing to address this when we know what happens is immoral. K road is a good start and a model for how every major road in the city should be.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** Increase the long term loan aspects to cover the debt which is at lowest in history, best time to borrow out of debt long term..



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**Tell us why:** as above reasoning, low interest rates with longer term loans

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**Tell us why:** It is vital that Council continues to invest in core services and to avoid falling into an austerity mindset.

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**Tell us why:** I support this increase as the best option given but do not believe that this level of spending will be sufficient to reach our vision of a zero carbon economy. There needs to be more of an emphasis on realigning the existing budget to shift spending towards climate action and away from carbon emissions. Auckland Council and its Council Controlled Organisations need to examine the spending they have locked in for the future and analyse the effects these have on climate change emissions. Building more carbon intensive infrastructure, such as Mill Road, will lead to an increase in car dependency.

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

**Tell us why:** The health of both the Waitemata and Manukau Harbour have decreased drastically over the past century and in recent years. The need for investment in these areas as well as the Tāmaki River is well overdue.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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No

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No more chopping down beautiful 50year old trees.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** A rates rise of under 4% is more reasonable because so many people say their incomes dropped because of covid-19 restrictions and they can't see how they can earn more let alone recover that loss. I also oppose the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate which is another tax to further reduce present slim margins of home-based BnBs whose customers rarely come to Auckland for events. The beneficiaries of council-held concerts etc are the big city hotels, restaurants and shops.

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Council must demand the law be changed to give mature trees the protection they deserve for their useful contribution to soaking up stormwater and reducing air pollution. This is something which elected representatives can influence NOW if they push harder.

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Support

**Tell us why:** We should not leave infrastructure care to future generations.



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Housing is very important. We want everyone in our city to have a warm home.

But trees are equally important. Housing and trees are not mutually exclusive. It just requires imagination and control of developers to allow them to knit together.

The Council needs to reinstate restrictions chopping down trees. It does not make sense to allow trees to be chopped and simultaneously be spending millions on planting more trees - an admirable thing - but why allow trees that have been growing for decades to be obliterated?

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**Tell us why:** I do not support this because I believe that physical places are an invaluable aspect of civic life. This is where Aucklanders build community, socialise, and can learn, relax, and meet people without having to purchase something. There are few activities that don't discriminate based on wages, and that are removed from spending money. Visiting galleries, libraries, and other civic spaces are a vital aspect of equalising our society. I believe that the internet has a risk of being used as a blanket fix to resolving financial issues. Also I am concerned, that it is not accessible to everyone, which means that vulnerable members of our community miss out on important social interactions. This is fundamentally isolating compared to in-person resourcing. I also have concerns about the uptake of web-based civic resourcing, and whether it will fulfil its intentions. Web servers are also inherently bad for the environment, through the use of mining, water, and coolants. I would like to see a break-down of the difference between the increase in council server usage on the environment vs. bricks and mortar council buildings.

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**Tell us why:** Because, I believe that in time - say over the next decades as Auckland city expands further, bus services will likely be added to this area, the building of which will benefit from this initial outlay. Therefore, it should be funded by the wider area, spreading out costs to more people, who will in time see the benefits.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** Yes to parks, yes to streams, and please more funding for those struggling with homelessness. I live on Karangahape Road, and the lack of resourcing for some of my neighbours is very apparent. The K Road wardens/security people are nice, but I've seen many times them ask people to move on when I look out the window. But this is so short sighted because there is no where for them to go! They just walk to Ponsonby and then come straight back. You can't just shift them out of the area, it is their home, and the gentrification of the area is very painful to see. Also, as homelessness is so prevalent, when I go to work early in the morning there are often people sleeping in tents etc in Myers Park. I have seen council staff come and take their belongings, but they don't wait to talk to the people or for them to come collect their things. I understand that it is public space, but these neighbours of ours don't have anywhere to go, and then the council takes their only chance at shelter. Now they are homeless, and shelterless. Nothing is resolved. Please consider alternate approaches to these issues.

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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:** HOWEVER, this is a really good start, but as a ratepayer and citizen, it feels nowhere \*near\* enough... this is not something that can keep being put off and put off. This is a start, but this is an urgent need and needs radical action. COVID has taught us we can take radical action when we need to, and we need to here.

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**Tell us why:** There's not enough detail to fully assess this but keeping community services particularly for less-well-off neighbourhoods is vital. The emphasis on ONLINE is concerning given the digital divide and that many of the facilities you're discussing are likely those used by those with less digital access. This sounds like it risks making Auckland an even better city for the young/well off, and worse for the older/poorer communities.

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Don't know

**Tell us why:** If there is evidence this will increase bus use then one of the options seems appropriate. But I don't live in the area so cannot say

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No

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**Tell us why** These are mostly oriented towards environmental responsiveness and social responsiveness, two important criteria. However, opportunity not just for engagement with mana whenua but increasing mana whenua centrality in these priorities is important - it's not visible in the way it's framed so I'm assuming it's not happening.

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safe cycling infrastructure - there are developments but these are SLOW. We need much more, separated and safe cycleways. And WHY do we still not have any start on the 'sky path' across the harbour bridge. Prioritise the environment as a key priority, and an urgent one. Don't cull arts and culture as these are the things that make our city vibrant and livable, above the infrastructure.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** With covid home owners can't afford it either!

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

**Tell us why:**

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Farm and lifestyle rates to go up. Our road is 1.5 car width, have no footpaths, have tank water only. We do not have services of other homes. Nothing has improved in 8 years we have been here. Only got worse. Traffic is worse. Road quality is worse, Int

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Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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We already pay extra Auckland roading tax and nothing has been done. Redhills has a road which has been one way for over a year and the road is falling down the hill. Add on extra rates is theft.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** The Long Term Plan is continuing the same business-as-usual practices that are keeping us locked in high carbon systems, denying us the revenue we should be harnessing and investing for our future.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:**

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### Tell us why:

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## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** I support the proposed priorities but would like to propose some other ideas as well. I live near Basque park in Eden Terrace, which has a lot of apartments close by. The park is very popular and has a lot of space but not many facilities. I would like to propose that park gym equipment, which I know is popular in the Howick local board, be added to the park. As I mentioned, many apartments are near to the park and apartments don't have space for such equipment, so this would encourage a healthier community. I would also like to see more fruit trees being planted around the local board (where appropriate) and to see under-used spaces being turned into either allotments for members of the community to rent, or into community farms. I would love to be able to have a space to grow my own food and to improve my mental wellbeing while connecting with nature. I believe some reserves, such as Suffolk reserve, would be perfect for this type of thing. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my ideas.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** support the budget but don't support where the money is to be spent

## 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?

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Why can urban developers get non-notified consent to destroy mature protected trees? Why has the list been closed off to add more trees for protection! Why bother to invest '11000 street trees and 200000 seedlings' when large trees are being cut down. Where's the benefit?

Maintain the Leys Institute building - upgrading and maintaining would use less resources than rebuilding.

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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:** The Leys Library Institute is a prime example of a community wanting to keep the structure to the benefit of a growing population. The remedial repairs would cost less than a new build as stated by the Service and Asset Planning division of Council. Leys Institute is a Category A heritage building and Council is required to maintain NOT demolish. Better to act sooner rather than later.

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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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#### **Which option do you support?**

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**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why** I only support helping homeless. Newmarket Park was wrecked by the council and now looks an eyesore. Huge trees were removed and an "urban forest" which will mature in 100 years was planted in parts and cheap rubbish plants put elsewhere.

## 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?**

Auckland is becoming a city of orange cones. They are an eyesore and no other city in the world uses so many. Most are never collected again and there are too many too close together. The city looks ugly and they need to be removed.

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

**Tell us why:**

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Support

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

**Tell us why:**

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### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** CCRG are very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board proposals and direction - See attachment

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**SUBMISSION FROM: Auckland City Centre Residents' Group (CCRG)**  
**SUBMISSION ON: Auckland Councils' Long Term Plan Recovery Budget**  
**DATE: 16 March 2021**

CCRG welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on council's LTP Recovery Budget. We note the need to balance Investment demands with investment capacity but would suggest that the requirement to meet demand and increase capacity is more flexible than indicated.

Our overall request is that council be bold with its revenue generation and therefore budget expectations.

Auckland needs to invest now to ensure a future for coming generations.

This depends on us being bold today. That means generating enough operational revenue to ensure developments and services are fit for purpose over the long term. Which also means Aucklanders need to pay now, for the future we want.

### **Key Issues**

For this LTP we are heavily focussed on **climate/environmental issues**. If we don't get on top of the current Climate Emergency there won't be a liveable Tāmaki Makaurau let alone a City Centre.

City centre residents are majorly impacted by various current and potential environmental issues.

The council's draft 10-year budget proposes a \$150 million bundle of climate action over a decade. We view this as unambitious and unlikely to meet the proposed targets especially as it is highly likely that current projections on climate will prove to be very optimistic.

With the effects of the current proposals likely to be way below the 50 per cent cuts in emissions needed over the next decade, we need more investment in climate strategies and faster implementations.

The alternative climate investment plan of \$320 million should be Auckland's starting point.

A key CCRG view is that the reduction of health & climate damaging transport emissions needs to be Auckland's primary focus for expenditure/investment. The stats around the contribution transport makes to emissions are well-known. The effect of these emissions on illness, chronic conditions and premature death are well-established.

Nothing matters more than people's health & wellbeing. That requires a total rethink of how we plan cities.

CCRG would like Auckland Council and its CCOs to ensure that Placemaking has precedence of Movement i.e. we plan the city we want first, and we build infrastructure to support those plans.

Unless we provide for this Placemaking hierarchy, we will continue to build more roads, more vehicles will use them, and the roads will fill up producing demand for yet more roads.

The more parking we provide, the more cars use the streets to get to those car parks, which then leads to demands for more parking and more roads. Without interventions, this is the utterly predictable and proven outcome.

Worse is that the return on investment of public funds spent on road/street assets, specifically for Movement, is immediately reduced when we facilitate 24/7 parking. This approach to asset development/management defies both logic and fiscal responsibility when particularly when we referring to billions and billions of dollars.

It is an unsustainable and environmentally destructive process and the city centre is like the canary in the mine. The question has to be asked as to why transport is the only major infrastructure activity that does not self-fund for private use? Most water/wastewater, electricity, telecommunications, television, media meet their own costs from private users.

CCRG supports taxes and rates paying for public assets related to transport, health, education, national security and social services. But we see no reason why public funds should be subsidising private use of public assets as is the case with a high proportion of transport costs.

On this basis, Auckland Transport should be generating another \$500m of their own income requirements via parking permits and parking fees for private vehicles. With \$1.5m registered vehicles in Auckland this averages out at less than \$6.50 per week.

That would pay for the 75% shortfall indicated in the proposed budget without even having to increase rates. Critically it would allow investment in cycling, walking and other active mode programmes to continue as planned and provide for increases.

Specifically for the City Centre, CCRG request that Council designate Waihorotiu/Queen Street Valley a Zero Emissions Area for buses from 1 July 2021, and for all other vehicles within two years. This can be achieved with a simple amendment to the SOI between AT and Auckland Transport requiring AT to act consistently with various specified plans and strategies of Council (s92 LG (Auckland Council) Act 2009).

This is an essential step to protect the health and wellbeing of city centre residents, workers and visitors. Our position is supported with evidence from the January 2020 RIMU report – see the link below.

A Major concern for city centre residents is air quality (specifically very poor and worsening air quality) –

Various studies e.g. January 2020 RIMU report <https://bit.ly/2OxiGOI> report on the situation:

*In most Auckland locations, PM10 and PM2.5 had significant decreasing trends for both short- and long-term timeframes. **Queen Street is not following this trend.** This city centre site has shown significant increases in PM2.5 and PM10 for the short-term analysis.*

*Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)... Queen Street has shown a statistically significant increase in NO2 since 2013 and has, for the past two years (i.e. 2019/2020), exceeded Councils ambient air quality target.*

It is extremely concerning that Auckland Transport propose to increase the number of diesel buses along Queen Street once the Victoria/Albert intersection closes in June of this year. CCRG believe that Auckland Transport, as a CCO, have the same obligation to comply with council's various climate change commitments and should be required to do so. No CCO should be allowed to demonstrably endanger public health.

We also need to know why diesel buses **crossing** the valley along Wellesley and Customs Street are proposed to increase, even after CRL is completed – possibly to 150-200+ at peak hours for each of those streets.

We accept that the CRL construction is a very disruptive project, but AT has the competence to develop alternatives to diesel buses along Queen Street right now, and we see no reason why electric vehicles only couldn't be used for Queen Street within a very short period of time.

The CCMP specifically provides for this -

*A vibrant pedestrian priority shopping street at the heart of Waihorotiu / Queen Street Valley - Queen Street will support centre-running transit (starting with buses) and become the centrepiece of a greatly expanded pedestrian priority and low emissions zone:*

For this to work now, AT needs to develop alternate means for east/west buses to turn around in or, just outside the city centre, a process that expert transport planners should have no problem developing. This single initiative will make a positive change to the lives of everyone in the city centre, for whatever purpose they are there.

### **Issue 1: Proposed Investment Package**

#### Transport:

CCRG support Councils efforts to maintain economic activity by being bold with its investment package. As indicated earlier, we believe AT has the capacity to substantially increase its revenue base from parking charges. \$5b over ten years is a reasonable expectation, but we suggest an independent review of that capacity and the plan to achieve the return Council requires.

We also want to see the Council family take a more urgent interest to actively support the development and opening of the main tunnel four, under Albert Park. This would be a major shared walk way and cycle path allowing easy access between Parnell and the city centre including the University and their students.

NZTA have put aside \$390 million dollars to open walk ways and cycle paths nationally, yet have completely ignored the heritage tunnels in the middle of our city centre. It is envisioned that some

7,000 people would use this tunnel every day. Utilising this pedestrian/cycle path would reduce emissions and provide a wonderful connection to the Victoria Street Linear Park so is a very positive project for our city centre.

#### Water supply, Wastewater and Stormwater:

Clean water is essential to life. Most New Zealanders now realise we have been very cavalier with our assumptions around availability and access to clean water. Watercare are proposing ongoing annual increases over ten years. CCRG support this approach to encourage much greater economy in water use and to ensure that water assets are maintained and developed to a high standard now and in future. To that end, we would suggest that Council also work with Watercare to encourage the use of low flow taps that dramatically reduce the amount of water people use, and at a relatively small cost.

CCRG are very supportive of initiatives such as the Central Interceptor project as a means of ensuring our harbours and waterways are safe to swim in. We would also expect that Ports of Auckland Ltd., would be capable of funding their Outfall upgrade.

#### City Centre and Local Development:

CCRG is totally supportive of, and committed to, the City Centre Master Plan, its eight Transformational Moves, and ten strategic Outcomes, of which we have to mention –

##### *Outcome 6: Residential city centre neighbourhoods*

*Auckland's city centre is an increasingly popular place to live. As the city centre population grows and matures, this outcome shapes the city centre's public realm, housing supply and social infrastructure to deliver a highly liveable city centre.*

All proposed projects in the city centre must reference the CCMP.

CCRG are very supportive of the various CCTR projects and the need to proceed with the Te Hā Noa/ Victoria Street Linear Park. We do however, have concerns as to how, and on what, the CCTR is sometimes being used and will be requesting a formal audit of that account in the near future.

#### Environmental Management and Regulation:

CCRG support the additional \$10m of funding for this essential activity. We cannot delay recycling works that are critical to cleaning up our harbours and waterways.

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As mentioned CCRG would support Alternative One – a larger investment package.

The environment is the most important aspect of life on earth. There is only one earth and we are the only ones who can look after it so let's put as much funding as we possibly can into working faster and harder on reducing the harm our previous, and ongoing activities, have done.

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While CCRG inevitably focusses on the serious health and climate effects of traffic congestion in the city centre, the resolution to that problem resides in the suburbs and boundaries of the Auckland region.

Along with using the walkable and cycle-able catchment metrics embodied in the NPS-UD, we support an expanded electric bus network providing regular, high frequency and reliable time table in all suburban areas. These small shuttle buses could bring people into local hubs, their town centres, plus larger hubs located in the main metropolitan centres. From here, regular and larger electric trains and/or electric buses could transport people on 24/7 designated bus lanes.

A regional system like this provides for far more environmentally friendly transport, frees up and more efficiently reallocates street space for dedicated bus lanes, safe walking and cycling and allows space for essential traffic such as service, delivery and emergency vehicles.

Trees – 11,000 is not nearly ambitious enough. CCRG would support the proposal to plant 29,000+ street trees including in our city centre. We note the tree planting opportunities appear to completely exclude the city centre where the asphalt, high rises, lack of parks,

high heat sink effect and poor air quality mean that many more trees are very urgently needed. Our cities can and should be places where nature flourishes. To that end we would be interested to see council's landscape architects playing a much larger role in the Placemaking work that council does.

### **Key Issue 3 – Responding to Housing and Growth.**

Our first comment is that we would like this heading to be changed to “Leading Housing and Growth”. That sends to all of us a key message from council that they are determined to ensure that Aucklanders have adequate housing for those who choice to live here.

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CCRG are supportive of both the increase and extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate as an essential element of ensuring environmental damage from past activities is remediated.

### **What's Happening in Your Area: Waitematā Local Board**

CCRG are very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board proposals and direction, and specifically the Urban Ngahere and walking/cycling initiatives. We want to see a big focus on mitigating and remediating the poisonous environment city centre residents live in due to diesel vehicles, especially buses and ships.

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- City to the Villages - better connections between the city centre and city fringe to provide safe, accessible and enjoyable journeys and to from the city centre

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** The changes are very logical. Is it possible to accelerate the diversion from land fill by having two separate approaches one for household/business fill and another for construction. I am concerned that the Council's human resources are not aligned to the proportion of land fill ie most council resources are deployed on minimisation of household/business waste where as the biggest issues are around construction waste - is it possible to have a focus in this area with emphasis on repurposing as opposed to land fill.

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

### Tell us why:

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**Tell us why** I am concerned that the priorities are environmentally/socially focused without consideration of the economic impact of Covid on central Auckland. This doesn't feel like a Covid recovery budget - it feels more like an Operations normal budget.

## 7. What is important to you?

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

We would like to see thought go into the city fringe suburbs and better planning for intensification. This plan appears to focus on the growth areas - we don't disagree that these areas need focus but could we also please have some consideration of intensification in the inner city and what they should look like. We would like to see better urban landscapes and not just more concrete tar seal, plantin gon foot paths etc

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Auckland Council have been deliberately deceiving our communities and have been duplicitous regarding their commitment to mitigating climate change.

See below

## 2. Climate change

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Auckland Council have been deliberately deceiving our communities and have been duplicitous regarding their commitment to mitigating climate change.

Despite declaring a climate emergency in 2019, Auckland Council supports the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's Operational Plan in destroying 14 major green spaces and ecosystems, mass felling around 2,500 healthy, mature decades/century old trees purely because they aren't native.

Auckland Council grants the Authority more than \$10 million every year in an operational budget, plus more than \$1 million funding for non-operational activities. There's a saving right there.

Auckland Council have ignored the massive outcry from the public - the rate payers - who are effectively paying for this felling - approved on a non-notified basis

The true intention of the TMA has been deliberately hidden from the public with equivocal language, a deliberate deception of our communities.

The main one being - "planting natives", this is what it says in the Redress Act, note - not "native trees", which is what has been printed and broadcast in the media again and again. The evidence and outright carnage can be seen on Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain, Mangere, and Maungarei / Mount Wellington.

This perfunctory "planting of natives" are no more than grasses and sedges - this was around 2 years ago - they are ALL dead, there are NO trees - and btw, how can you honestly saying tearing out 2,500 century old trees and replacing them with grasses is mitigating the effects of climate change? And, they weren't even planted - they are pinned to the ground in their plastic pots - most of which are strewn all over the place, just dead sticks are what remains.

Auckland Council need to stop this barbaric and unforgivable crime against the environment and the planet, it is Eco-vandalism - and at a time where we ALL need to do anything and everything possible to mitigate global warming and protecting the delicate ecosystems on our dying planet.

To commit this act is hypocritical and a breach of your so-called declaration of a climate emergency and you must cease immediately.

There is zero benefit for the ecosystems and mitigating climate change by mass felling 2,500 exotic trees - a food source and home for native and exotic birds - nobody and nothing benefits.

The ideologies of the Tupuna Maunga Authority are outdated and destructive and need to be reworked - for example: plant thousands of native TREES beneath the protective canopy of the exotics, that is happening naturally on the Maunga and they are flourishing, native seedlings DO NOT survive the harsh conditions of being exposed to direct sunlight, the whole idea is so fatally flawed and disastrous and add odds with our global commitment to mitigate climate change. The repercussions will be severe for the well-being of our communities, the birds, the ecosystems, the city, the planet

## 3. Water quality

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### Extending the targeted rate

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**Increasing the targeted rate**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?**

**Tell us why:** Also stop selling little reserves and shaving slivers of green spaces from our parks to fund your massive deficit, stop taking from the communities and pretending you're doing good, it's all a sham.

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**Tell us why** Because half the WLB are seemingly able to be bought off. They are extremely biased and dishonest people. Sarah Trotman and Alex Bonham being the exceptions. Julie Sandilands and Kerrin Leoni are completely irrational void of any critical thought all their decisions are either predetermined by Richard Northey and Pippa Coom, and/or agree with anything Maori related no matter how absurd it is.

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Stop selling to developers/knocking down heritage building and replacing them with ugly soulless boxes that are worthy of being in North Korea. Stop trying to spin to the public that Auckland needs to 'grow'. Why? More money for all you greedy councillors. There's a saving right there - give yourselves a 50% paycut.

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Support

**Tell us why:**

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Living on Beach Road, which is set to be underwater with current projected levels of temperature rise, I would like to see even more investment in not planning and prevention for coastal erosion and flooding! I support the electric vehicle fleet and solar panel installation investments, and I'd like to see even more investment in renewable energy.

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

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** It is convenient that the diversity of our community is cited as a need for reducing the number of community facilities and services offered when surely it should motivate an expansion of said services, especially when our most vulnerable populations that most rely on these facilities usually have the LEAST access to online alternatives. Having gone to Uni online for most of 2020, I know that changing the method of delivery directly impacts the quality of the service being offered, and online services and facilities cannot always replace physical assets. I would have supported the increased funding alternative that would see a retention and upgrading of all assets, rather than the triage approach

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**Tell us why:** Those in Option 1 are most likely to use and benefit from the bus service; if you have to drive to a bus stop to use the service, you are far less likely to derive benefit from it, and I think option 2 would target too many people that wouldn't really be impacted by the service.

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No

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Addressing housing and the Auckland Unitary Plan, my partner and I both support the increased funding alternatives that would see greater housing development in Auckland. Since New Zealand doesn't have a capital gains tax, prospective homeowners are shut out of the market by landlords that don't even live in the properties that they trade at no cost. This seems inherently unfair, especially considering Auckland's projected growth in the next ten years. Since the council isn't

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** 5% increase as a one-off actually impacts following years as the 'starting point' for 3.5% increases will be higher. Basic maths. A 3.5% increase over a larger value is a higher increase.

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Other

**Tell us why:** Rates need to increase more than the LTP proposal THE main focus must be climate change and this LTP is very unambitious in that regard. There will be no need for services, assets and subsidies if we have no planet to live on.

Auckland needs to invest now to ensure a future for coming generations. This depends on us being bold today. That means generating enough operational revenue to ensure developments and services are fit for purpose over the long term. Which also means Aucklanders need to pay now, for the future we want.

The council's draft LTP proposes a \$150 million bundle of climate action over a decade.

With the effects of the current proposals over a decade likely to be way below the 50 per cent cuts in emissions needed, we need faster and more investment in climate strategies and implementations.

Please use as a minimum the alternative climate investment plan of \$320 million must be the starting point.

A reduction in health & climate damaging transport emissions needs to be Auckland's primary focus for expenditure/investment. The stats around the contribution transport makes to emissions are well-known. The effect of these emissions on illness, chronic conditions and premature death are well-established.

Nothing matters more than people's health & wellbeing. That requires a total rethink of how we plan cities. This ITP does not imagine this future at all - it merely seeks to kick the can down the road.

Place making over movement.

Unless we provide for prioritising Placemaking hierarchy, we will continue to build more roads, more vehicles will use them, the roads will fill up producing demand for more roads. The more parking we provide, the more cars use the streets to get to those car parks, which then leads to demands for more parking (and more roads). Without interventions, this is the utterly predictable and proven outcome. Please stop building more roads and providing more carparking . Introduce parking maximums city-wide urgently.

Stop facilitating and instead charge for use of public street space for all parking.

Auckland Transport could generate another \$500m of their own income requirements via parking permits and parking fees for private vehicles. \$5b over ten years is a reasonable target. And we might actually then be able to re-allocate precious street space currently used to freely store people's possession (cars), for other purposes more in line with climate action.

That would pay for the 75% of the shortfall indicated in the proposed budget without even having to increase rates. It would then allow investment in the walking and other active mode programmes to continue as planned and actually be increased - which is really what is needed. AT's delivery on active modes has been an unmitigated failure, so business as usual (BAU) is not acceptable.

In the city centre Council must designate Waihorotiu/Queen Street Valley a Zero Emissions Area for buses this year, and for all other vehicles within two years.

This is an essential step to protect the health and wellbeing of city centre residents, workers and visitors. There is the worst air pollution on the city centre for all of Auckland - and it is damaging everyone's health, both now, and long term.

Diesel Buses crossing the valley along Wellesley and Customs Street are proposed to increase, even after CRL is completed – this is not acceptable.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** While I support the investment proposed it is not nearly doing enough.

The proposals on climate are timid and insufficient - Council has signed up to a whole raft of worthy climate commitments and committed to mainstreaming climate action across the council family but this LTP proposes less than 1% on climate - so total lip service - and setting itself up to fail.

Auckland Council's overall target for emissions reduction – 40% by 2040 – is too low and too slow. To play our part in the global response to climate change, Auckland, as New Zealand's largest city, should be aiming for near to zero carbon by the middle of this century. Since Auckland's emissions mainly come from transport and energy use, this is 100% possible.

Back in 2009, almost quarter of a million New Zealanders signed on for a target of 40% reduction of 1990 levels by 2020 as our fair share of global emissions reductions. Five years later, the need to reduce carbon is even more urgent. The world's expert climate scientists tell us that we need to rapidly move towards a low or zero emissions economy if we are to avoid overheating the planet with massive negative impacts for human health.

The council's draft LTP proposes a \$150 million bundle of climate action over a decade.

With the effects of the current proposals over a decade likely to be way below the 50 per cent cuts in emissions needed, we need faster and more investment in climate strategies and implementations.

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We must have a different approach for transport in Auckland which is one of the prime causes of our climate and health degradation. Apart from AT being required to raise more of their own income, we need to see much more urgent work done on reducing the need for everyone to drive a private vehicle.

Electric buses, light rail operating on proper convenient and regular (turn up and go ) schedules need to be rolled out - using dedicated and enforced 24/7 bus lanes, and servicing transport hubs/nodes to deliver people around the city and not have everything terminating in the city centre which is overloaded with wall to wall buses already.

A regional system like this provides for far more environmentally friendly transport, frees up and more efficiently reallocates street space for dedicated bus lanes, safe walking and cycling and allows space for essential traffic such as service, delivery and emergency vehicles.

The proposal offers nothing particularly bold at all, nothing new or additional about making streets safer and more suitable for walking, cycling and other active modes - this is where climate change action benefits will start and people will see their effectiveness.

Sell off many of the endless car park assets and turn them into residential/mixed use. That endless car parking is a subsidy to driving that worsens the experience for everyone else. Let's reduce traffic, emissions, and improve walking and cycling for everyone.

Trees – 11,000 is a bit of ajike really. We need 100's of thousands more trees. The city centre where the asphalt, high rises, lack of parks, high heat sink effect and poor air quality mean that many more trees are very urgently needed there. Trees are now more important than roads, kerbs and so on that we endlessly find more and more money to maintain and increase and widen further (and thus promoting more driving). These 100's of thousands of trees need to be planted within 10 years. Instead of building more roads and widening roads and building more sprawl costing 1billions - use the money to plant and maintain trees.

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

**Tell us why:** Clean water is essential to life. Most New Zealanders now realise we have been very cavalier with our assumptions around availability and access to clean water. I support this approach to encourage much greater economy in water use and to ensure that water assets are maintained and developed to a high standard now and in future.

Any initiatives such as the Central Interceptor project as a means of ensuring our harbours and waterways are safe to swim in are a real investment in the future and addressing the climate emergency

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** I support Additional investment – increased funding to retain existing portfolio and provide for anticipated growth based on current provision guidelines .

The preferred council proposal is facility closing, community -destroying at its worst. It's an attack on the diversity of, and support for our communities.

With population growth (and if council is serious about density) - community facilities should become more cost effective spread across a denser compact city - but if urban sprawl is promoted - which is still obviously the case - then yes there will be a problem. You can't have sprawl, low rates and climate in the same basket. Prioritise climate and community - not cars and sprawl.

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#### **Which option do you support?**

Don't know

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We need a lot more basic amenities, such as drinking fountains, showers, toilets and lockers. These need to be a major focus for the entire council family and not just the Waitematā Local Board.

As an apartment dweller I am very supportive of a regenerative urban farm at Bowen Street, providing city centre residents with composting, recycling, and urban farming opportunities and also opportunities for community resilience and neighbourhood-building.

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Much increased density across all of Auckland should be greatly encouraged, especially along established and new transport routes and around village and transport nodes, supported by increased investment in safe walking and cycling. Density brings well-established benefits - the infrastructure and environmental costs of sprawl are well-documented. And community facilities become easier and more affordable to provide and maintain - sprawl is the enemy of all of these, as well as climate change - these types of developments are no longer tolerable let alone sustainable.

Assets 'recycling' is asset sales. There may be good reasons to change things that the public owns on a case by case basis - but the targets based on amounts only seem like a slash and burn with no consideration for future generations. It's very poor stewardship and I don't support these target-based proposals at all. Auckland Transport could find all the money needed by stopping subsidising free parking all over the city.



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

Other

**Tell us why:** The Grey Lynn Residents Association supports the five percent increase for 2021/2022 but is not in agreement with all the spending and policy priorities that sit within this.

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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:** It is critical that the Council address Auckland's contribution to climate change. However we would like to see more ambition here than is proposed. We urge a greatly accelerated approach to improving public transport, decarbonising the bus fleet, rolling out more cycleways and walking opportunities for commuters and increasing tree cover.

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

**Tell us why:** It is absolutely critical that we improve the dire standard of the creeks, estuaries and harbours within the Council area. They cannot be allowed to deteriorate further, which they will under the pressures of predicted population growth.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** The GLRA is very anxious about this proposal as it potentially represents Council exit from important facilities to which a range of communities have strong ties. We are not keen to support this at its current vague stage of development and would like to see more detail. We urge the Council not to sell down the Grey Lynn Library and Community Centre.

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** The Grey Lynn Residents Association (GLRA) is an incorporated society, formed in 2013. Its goals are to provide a unified voice for the residents of Grey Lynn, to promote and protect the interests and welfare of the residents of Grey Lynn, and to work to make Grey Lynn the most liveable suburb in the world. GLRA's views are informed by a needs assessment of 516 locals, available on its website. The GLRA Facebook page is followed by over 400 people.

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Grey Lynn is one of the more affluent communities in Auckland. Our primary goal is to advocate for the needs of Grey Lynn residents to be met, but we also acknowledge the need to close the gap for disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Auckland.

We note that the recently released Climate Change Commission report provides advice on available emissions budgets and how those emission budgets can be met. We believe it is important that the 10 year budget be consistent with meeting those emission budgets, as well as being consistent with the Auckland Climate Plan's target to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. We note that the proposed budget currently appears inadequate in this regard.

In general we support the proposed Waitematā Local Board priorities. Our needs assessment survey of the Grey Lynn community found that wastewater, waterways and coastline, and ecology were all considered important issues. We also believe that Cox's Bay (as well as Hobson Bay) should be highlighted as particularly in need of water quality improvements.

We believe that Council should make additional efforts (such as subsidies) to promote the installation of rainwater tanks, to assist with climate change resilience in years of drought. as these both reduce demand on the drinking water network and also reduce the load on the stormwater network, helping to reduce the risk of overflows. We also support the development of Ponsonby Park and the reopening of the Leys Institute.

We support efforts to address homelessness, as noted in the Waitematā Local Board priorities. However, we believe it is important to take a co-ordinated approach so that amenities and services provided are aligned to the Auckland City Mission HomeGround development --and its expertise in delivery to this high-needs group -- and to other agencies such as Orange Sky, and so that there is an appropriate link to social services. We believe amenities should be provided in a way that minimises the risk of vandalism and attacks on the users.

We would like to see a faster pace of restoring tree cover than recommended in the Waitematā Local Board priorities. For this reason, among others, we also support the alternative larger climate investment package that includes much more extensive street tree planting, and planting in parks where space is available through a one-off rates increase. The numbers of trees currently proposed for planting are patently too low. T

Tere should also be a maintenance and watering plan for new streets trees in their first few years of life that involves local residents and business owners taking care of the trees, ensuring their survival. An audit of missing and failing trees should be conducted to ascertain planting needs.

We support the proposed short-term increase in rates and borrowing. We appreciate that these funds are needed for projects that we are aware are important to Grey Lynn residents, including cycleways, improved water quality and tree planting.

We would like to see walking and cycling projects delivered with more urgency, particularly those in the Grey Lynn area. We also believe this should be accompanied by improved and more secure bike parking, as bike theft is a major problem and deterrent to cycling, and seems to be an increasing problem for e-bikes. Walking and cycling projects have important safety and environmental benefits, and if well designed can improve streetscapes. Our needs assessment survey found that these are all important issues for the Grey Lynn community.

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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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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** It doesn't go far enough though. Funding needs to be increased for cycling and walking facilities, low traffic neighbourhoods, and local boards.

## 3. Water quality

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**Tell us why:**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:**

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Don't know

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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## 7. What is important to you?

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Not investing in necessary infrastructure is not an option

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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:** Again it is not sensible to delay necessary investment

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**Tell us why:** BUT, the revenue must be ringfenced for water quality improvements ONLY

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Heritage issues must also be considered. For example the Leys Institute must be protected and brought back to a usable state

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Sensible investment in infrastructure must not be delayed by trying to limit rates rises. If rates need to rise to achieve appropriate spend, so be it.

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**Which option do you support?**

Don't know

**Tell us why:** I don't live there or use the services to am unqualified to have an opinion

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No

**6. Local Boards**

**Waitematā Local Board**

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

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I feel even more investment is required, I feel the 5% should be for longer than 1 year.

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

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** It is life or death. Get on with it! Force all suppliers to be managing their Carbon Footprint.

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

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Please do not reduce availability of nearby services. Low Carbon access means within walking distance. Selling assets reduces future options.

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Please do not require local boards to fund unexpected issues/repairs (e.g. Leys Institute seismic strengthening). Such should be centrally funded especially when a heritage building.

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#### **Which option do you support?**

Don't know

**Tell us why:** I'm not living there or planning on using the service so feel unqualified to comment

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No

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### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** I feel WLB has been forced into a corner because of the unexpected Leys Institute seismic repairs. They should not have to find these funds, it is a regional cost (as it is heritage). Also, please bring Ponsonby Park forward in planning. It is unacceptable to further delay the community's efforts by 4+years. Fund it NOW.

## 7. What is important to you?

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Style must be more firmly managed for medium and high density developments. Ugly buildings must no longer be allowed.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Do not support

Tell us why:

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Do not support increased investment

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**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**

**Albert-Eden Local Board**

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support most priorities

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Everyone is impacted by the COVID-19. It is unacceptable to ask Aucklanders to pay more for the fiscal hole. Watercare's high human resource cost was criticised. The costs of management of the different projects are appalling. As an Auckland resident, I would wish to see the council taking actions first to reduce its fiscal expense. Streamline council organisations and working processes. Then you can come and talk about extra funding. Also, the many services, should use model of users pay for the services, and the council subsidise the vulnerable group. 每个人都

受疫情影响，一味的要求奥克兰人多出钱来填财政窟窿是无法接受的。watercare的高昂人事成本令人诟病，各种工程开支管理更是令人瞩目。作为市民，我希望先看到先采取主动作为来减少财务开支。精简人员精简机构，优化业务流程，再来讨论extra funding。另外，所谓的各种服务，可以转为使用者付费模式，困难者政府补贴。

## 2. Climate change

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Electrical bus does not necessary need extra money. Planting trees are not understandable. First and foremost is that you should make public transport inexpensive to encourage more people using public transport. 电动巴士不一定需要额外资金，种树更是无法理解，首要的让公交更便宜，鼓励更多的人做公交。

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### Extending the targeted rate

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### Increasing the targeted rate

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

**Tell us why:** Refuse empty promise. 拒绝空白支票

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** City councils provide venues, companies or charity organizations provide services, and citizens pay a certain fee. This expenditure should have been included in the Rates. 市议会提供场地 · 企业或者公益组织提供服务 · 市民付一定的费用 · 这项支出本来就应该包含在地税之中了。

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

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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:** Users need to pay 使用者付费

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** . 地稅再长租金同样长 · 小生意根本无法经营 · 一堆人失业救济 · 政府一样是减轻不了负担

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Global climate change is for sure. The Earth climate changes ever since the beginning of the Earth. This is cannot be changed by whatever amount of money that human spend. There are new births and deaths. The Earth will end in one day. Even if we do not eat, do not produce any rubbish, things cannot last for ever. 全球气候变化是一定发生的·从有地球开始就一直不停变化·这不是人类多花点钱可以改变·有生就有死·地球总有一天也会到尽头·不是我们不吃不喝没有垃圾就能到永远永远!

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

**Tell us why:** Water quality problem is always there. Why is that? Is it because we spent less money on it? No. It is a problem of management. The entire management are not functional although they have very high salary. Why is that? It is about capability. Solve the problem first from your officials. 水质问题一直存在·为什么·是因为我们少花钱吗?不是!是管理问题·整个管理层拿着高薪却没有效果·为什么?这是能力问题!请从你们的官员下手去改变现状!

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Community services need our support. This is an investment in education for the next generation. Only a good educational environment concept can enable the country to better develop. 社区服务需要支持 · 这是对下一代的教育投资 · 好的教育环境理念才能让国家得到更好的发展。

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**Tell us why:** Why do you need to collect taxes? It is not the choice of the properties and businesses to build the bus stations. If you think it is convenient for them, so you need to charge them for the extra, then everyone should probably drive! 为什么要收税 · 你要把车站盖在哪里不是物业和商家的选择 · 如果你认为方便了他们就要额外收费 · 那么大家都自己开车好了!

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why** Unplanned digging everywhere in the Auckland city, which are a waste of money, traffic jams everywhere. Roads are turned into bicycle lanes. New Zealand's land terrain is not suitable for cycling at all! The speed of scooter is very dangerous, it shouldn't exist in the first place! This government does not pay attention to economic development, but just spends money to do useless social interactions. Blindly squeezing businesses, blindly asking for heavy taxes, economic failure, public security will only get worse and worse. Instead of spending a lot of money to change bicycle lanes, it is better to deal with homeless people in the urban area! It is simply detrimental to the image of the country

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Supportive of an increase to accelerate investment into infrastructure and climate change initiatives.

## 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:**

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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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Don't know

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No

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Support

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Other

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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 Paremuremo and Lucas Heights area of the Upper Harbour Local Board

**Tell us why:**

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Support

Tell us why:

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## Personal Submission to Auckland Council Long Term Plan 2021-31

21 March 2021

- This is my personal submission to the Long Term Plan 2021-31 consultation.
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- I am a member of Civic Trust Auckland and served on their Board for 7 years.
- I was a member of Auckland Council's Heritage Advisory Panel for two terms.

### **Long Term Plan 201021-31 Consultation**

#### **Key Issue 1: Proposed investment package.**

1. I **support** the proposed increased investment package, to keep services and infrastructure from deteriorating.

#### **Key Issue 2: Responding to Climate Change.**

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3. I **support** the moves to increase tree planting across Auckland and increase the percentage of the city tree cover.

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4. I broadly **support** the proposed responses to increase housing available in Auckland.
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floodplains, or strips of land, but this reserve was purpose built for the small subdivision it serves, the developer being required to supply it by Council in 1994. It does not exist by accident but by design, being a central square that the homes in the subdivision surround. The reserve is flat and well used by the local community. It contains a large, beautiful Pohutukawa tree and two medium size Pohutukawa and Titoki trees that will not survive redevelopment for housing. This park provides a unique ecosystem in an increasingly built-up area, and high amenity values that cannot be replaced by another park elsewhere.

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*We have the Honour the Maunga group advocating for the existing mature trees on our maunga, while the Tupuna Maunga Authority is determined to strip them of any non-native vegetation. Most of us aren’t opposed to the Authority’s long term aim to have healthy native canopies, but the method of razing existing trees seems counterproductive.*

*Street trees in our inner suburbs are also mysteriously disappearing and it’s unclear whether this is the work of individuals or a statutory authority.*

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22. I **support** proposals to plant 11,000 more street trees, grow 200,000 seedlings a year and plant an additional 200 ha of native forest. Many could go into regional parks.
23. I request that funding be provided to maintain regional parks, tracks, recreation facilities and farming operations to a high standard.
24. I **support** retaining funding for additional parks.

## Other Matters:

25. I **support** the Waitemata Local Board's key priority to restore the Local Board Transport Capital Fund, that existed before 2020.
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Other

**Tell us why:** Money could be saved by investing in waste incineration plants rather than paying for landfills and then cleaning up landfills. Waste incineration plants are carbon positive, cheaper than landfills and exist in the middle of most European large cities. Thinks stronger! Thinks smarter. Stop doing the same old same old and look at what is happening in smarter cities.

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**Tell us why:** I support the extension but am amazed that a shorter implementation period is not being demanded. This project needs to be completed by 2030. This is possible everywhere else. Get your skates on Auckland council. Demand better for the buck!!!

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Stop making things complicated.

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I do not support the targeted CBD rate because so far the improvements you say have been done are rubbish and making the CBD less attractive and less safe. Get the police to move the homeless, the drunk and the nuisances- let the private sector make the p

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

### Tell us why:

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

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No idea- no one has ever got in touch with me.

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

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### What is your view on this proposal?

**Tell us why:**

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Support

**Tell us why:**

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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

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**Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

No

**6. Local Boards**

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I wish to speak to the Annual Plan. I will present a full written Statement at the time of my verbal presentation. Thank you. Lisa Prager 027 9008601

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I'm happy with the proposed 1.5% increase (after the 3.5% increase) but would like to know what surplus property is being sold off. Also what is happening with the Leys Institute building?

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Again referring to the Leys Institute, surely it's more sustainable and uses less resources and energy to reuse this building, rather than demolish it and rebuild. Engineering reports have recommended simple inexpensive repairs to get the building open while a longer term fix is developed.

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

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### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** Particularly the restoration of the Leys Institute. This is a heritage A building and must be protected - too many of our heritage buildings have been allowed to be demolished. Leys Institute was widely used by the community - library, gym, community events etc. It had that community feel that must be preserved - that's what makes a city attractive in live in.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** In light of the recent global health crisis, we need to continue pulling together to offset the damage done, and this includes making individual financial contributions, where possible, for the greater good. My only concern about the proposed rate increase relates to those among us who are less able to afford it. I mean those on low incomes, renters (who will in many cases be footing the rate increase bill on behalf of their landlords), and retirees who are not well off. Provided appropriate protections are put in place for such vulnerable groups, I fully support the increase.

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

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** The faster we divest ourselves of reliance on fossil fuels for transport, the better it will be for our personal health and wellbeing (through improved air quality and noise reduction), as well as for reducing our contribution to adverse climate change. It is crucial that the council leads the way on this issue, which has so much impact on the quality of human and other life across the globe.

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

**Tell us why:** The harbours, beaches and streams of Auckland constitute a large part of what makes this city such a great place to live in. It would be unpardonable to allow the quality of these wonderful natural resources to deteriorate to a point where they are no longer able to supply the recreational opportunities, aesthetic pleasures and natural habitats for diverse life forms that they currently afford.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

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communities together and allow persons from diverse backgrounds to associate in ways they would otherwise have no opportunity to do. In this regard, please see my answer to Question 7, which relates to an asset of particular concern to me: The Leys Institute.

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I am a resident of St Mary's Bay and a council employee who worked at the Leys Institute Library for 13 years before the institute itself was closed in December 2019. I now work at the Leys Institute Little Library on Jervois Road. Every day I am there I field questions from concerned locals about when the Leys Institute will be reopening or when the seismic strengthening work will be starting - questions which I am unable to answer, and it's heart-breaking. The Leys Institute is a visionary, multi-purpose public facility that continued to serve its community in the ways originally intended by its founders from 1905 right up until the day of its closure. As well as a much-loved community library, which includes an historically important, purpose-built children's wing, the institute contains a public lecture hall, a meeting room, a shaded courtyard, a gymnasium and a versatile reading room used by library staff for numerous community activities: a book

club, a film club, a French conservation group, book launches, author and heritage festival talks, gay pride events and children's activities of all kinds. The closure of the institute, therefore, leaves a gaping hole in local community life, which the humble and makeshift Little Leys Library cannot hope to fill. Furthermore, the institute's buildings are heritage listed, and constitute an iconic historic and aesthetic landmark of the region that it would be irresponsible to neglect. I therefore urge the council to make the restoration of the institute and its library a funding priority for the 10-year budget.

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Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate:

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The APT

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Support

Tell us why:

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Climate change is one of the most important issues, and should be a focus for the next ten years and beyond. At the same time as the announcement of a climate change emergency, we have witnessed through the last year how vulnerable communities can become through an unexpected pandemic and lessons should be taken from this. The focus therefore should lie in mitigating climate change and ensuring community food security and resilience. The most effective way to do this is by increasing the number of regenerative urban farms available throughout Auckland.

The goal should be that all communities have access to fresh food within walking distance - and this can be easily done. There are many parks and schools that can be used for regenerative urban farming. Through composting locally (and using the food waste from local residences), it will quickly minimise organic food waste removal, while sequestering carbon into the soil through the composting process, and then through the vegetable growth on the farm (using this local compost). This means there will be no need for use of harmful nitrates, pesticides, fungicides that deplete the goodness in the soil. The soil will be replenished with the composting and the growth, and the supply chains for the available food will be short.

Home and Community Composting is one of the key components of the waste hierarchy and should be strengthened and increased Auckland wide. The Council, through the local boards, should be actively siting locations for regenerative urban farms.

There are a growing number of communities and organisations already active in this area and funding should be made available for more.

It is an opportunity for communities to be involved in the process, and will provide employment - each farm should have a paid farmer (or two), and people can volunteer at the farms. This has proved popular in areas of Auckland already, and people enjoy being involved in the community in a positive way. This helps to grow community cohesion and will have a positive impact on their resilience.

On Waiheke, for example, food waste is shipped off the island to be processed on the Auckland side. This is costly not only monetarily, but also environmentally. The trucking (on Waiheke and Auckland) and the shipping is not necessary. The food waste should be used for local composting and farms for the island. There are currently activities underway through initiatives by Waiheke Resources Trust and the Piritahi Marae, and these can be replicated around Waiheke. The cost of removing this food resource from the island would be far better spent on the island, and the outcomes for the community and the environment would be incredibly beneficial.

In the proposals for Waitemata Local Board it is stated :

- We will continue to work with Mana Whenua, and the community groups, and across Council to identify appropriate sites for regenerative urban farms which will capture carbon, that increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watershed, and enhance ecosystem services, with the aim that they become self-sustaining and create employment.

This is perfect and should be included in all board proposals if the Council want Auckland to become a healthy, environmentally friendly, community minded city and region.

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Other

**Tell us why:** I support increased investment in responding to climate change, however I do not think this option is not enough to achieve net zero by 2050. Investing more in climate change response is crucial, whilst there may be an increase in rates or debt, I would rather our future generations inherit debt than an unliveable city/poor quality of life due to climate change.

There is not enough detail around waste minimisation here. Aucklanders throw out about 100,000 tonnes of food in their rubbish bins each year, which goes directly to landfill! Composting is currently not accessible to many Aucklanders. I would love to see a comprehensive, accessible composting scheme, alongside investment in community gardens. This would create jobs and food security, while minimising the waste that goes to our already very full landfills and reducing carbon emissions - sounds like a no brainer to me. Christchurch has had an organic waste collection service for over 10 years - keep up Auckland !

I also think we need more emphasis on (zero-carbon) public transport and increasing accessibility of walking and cycling. We need to spend less money on roads (more roads=more incentive to drive over other transport methods=more carbon emissions and probably just as much congestion!), and divert that money into more accessible public transport options.

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- 1) Support Introducing the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate
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### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** I support the priorities, however I do not believe all priorities have been addressed through key initiatives. In particular, where are the key initiatives for addressing homelessness? I believe this should be prioritised over the Leys Institute, as we must look after our most vulnerable first, in order for communities to thrive.

When it comes to transport, we must focus on zero-carbon methods of transport e.g. bike lines/walking paths and making cycling and walking more safe.

Support 254 Ponsonby Rd being a community-led initiative, we must ensure that this process consults with tangata whenua and also aligns with our 2050 Net Zero emissions target.

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

We must have greater tree protection in Auckland, to support a thriving community and climate resilience.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We believe that at this critical more public investment is required and understand that rates is one of the only levers council has to fund this investment.

## 2. Climate change

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** NZ should lead the world in electrification of public transport fleets given our abundance of renewable electricity sources.

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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:** We feel there is a hidden danger here that council uses this policy to divest important community assets - especially those that may not necessarily have an obvious economic capability - ie they cost more than they earn. This is true of buildings that are important to Arts, Heritage and Sport - if these buildings are not protected by the public sector then they almost certainly will not be protected by the private sector. Council should step up to their responsibility to look after these community assets for future generations. "Don't sell the furniture to pay the rent".

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### Which option do you support?

Don't know

### Tell us why:

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## 6. Local Boards

### Albert-Eden Local Board

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

### Tell us why:

**What is your opinion on the Dominion Road Business Association boundary expansion of the Dominion Road BID programme?** Don't know

### Puketāpapa Local Board

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

**Tell us why** There needs to be a focus on the development of public spaces (especially green space) given the massive planned additional housing in the Mt Roskill area.

## 7. What is important to you?

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

We are a football club and the possibly the largest community organisation in the Puketapapa Area. The planned growth in the Mt Roskill area will place further demands on Keith Hay Park - our home ground. The park is one of the busiest



sports parks in the Auckland region. We desperately need further lighting and the introduction of artificial turf to get the amount of training and game time we need to have to deliver football to our community.

Our organisation caters directly to the diverse ethnic population of the Puketapapa and Albert Eden regions - who often have a greater affinity with football as opposed to rugby. The development of Keith Hay Park is vital to meet the local boards aims of "public spaces for people to live more actively and locally" and "reflecting our cultural identities throughout our community".

The population growth in Mt Roskill will increase the demand for training and playing hours on Keith Hay Park - the key strategic park in the region and we feel the board needs to advocate for funds to continually upgrade the park.

We would also like to emphasise that although our HQ is in the Puketapapa region - about half our members reside in the Albert Eden board area. We note that the Albert Eden board wish to advocate for "funding to upgrade our sportsfields to address the current and future shortfall in sports capacity - we need an increase in playing and competition hours for the growing numbers of sports teams".

There needs to be a recognition that many Albert Eden residents (especially children) play football at our club. We are also probably the biggest sports club in Albert Eden. (Auckland United grew out of the old Eden Football Club based at Nicholson Park/Disraeli Street.) The board needs to look beyond its own parochial boundaries to see how they better serve the sporting needs of the the population in the Albert Eden region. Specifically we are the largest community user of Nicholson Park (the only user?) and have our own perspective on funds that may be used for upgrading that park vs other parks where the usage by Albert Eden residents is much higher and the funds would have a greater impact on the Albert Eden community.

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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

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**Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

No

**6. Local Boards**

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I support a 5.9% one-off rates increase for 2021/2022 (rather than the proposed 5% increase) to ensure the \$320 million climate budget can be progressed. I also think Council should introduce parking levies (ring-fenced for public transport investment) and congestion charging to help fund our climate response.

I want Council to be aware that by not aligning the consultation periods of the Long Term Plan and Regional Land Transport Plan it has become challenging to gain a clear picture of our future trajectory to inform my submission. Regardless I support investing in the Urban Cycleways programme, improving Wellesley Street bus services, protecting airport-Botany rapid transit link and other active (walking and cycling) and public transport projects.

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Failure to focus on the 40% of emissions that is transport related. While electric buses are cute, and planting more trees is worthy, there is a glaring lack of concrete proposals for a targeted program of heavy investment in safe separated cycle infrastructure. Council may fob this issue off onto Auckland Transport, but given that Auckland Transport does not appear to have got the message (6ks of cycle infrastructure built last year, versus Paris - 260ks, London - 100ks, Sydney - 30ks) Council needs to step up and strongly pressure Auckland Transport to accelerate installation of safe separated cycle infrastructure. I support further funding beyond the proposed investment. I want "Option 2: More significantly accelerate Auckland Council's climate action". This will put \$320 million rather than \$150 million towards climate initiatives so that we can achieve a 100% zero emissions bus fleet by 2030 (rather than 50%), further investing in Māori-led climate change action, more than doubling our street tree planting programme to 29,000 in total, address coastal erosion faster and more.

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#### **What is your opinion on this proposal? Support**

**Tell us why:** While I support the indicated proposal, I would ask how does the proposal impact on Civil Defense matters? Many community halls are also civil defense 'shelters' in case of emergencies. There will always be a need for community halls so it is critical that the proposal understands the role community halls play in different parts of the region.

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**Tell us why:** It's better to distribute the rate more widely than narrowly as benefits will be experienced more widely.

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** The rates increases are not sufficient to adequately enact the projects necessary to reduce Auckland's carbon footprint to the level needed to meet NZ's agreed amount under the Paris Agreement. As homeownership in Auckland is a luxury increasingly few people can afford, those who own a house or land in this city should be easily able to pay the additional extra to avoid the world burning.

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Other

**Tell us why:** I support the decarbonisation of our transport network but the amount proposed to be spent is not sufficient to achieve this to a level that meets the nation's agreed cuts in the Paris Agreement.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** 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

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** The Local Board Transport Capital Fund needs to be urgently reinstated to its pre-COVID levels in order to achieve modal shift in the city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods, as AT appear unwilling to put in the effort to do so on their own.

## 7. What is important to you?

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I am concerned that council's willingness to take action on the climate emergency is not mirrored in its funding priorities here.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I think more funds need to be allocated to mitigating and adapting to climate change, to meet our national and international obligations and secure a just future.

## 2. Climate change

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Other

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## 3. Water quality

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No

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** No need to increase rate right now for the next 10-year budget due to difficult time from Covid-19. Too expensive for Auckland regions.

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:** Not the increase water on Auckland Rates because already have separate Water Rates.

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**Tell us why:** Great to use for the community people get together.

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Auckland Council needs bold investment into essential infrastructure and services that benefit all Aucklanders. It cannot afford to be stringent - we need strong and bold action to transform Auckland into a thriving 21st-century city.

## 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:** Te Tāruke-a-Tāwhiri is fantastic in many regards. However, it does not appear that Auckland Council is delivering on their many strong promises, nor is it taking the climate crisis seriously in actions that match words. We need to actually see meaningful, thorough, and ambitious action on the climate change front.

There needs to be more of an emphasis on realigning the existing budget to shift spending towards climate action and away from carbon emissions. Auckland Council and its Council Controlled Organisations need to examine the spending they have locked in for the future and analyse the effects these have on climate change emissions. We cannot be building more carbon-intensive infrastructure, such as Mill Road, which will lead to an increase in car dependency.

We need to see far more in the space, and faster. The will for climate action is out there. You need to do more, and have your feet held to the flames.

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

**Tell us why:** The health of both the Waitemata and Manukau Harbour have decreased drastically over the past century and in recent years. The need for investment in these areas as well as the Tāmaki River is well overdue.

Biodiversity in our water is crucial to supporting all other flora and fauna (as well as endangered species that are living in them). With lots more people moving to and living in Tāmaki Makaurau we need to fund more protection and remediation of our awa.

Water is a basic human necessity and right. All clean water in Aotearoa should be drinkable. This is such a basic issue stemming from decades of neglect, and there is no more acceptable time to act than now.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** Local bodies should have the final say in these investments, but must have the necessary support from Auckland Council, and their lobbying power for more funding if necessary.

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Public transport. Tāmaki Makaurau's public transport is in need of a major overhaul if we want to compete as a green, accessible, and world-class city. We need increased investments in the Rapid Transit Network. We need Auckland Council to assist Waka Kotahi on bold plans through roadspace reallocation, community outreach, and lobbying. We need a new vision for public transport in Tāmaki Makaurau.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** The infrastructure deficit should be funded through a much greater share of increased debt. Interest rates are at an all time low and the infrastructure being funded will serve both existing and future generations, so the cost should be spread out over a longer period.

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Other

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

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**Which option do you support?**

Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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**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** Greater focus should be placed on delivering local transport initiatives such as Low Traffic Neighbourhoods to better support a shift to more active modes in support of Councils climate change strategy.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Better to recover covid-19 related deficits quickly and get underway with recovery across the board (of proposed initiatives).

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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:** Sorting out climate is not optional. Support doing whatever it takes as soon as possible. The alternatives do not bear thinking about!

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**Tell us why:** Sensible approach...

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Other

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**Tell us why:** see additional document

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

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**Which option do you support?**

**Tell us why:** We don't believe this should be funded by a targeted rate but from the general fund

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

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see below additional text

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## **URBAN AUCKLAND (SPACWI) Inc.**

### **Submission on the Auckland Councils 10Year Recovery Budget 2021-2013**

#### **Key areas we believe should be addressed in the 10 year Budget.**

#### **Key Issues:**

##### **1. Responding to Climate Change**

- a. We support the Council's initiative on Climate Change but believe it should be expanded and that every Council decision should be made with a climate effects lens or threshold test.
- b. Council should reinstate the Protected Trees register and make it illegal for any mature urban trees to be removed without a well-structured and effective control agency.

##### **2. Transport Infrastructure**

- a. We strongly support the additional funding of Public Transport, especially the creation of an extensive and effective network of multi-modal systems such as completing the Cycle Network. No new greenfield development should be allowed to take place without an effective public transport system in place.
- b. We are against Urban Roading expansion, especially ATAP. All current committed projects should be reconsidered with a focus on it Climate Change footprint, and the utilisation of Public Transport.
- c. We support Greater Auckland's submission in this area.

##### **3. City Centre and Local Development**

###### **a. Urban Design Led Development:**

In a city as fast growing as Auckland, we believe it is completely short-sighted and reactionary that this growth is NOT overseen by a high-level urban design team, such as the now disbanded Auckland Design Office. Every other city we complete with for liveability and sustainability outcomes has such an entity. It needs to be well-funded and have oversight and a lead role in all key projects in the City, Metropolitan and Town Centres. To not have this key co-ordination of a well planned and designed built environment is short sighted and a false economy.

##### **4. Infrastructure**

- a. We support the shifting of Ports of Auckland from its current location in the central city, as THE KEY transformational act that could unlock the potential of Auckland. Retaining shares in the business, shifting the port business to Northland and retaining the land for development will give Aucklanders a double dividend compared to the zero dividend of this asset now and in the future.

It would also shift a large number of trucks off our inner city roads, free up our motorways and remove the necessity for a second harbour crossing in the short-term. It will also protect the Waitemata by removing the need to dredge our fragile harbour.

Funding should be included in this budget to further the process of advancing this KEY Infrastructure Project

## **Economic and Cultural Development**

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Support

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**Tell us why:** The benefit is wider than just those who will ride the bus service.

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why:

## 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 and the increase

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**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?

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Taxing authorities never keep their word when there is a tax increase. Start your savings by decreasing the council staff as was promised when Auckland became the SuperCity. There has been no rationalised decrease in mid-level staffing.

## 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:** This is not an investment issue this a a policy change issue. Adopt climate conscious policies and stick with them. It just requires sensible spending not investment".

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### Increasing the targeted rate

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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?** Other

**Tell us why:** Fix the Leys Institute. Freemans Bay has no library now. It was a vibrant part of the community and it was summarily closed. It is a heritage building and represents a bequest to the city. They city is responsible for this taonga. Further, Freemans Bay has one of the dinkiest community centres in the whole city. Why is this? Given its population Freemans Bay deserves much better services than it gets.

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This is another tax foisted on us and collected by the utility. Why isn't Vector responsible for keeping its lines clear? I thought that was part of the role of a lines company.

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### Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** That should be a matter for the local area to decide by referendum.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** The Leys Institute needs to be saved--why does Freemans Bay not have a library? The way this was handled is the stuff of cloak and dagger mysteries. No reasonable explanation has been given to the public.

## 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?**

Protect the heritage character of the inner suburbs. Auckland is in real danger of becoming unliveable. The development is far outstripping infrastructure and will lead to real adverse health consequences for all.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I support a higher rates rise than what is proposed to rapidly advance action on climate change and supporting our disadvantaged communities

## 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:** It should be much more, this is a drop in the bucket compared to what we actually need to do. There is no more pressing issue, this should be funding priority number 1

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

**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**

**7. What is important to you?**

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

I support action on climate change, I do not support funding to increase urban sprawl and greenfield development

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

Support

Tell us why:

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#### **Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** Please don't delay Ponsonby Park

Please proceed with Bike lanes in Ponsonby Rd and Richmond Rd, Love the new K'Rd cycle way.

## 7. What is important to you?

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Please reduce public transport and ferry fares! Facilitate the building of Kiwi build houses in the City Centre.

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## Deputation to Waitematā Local Board meeting 16 June 2020

Leys Orchestra, Ponsonby



### Purpose

Today I wish to bring to your attention the situation Leys Orchestra finds itself in following the sudden and unexpected closure of the Leys Institute buildings on 20 December 2019.

I would also like to highlight the very close relationship between the orchestra and the Leys Institute, which goes back over a century.

We would like to thank the Board for your advocacy of restoration, re-occupation and public reuse of the Leys Institute facilities, and we offer our support for your efforts in reviving this valuable heritage asset.

### Overview

I have an enduring interest in the history of the Leys Orchestra, its music and the Leys Institute. While successful in uncovering some interesting music and stories, documentation of this history is far from complete. Here I have endeavoured to provide an outline pertinent to this presentation.

We hope the Leys Institute Oral History Project (currently suspended) led by Ali Coomber (Leys Institute Little Library Senior Library Assistant Community Engagement) will add significantly to current accounts of this wonderful heritage.

Leys Orchestra has been active in various forms throughout Leys Institute history. The first mention I've been able to find is the formation of the Leys Institute Orchestral Society in 1912. This was a full symphony orchestra with 70 players that gave two concerts each year. The orchestra has taken various names and forms, been in recess and revived since that time.

Since the Second World War, the group has been active as a community chamber orchestra continuously since at least 1972, and most probably since 1958 when the orchestra, along with various other clubs and the winter series of lectures, were re-established.

I have had the honour of conducting the orchestra since our November concert in 1990. During the past 30 years we have given more than 90 concerts, most often in the Leys Institute Hall, but also at various Council facilities, schools, retirement villages, and theatres.

From when I became involved in 1990 until the end of 1997, the public concerts were organised by Nicky Foster (the Leys Institute Librarian), and her staff. They sent notices of concerts to a mailing list they maintained, and would prepare a supper of hot drinks and tasty club sandwiches for the audience and players. Performances were held in the main body of the library, with the supper served downstairs.

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From 1998 the orchestra has organised its own concerts, ensuring to give at least one concert each year in the Leys Institute.

Performances gradually branched further afield, with concerts in Orewa and Glen Eden, at All Saints Church, Ponsonby, and St Mary's College (both Stella Maris and the school hall).

More recently, in addition to the Leys Institute Hall, the orchestra has performed regularly in the Freemans Bay Community Hall since 2014, and also at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, and Centennial Theatre at Auckland Boys Grammar School.

The orchestra has participated in the Auckland Heritage Festival each year since 2007. We have also given concerts at various retirement villages (e.g. Fairview Village, 7 Saint Vincent, Masonic Village), with annual concerts at Selwyn Village, Pt Chevalier, since 1991.

### Rehearsals

The orchestra has an enduring agreement to rehearse at Leys Institute, and we are grateful to Council staff and the various Leys Librarians who have assisted us over the decades.

When I was invited to become Conductor in 1990, rehearsals were being held in the main body of the library (ground floor). Following renovations which removed middle offices and rooms to open out the central space that were replaced with additional shelving, rehearsals have been conducted in the Children's Wing.

Since the closure of Leys Institute, we have been fortunate to secure a rehearsal venue in New Lynn, courtesy of the Salvation Army. This generosity is very much appreciated, but the non-central location in west Auckland is far from ideal for our players, who travel from all parts of Auckland, and from as far afield as Warkworth.

### Music Collection

The orchestra's music catalogue lists more than 1,012 published compositions. Each piece consists of a set of instrumental orchestral parts for each of the performers, including multiple copies for all the string players, plus piano-conductor scores.

Additionally, a number of items are not single musical pieces, but are groups of pieces or albums (mostly marches and dances) with two different pieces on the front and back of each sheet.

While some of the music was purchased directly by the Leys Institute Orchestra, most of the collection comprises music donated to the orchestra by orchestras, individuals and other groups over the decades, i.e. Bohemian Orchestra, Aeolian Club Orchestra, Auckland Savage Club Orchestra, Mt Eden Normal School Community Orchestra, Alfred Marbeck, Albert Orchestra, and many others.

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### Eric Mareo

We are privileged to hold a set of the publisher gratis copies of the orchestral music by Eric Mareo. This colourful personality first made headlines in Auckland in 1933 with his 'Mareo Symphony Orchestra' and 'Mareo Operatic Society'. But his name unfortunately is better remembered for two scandalous court cases in 1936 involving the death of his wife and her lesbian affair with Freda Stark.

The piano versions of this music are widely available, but we appear to hold a unique collection of the orchestral versions. The music, published by JH Larway, was popular in London and further afield, dating from 1923-1929.

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## Summary

At present we have lost our home, and face the prospect of an extended period 'in exile'. However, we are determined to continue, and are enthusiastic for the orchestra's future.

We have begun working towards our first concert since the pandemic restrictions, to be held in the Warkworth Town Hall on 9 August.

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We hope you will support us in our endeavours and support us in continuing to provide accessible music to Aucklanders. In this light, we look forward to returning to our rehearsal space at Leys Institute Library when the strengthening work is complete.

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## Further Information

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Leys Orchestra Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Leys-Orchestra-295018630555144/>

Leys Orchestra concert, Freemans Bay Community Hall, 2015.



Leys Orchestra in performance in the Leys Institute Hall 2011.



## Appendices

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Year	Conductor	Leader
2008-20	David Britten	Gordon Smith
2007	David Britten	Siobhanne Thompson
2006	David Britten	Amelia Owen
2000-05	David Britten	Jane Waters
1990-99	David Britten	Jack Grey
1989	Diana Cochrane	Jack Grey
1986-88	Anselm Kersten	Jack Grey
1985	Melvin Brady / Anselm Kersten	Jack Grey
1984	Lou Stassen	NA
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### Major active orchestras in early twentieth century Auckland

Orchestra	Genre
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Devonport Musical Society.	Art music
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West's Premier Ladies' Orchestra.	Art music
YMCA Orchestra.	Art music
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His Majesty's Theatre Full Orchestra.	Cinema
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Princess Orchestra.	Cinema
Exhibition Orchestra.	Occasions
Franklin Road Orchestra.	Occasions
Glideway Orchestra.	Skating
Burke's Operatic Orchestra.	Theatre
Fuller's King's Theatre First-Class Orchestra.	Theatre
Grand Orchestra - Williamson Opera.	Theatre
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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** We need to tackle climate change but Council must use this as a further excuse for bankrupting businesses and causing traffic chaos but spending millions on disruption traffic in Queen St and K Rd for example. It seems impossible for council to make all of their bus fleet electric or hydrogen powered this year however. Council needs to come clean and state whether this type of project is driven by government "Climate Emergency" policy or by financially affordable planning in these tough times.

## 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

**Tell us why:** We need better water quality but the proposed increased charges are not affordable for many Aucklanders. The Herne Bay tunnel project was expensive and largely unnecessary once surrounding neighbourhoods have their stormwater and wastewater systems separated.

## 4. Community investment

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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:** Council inefficiency will likely cause huge blowouts and politics will probably result in an inequitable allocation of community resources. Demolishing existing community buildings or leaving existing ones, such as the Leys Institute, to decay in favour of huge, expensive centralised "meeting spaces" and online resources will hurt our communities.

## 5. Rating policy

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

Rates are becoming unaffordable for many. Farmers cannot afford to be taxed as if they owned suburban properties

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

**Which option do you support?**

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** Currently most bus services outside of rush hour are empty or nearly empty. Most lilly politically motivated. Rationalisation of bus services should be used to fund additional routes. Is it unlikely that the proposed service would ever receive enough patronage to be financially viable so other transport options should be explored.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why** I support the Ley Institute repair as it provides a valuable community asset and link with our past. I do not support spending large sums of money (at a time when we cannot afford it and have other priorities) on projects such as opening up waterways, "streetscaping" which is council speak for traffic and business disruption or removing trees from Western Springs or various munga.

## 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?**

See comments above on infrastructure improvements to allow Auckland to keep up with its increasing growth and needs. This will also help with allowing housing to be built with access to adequate transport. A second harbour crossing is an absolute essential. The Skypath cycle lane is not. More water-borne and rail transport is required. Council should not be investing heavily in public housing which locks up too much public money at unrealistic interest rates. This is best left to well thought-out government/private partnerships.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Spend more money to improve low emission options

## 2. Climate change

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** The council failed to protect the country by using it shareholders power to make the airport a tighter borders



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**Tell us why:** The biggest project reducing our carbon footprint would have been applying the CURATIBA WESTERN BUS TERMINUS . Reason this was not done requires investigation.

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### What is your view on this proposal? Other

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**Tell us why:** Maintenance only until certainty

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Audit of financial servicing and working within current budget

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#### Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** AT better known as AWFUL have failed in providing the best efficient public transport to date.

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** The chair does not engage when emailed by her CONSTITUENTS. That is the first problem that needs addressing.

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Constitutional rights protection that councillors listen to the people and we have transparency.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** I strongly oppose the rate increase as I do not think that is necessary and would be a massive burden to Aucklanders' already straining households. Its a terrible idea to increase rates by 3.5% let alone 5%! Based on past knowledge and experience, Auckland Council should have sufficient funds if it is better managed internally and controlled to ensure the funds are used appropriately in areas required, and not allocated on trivial tasks or staff benefits in order to demonstrate the need to increase budget. I am happy for the council to sell or lease surplus assets as means to

increasing funding. However, the need to top up funding should not be at the expense of Aucklanders as we pay enough taxes already - now with rates and water bill and electricity bill ending to increase, I don't think Aucklanders will be able to take it more and there are likely to be social consequences arising from this.

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** I think the key priority is to ensure Auckland's economy is back in shape before committing to climate change reforms. Without a strong financial basis, Auckland is no way shape or form to look at investing into more climate change related reforms. This will not only increase Aucklanders burden, but also likely to lead to a half-ass job being done to implement climate change initiatives. Electric vehicles are a good idea but only when Auckland Council/govt is able to fund it without asking for extra help from its taxpayers in a tough time such as COVID-19 or post-COVID-19 recession and recovery era. I strongly oppose these empty promise and waste of taxpayer money which I'm not likely to see results of as there is no solid steps in the budget or plan to outline the council's plans.

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

**Tell us why:** Again, I do not support the increase in rate - we all have to make do with less in the current situation and COVID-19 impact is likely to be long lasting for the next 10 years. Our focus should be on recovery and making whatever happen in this space with what we have. Asking for more money from residents and tax payers is not the way to go.

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**Tell us why:** I do not support rate increase for the reasons already outlined above and I also do not support moving services to online or reducing/consolidating service centres. Community services is core to Auckland council's obligation to aucklanders. It should be the bare minimum to uphold to Aucklanders - where are all our rates and money being spent then if you are removing even the core part of it?? Community services are particularly important for elder residents who may rely on these services to live and who won't be able to get used to going online or having to travel further to reach help or advice. Auckland Council should be looking to improve community services with the resources you already have, and not at reducing them or asking residents to pay for the services which is core to the reason of Auckland council's existence.

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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:** The climate crisis needs action now.

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:**

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

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** The chronic lack of investment on maintenance by legacy councils left us no choice. But some historical buildings should be kept and looked after, such as the Leys Institute Library.

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Support the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector and support reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate on short term rentals.

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**Tell us why:**

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Prioritise safe walking and cycling routes, clean public transport, maintenance of existing assets, prioritise practices that contribute to a circular economy.

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Tell us why:

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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Don't know

**Tell us why:** Not my area

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Not enough detail on the community facilities plans. Seems like you're asking for a blank cheque. Where is the partnership with business and NGO's to help council run the things it is struggling with?

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**Tell us why:** Not significant enough response. \$15m extra (?) over ten years in a \$4.5bn budget? Can't be that much of an emergency.

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

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** The increased rates works out to be over 20% across 5 years, over 40% in the next decade and that assumes council does not attempt to have a larger than 3.5% increase over that time. The incremental increase is misleading in the document and attempts to make it seem minor. The council is not being transparent, the increase is above inflation and will mean the average household is paying \$100 a week to the council at the end of this period. The



spending of this money has zero prioritisation that aligns with the needs of the city over the next decade and is littered with pet or "feelgood" projects.

An example of this is the continued spending on cycle lanes, despite opposition and none quantifiable benefits, disruption and continued cost over runs, when there is no money in the budget shows poor decision making. The cycle lanes are not well used and in fact are not even used in a lot of instances. The weather in Auckland sees these almost empty for half the year.

Given water supposedly only requires \$145m to rectify, this should be taken from some of the non-essential spending such as cycleways. Water is an essential and critical infrastructure where spending should be directed and has been neglected over time. Spending should be redirected to this.

Money should be invested in public transport, providing feeder services to main bus routes through smaller capacity buses, and increasing frequency. The current bus system does not work, is expensive and takes 2-3 times longer than a car journey.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** The increased investment in climate change is welcomed, but should be targeted to be effective. There does not appear to be a vision, but a bunch of items that look good on paper. Noting that NZ contributes circa 0.2% of the worlds emissions, halving our emissions does not provide a great benefit overall. Hydrogen buses should be invested in, given busses are large polluters and mostly empty during the day.

Zero carbon Queen St is an example of a pet project that is impractical to deliver on. The alteration of streetlight phasing to create congestion throughout the city in an attempt to remove people from private vehicles, in particular along Queen St, Victoria St, Symonds St, Customs St creates increased emissions, economic loss and results in a degraded environment for pedestrians. The loss of Quay St and Ponsonby Road as arterial feeders across town further exacerbates the congestion/emissions problem.

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**Tell us why:** This is critical infrastructure and needs to be brought forward. The cost of this should come at the expense of other feel good projects with no quantifiable benefit.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** The council can not afford to obtain new assets, of which most will be poorly maintained and cost the ratepayer over the long term. Leasing/renting would be much more beneficial given councils position. Repair/maintenance of existing assets should not be neglected however. Where beyond economic repair, they should be disposed of.

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**Tell us why:** no opinion.

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**Tell us why** I do not support the transport priorities. The continued degradation of the transport network by council and auckland transport does not meet the needs of a functioning, growing city.

The continued use of the word "safety" by AT to justify their actions is a direct attempt at misleading the public. An example of this is the 30km/h speed limit in the city. This is lower, than even school areas. ANother example is the bus lanes that require road users to constantly change lanes to be in the correct lane - this is an unsafe design that creates safety risks by forcing users to merge or sweep across lanes every other block. AT should focus on traffic light phasing to relieve congestion and create a moving city for ALL transportation types.

The statement "support cycle lane programmes that contribute positively to the environment and community wellbeing" is also misleading as this is not quantifiable or proven.

The transport budget is better reallocated to more essential priorities, including increased frequency of bus routes, particular feeder routes. The public transport network does not work unless you are on a main trunk route and given the cost of housing this does not reach those who need it most.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I have no issue with increasing rates (although do these vary by house vs apartment? If not they probably should...), but the LTP seems to have a very narrow idea of how to balance the books - instead of restructuring everything and cutting services, what about increasing or finding new revenue sources for activities that we actually want to discourage? Like driving and parking in the city - so e.g. congestion charging and parking levies.

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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:** Of course investment should be increased, and it should address a far wider range of issues than just electrifying vehicles! Electric vehicles are only one small element of what needs to be done to address climate change, and climate change should not be a separate strand of the budget but rather it should inform all decisions! E.g. should we develop a new area of Auckland or intensify existing residential areas? Should we fund new roads or reallocate space on existing roads? Electric vehicles, especially electric cars, are not the answer to the huge range of issues Auckland faces, like climate change, congestion, obesity and poor mental health, lack of community cohesion (who knows their neighbours well anymore?), road safety, noise and air pollution, etc etc.

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

**Tell us why:** Seems like our water supply issues need addressing so yes, agree with increasing spend here. And keeping our harbours and waterways clean is important.

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**Tell us why:** This sounds like a reduction/deterioration in community services and I don't support this.

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### Tell us why:

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No

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**Tell us why** Sounds good, although transport focus on reallocating street space to pedestrians and other sustainable transport seems to be lacking.

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Tell us why:

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**Tell us why:** Spend money to bring back the Leys institute and Hall to it's much loved community.

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**Tell us why** I think spending millions of dollars on a park in the middle of Ponsonby road is ludicrous (there are so many little parks dotted around as it is. That money would be better spent going towards the reinstatement of the Leys Institute and Hall.

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Two key interests to me ar

1. Leys Institute and Hall reinstatement.
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Support

**Tell us why:** We have the ability to combat climate change, and build the city we need for the future, by having a clear vision that people can rally around and be a part of. Cities and climate change go hand-in-hand. It is imperative that we budget for this now, while we have massive personal wealth generated from residential property, and the largest public economic crisis in decades.

We have the opportunity to increase revenue by leveraging a small percentage of that personal wealth. Please increase rates further in order to increase revenue, and properly fund our climate change response.

There's massive opportunity in addressing system change, when we address a city as a system. The benefits include cleaner air, cleaner water, a healthier ecosystem for the plants and animals that we rely on. From an economic sense, healthier people cost less on the health system. So let's focus on system change through city regeneration, using increased rates to ensure we have the revenue to do this properly.

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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:** I support the increased investment, however we must do more. Auckland Council must take a leadership position over our transport network, and actively invest in reducing private vehicle trips. We must address the transport system as part of the wider city system; this will take increased investment in terms of physical changes to our roads, streets and public to re-allocate space to active modes and public transport.

This will take increased investment in funding city planners and designers who can actively lead this city regeneration work. The removal of the Auckland Design Office removed capability and capacity in city regeneration and design thinking. We are left with design review and a greatly diminished land and transport integration capacity.

Please fund the rebuilding of a fit-for-purpose city regeneration team - it is imperative for our climate change response.

Please also put more funding into street trees and rain gardens in our streets. Streets are part of our ecological system - and they can contribute to climate change mitigation through cooling of pavements (saved maintenance costs); intercepting rainfall and storing locally in soils; improving microclimates (less need for air-conditioning in homes). We must recognise the value in addressing systems.

In order to do this, we must fund the appropriate staff, people who can challenge the status quo, people who can lead others, and people who think and act in a systems approach.

Please raise rates to appropriately fund this important mahi, and then ensure that system thinkers are in leadership positions.

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

**Tell us why:** Water is the foundation of life on this planet. The historic refusal to plan for future water infrastructure means that we must pay now to establish a system that is fit for the future. The health of our Hauraki gulf depends on our overland flow being free from contaminants. Please fund Water Sensitive Urban Infrastructure. We can do this by considering streets and roads as part of our water filtration infrastructure, through the inclusion of rain garden, pollutant traps. We can also reduce water emissions by decreasing private vehicle trips. Much of the micro plastics in our oceans comes from car tyres. Much of the heavy metals in our oceans comes from brake pads. A recent New Zealand study has discovered micro plastics in the flesh of snapper. We are poisoning ourselves and our ecosystem by not addressing systems. A transport revolution is climate change adaptation, not just for carbon, but for water quality.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Increase rates to pay for community services.

Community services are at the heart of democracy. They provide places for people to gather, to meet, to relax, to be part of a community. It is important that the community owns these assets.

Relying on privately owned buildings and leases puts these facilities in doubt. Maintain public ownership, and increase rates to pay for these important public services.

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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:** Addressing climate change means addressing our transport emissions. To do this, we must provide more sustainable alternatives for people to make the choice to reduce their reliance on the private car.

I support the funding of public transport in this area, and I support the wider catchment to 'spread the load' of funding this transport system change.

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

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**Tell us why** Please replace "encourage" as in "encouraging restoration" to "restore".

Climate change requires us to meet a target. Encouragement does not get us to targets.

Please accelerate and increase the urban ngāhere program. We must take a systems approach to climate change, and trees play an incredibly important part in this, through microclimatic cooling, rainfall interception, soils biology; and, they can be handy for placemaking and community resilience building.

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Responding to climate change through a systems lens is our most important task. All responses and associated budgeting must respond with a systems approach.

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**Tell us why:** Moving online is a huge technological barrier to those who rely on tangible facilities including communities facing precarious housing. Every effort must be made to keep existing physical facilities and all the services they offer.

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Safe emergency housing and increased services for homeless. Ensure Merge café and other facilities for the homeless population stay open.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Key issue 1. Investment Package

Funding for Parks and Recreation is to go from \$3.7B to \$4.5B so we would urge the council to make more provision for SSC given it is a key heritage and green park in the centre of Auckland.

## 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?

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Key issue 2: Climate Change

SSC is a significant area of greenspace in our city centre. This provides another area which works as the lungs of the city while acting as a carbon sink - especially as it lies so close to motorways. We are currently maintaining the existing vegetation and making new plantings yearly.

Climate change is bringing more adverse events such as wind storms and heavy rainfall events. The SSC is susceptible to these and we need to ensure that we have provision to mitigate the impacts affecting our trees, pathways and historic gravesites.

## 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:** Key area 5: Protecting and enhancing our environment

The SSC, like any established park, requires ongoing maintenance of gardens and trees along with pest, weed and rubbish control. As well as this maintenance, the historic graves need restoration and protection. We acknowledge Auckland City's valuable and active role in these areas. FOSSC meets monthly to look at ways in which this heritage cemetery can be protected and enhanced so that it becomes a place that is attractive, accessible and useful to more people in our community.

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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:** Key issue 4: Investment in our Community

SSC is a multi – denominational, publicly-accessed site and can be used by any members of the community to gather and learn about Auckland’s past. Heritage walks and lectures are given by FOSSC during the year and are widely advertised.

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**Tell us why:** extensive public transport is essential and is a benefit to all.

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

No

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### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** Waitemata LB has been an excellent LB caring and consulting with its communities. Its priorities ensure we maintain and grow a liveable city

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Key issue 3: Housing and Growth

With the predicted increase in population of 260,000 people over the next 10 years within Auckland city, it is imperative that we provide enough areas for passive recreation. SSC is one such area, close to the Karangahape Rd retail and business district, Auckland City Hospital and many large apartment complexes. It is also easily accessed by public transport such as buses and will also be close to the City Link Rail station, once completed.

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Other

**Tell us why:** I would prefer a higher rates increase so that \$320million can be invested in climate action.

I would like to see investment in community services prioritized in lower income communities.

I support the electrification of the buses as soon as possible. I would like to see much greater investment in public transport, to make the network more affordable, accessible and frequent. I would also like to see bike racks on buses

throughout AK, not just in Waiheke. I would like to see greater investment in walking and cycling infrastructure, including the postponed Western Bays cycle network.

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Regarding the APTR, of the three options, I support option 3. However APTR is fundamentally flawed - as COVID has shown, it is not just motels, hotels and Airbnb properties that benefit from the visitor economy, instead many business sectors in Auckland

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Don't know

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**Tell us why** I would like to see more safe cycle routes in Waitemata local board, especially Ponsonby Rd and College Hill.

Also, I would like to see enforcement of 30km/h speed limits within Waitemata local board. Is there a way that this can be used to assist with revenue gathering to offset rates increases? While this could take changes to laws at Central Government laws, how about offering the option for private companies to enforce speed limits (with 50% share of fines going to council?)

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We support the greater investment - that said - AC and AT need to reduce money spent on any new roads and massively increase cycling and walking investment

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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 are seeing the impacts of Climate Change today on our rohe and land along with more extreme weather. That said your policies / planning is too 'light' and many in fact exacerbate the impact of climate change eg land development at 100% coverage without green infrastructure

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** 1/ This strategy will simply displace carbon emissions to other areas 2/ typically the market does not address carbon/ green building for assets where as Council does do this. 2/ I would support this if it was genuine co design of community social enterprises. 3/ There is massive growth in population (un) planned - so we need all the community assets not to be selling them off ie we don't trust Council on this issue!



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Tell us why:

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

### Waiheke Local Board

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

Tell us why Support biodiversity and the community

### Waitematā Local Board

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## 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?**

1/ Deeper engagement with Climate change and co-designing economic opportunities from these engagement/ investments plus ensuring eg RMA District and Unitary plans do NOT undermine improvements eg unnecessary mature tree loss on private land and total impermeable coverage of developed land 2/ Stop wasting AT transport money on eg. more roads and unnecessary pavement and kerbing upgrades when we need massive investment in cycling and walking and Public transport - thank you

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We have to put money into better infrastructure for good quality densification, better transport (moving away from cars), better water management, good social support systems and public facilities. This improves life for everyone.

## 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:** It is crucial to reduce CO2 emissions as fast as possible both by moving away from fossil fuels, and creating/maintaining CO2 absorbent areas of trees and wetlands.

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

**Tell us why:** If we do not halt the degradation of water sources the damage to ecosystems may be irreversible. Good quality water is an important element of conserving a healthy environment which benefits us all.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Many of the public facilities you run are by necessity purpose built. While some services can operate out of leased buildings it is illogical to dispose of a library, for example, and then hire premises designed for general office or retail use and have to fit them out but still not achieve the overall functionality the purpose built building has (e.g. Leys Institute v. Little Leys). The facilities described are largely those that cannot be replaced by digital services (arts, library, sport). In addition, the existence of buildings such as public libraries, arts centres or sports facilities are an expression of pride in the city, something to inspire hope and confidence in the public. If we want Auckland to look good and function well, we need to support these community facilities. If the cost of maintaining older buildings is increasing, look for creative options - the earthquake remediation requirements in Auckland are ridiculous - not supported by scientific

evidence - and costing us a large amount of money. Auckland Council could lobby Central Government to have a more granulated set of rules on earthquake proof buildings. In setting rules Council need to focus on basic requirements - accessibility, attractiveness, good function - and strive to achieve those in a sustainable, cost-efficient way. In regard to carbon footprint, Council should be looking at reducing building using concrete wherever possible as this is a high carbon emitter.

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### Which option do you support?

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

**Tell us why:** Development of housing is fast expanding the number of people living in those areas. Provision of good, well-planned public transport is essential from the outset. In many countries the public transport network (usually trains) goes in BEFORE the housing is built.

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

No

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### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** The priorities cover key areas which benefit locals and the environment/climate change.

## 7. What is important to you?

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Greater climate change action: Seeing as Auckland Council is a member of C40, declared a climate emergency and adopted the Auckland Climate Plan, I would like to see more action to meet our climate goals and align with a 1.5 degree pathway.

Transport: It's important that all transport projects are centred on climate change so Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland shifts away from car dependency with investment into improving our active and public transport networks across Auckland and stopping investment in expensive roading projects. I am happy to advocate for adequate rather than top quality roading.

Equitable approach: I want an equitable approach to future investment - the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi being upheld and Auckland Council pushing central government for greater rent control and renter's rights to prevent rates increases getting pushed onto renters

Housing and growth: funding should be spent making infrastructure networks of existing urban areas resilient to increased demand/use. Funding should not be allocated to greenfield development which will cost more and be counterproductive to reducing emissions. At the same time Council should look to how it can support housing - e.g. replace Council-owned carparking buildings in centres with affordable housing.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We require urgent action on climate change to drive behaviour to more sustainable actions. This includes a more directed approach to transport, land use and utility services.

## 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:** Auckland needs to take drastic action to meet the demands of climate change. This includes, a rapid reallocation of road space to public transport and active transport modes. A stop to urban sprawl and a shift to intensification of the city to promote more sustainable living. This plan is far too weak on its goals to meet climate change. Other cities have rolled out very high targets for transitions to sustainable transport modes. Auckland should do the same.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** We need to repurpose existing assets to do not meet the future demands of a carbon neutral Auckland. Large parking lots should be sold and redeveloped into mixed use buildings, arterial on street parking should be reallocated into socially distanced cycle lanes etc to meet the challenge of climate change.



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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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Alter the RLTP to stop funding traffic inducing roads and sprawling housing development that will lock in carbon emissions for the future. Intensify housing within the existing urban centres. Reallocate transport corridors to public and active transport modes. Drive behaviour change with a variety of mechanisms for a more sustainable Auckland. Act with the same urgency that COVID-19 required.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I support the increase in rates and debt in order to fund much needed investment in our infrastructure and services.

## 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:** While I support the increased investment, I would fully support the more ambitious options in the consultation document. Auckland Council declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and I suggest a more aggressive approach to reducing our cities environmental and climate harm is needed. Decarbonising our transportation is absolutely key with viable alternatives prioritised and normalised in the Auckland environment.

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

**Tell us why:** We are surrounded by water and it is our responsibility to leave our water and environment better than we found it.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** There should be a higher priority and more resources for our community facilities. If we are to address climate change, smaller hubs are required to minimise travelling time and accessibility issues. Consolidation usually means more people need to travel further in order to reach services, which is counter to leading research here and overseas regarding communities.

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Don't know

Tell us why:

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I love the improvements that have been made to our city and I'm willing to keep paying for them to continue.

## 2. Climate change

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Support the proposed increased investment

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**Tell us why:** Ridding the city of diesel buses is a move that is well overdue. Let's get it done!

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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:** Buses benefit everyone, whether they use them or not.

**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** Reopening the Leys Institute and delivering Ponsonby Park are urgent issues to improve the neighbourhood. Planting more trees in urban areas may not be necessary if current trees are protected and groomed.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Rates are already rising 3.5%, enough is enough.

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

**Tell us why:** No reasons to change existing budgets

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** As a former Auckland Council employee I've seen the operational inefficiencies and misspent funds and think there needs to be more done to audit existing operations and areas that need tightening.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** The rates rise is too low, given the current crisis. Other councils seem to be around 10 percent. Without investment the services that make a city can't be delivered. Cut your excessive executive wage bill instead.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** We're a coastal city. Must be done. Also bring in serious tree protection, stop developers clearing every stick of vegetation as soon as they start - and let's see a lot more street trees. Also ensure intensification includes plantings - instead of five townhouses replacing one house, why not four and some trees.

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**Tell us why:**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

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No

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Support

**Tell us why:** We need to invest in better infrastructure for good quality densification, better transport (moving away from cars), better water management, good social support systems and public facilities. This improves life for everyone and helps us meet our climate change mitigation targets.

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**Tell us why:** It is absolutely crucial to reduce CO2 emissions as fast as possible both by moving away from fossil fuels, and by creating/maintaining CO2 absorbent areas of trees and wetlands.

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**Tell us why:** Many of the public facilities you run are by necessity purpose built. While some services can operate out of leased buildings it is illogical to dispose of a library, for example, and then hire premises designed for general office or retail use and have to fit them out but still not achieve the overall functionality the purpose built building has (e.g. Leys Institute v. Little Leys). The facilities described are largely those that cannot be replaced by digital services (arts, library, sport). In addition, the existence of buildings such as public libraries, arts centres or sports facilities are an expression of pride in the city, something to inspire hope and confidence in the public. If we want Auckland to look good and function well, we need to support these community facilities.

Regarding building maintenance, the earthquake remediation requirements in Auckland are not supported by scientific evidence, and cost us a large amount of money. Auckland Council could lobby Central Government to have a local set of rules on earthquake-proof buildings, using appropriate risk assessment from seismological knowledge. It is ridiculous to protect against earthquakes with a once-in-4000-year chance of occurring.

In setting rules Council need to focus on basic requirements - accessibility, attractiveness, good function - and strive to achieve those in a sustainable, cost-efficient way. In regard to carbon footprint, Council should be looking at reducing building using concrete wherever possible as this is a high carbon emitter.

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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:** Development of housing is fast expanding the number of people living in those areas. Provision of good, well-planned public transport is essential from the outset. In many countries the public transport network (usually trains) goes in BEFORE the housing is built. Furthermore, any roads being built to service these areas should have T2 or T3 lanes in rush hours to encourage bus patronage, and/or multiple-occupancy vehicles.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** The priorities cover key areas which benefit locals and the environment/climate change. However, the Board needs to be aware of the conflict between greater tree canopy cover in the Board area and excessive shading of urban dwellings and gardens which has an impact on the warmth and well-being of residents, especially in the winter months, and their ability to grow vegetables, etc., in their gardens. In particular, an exclusive emphasis on evergreen native trees over deciduous trees is inappropriate in an urban area (as much as I prefer native trees). The Board needs to have a more nuanced approach to tree cover than a one-size-fits-all approach.

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Greater climate change action:

Seeing as Auckland Council is a member of C40, declared a climate emergency and adopted the Auckland Climate Plan, I would like to see more action to meet our climate goals and align with a 1.5 degree pathway. Transport: It's important that all transport projects are centred on climate change so Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland shifts away from car dependency with investment into improving our active and public transport networks across Auckland and stopping investment in expensive roading projects.

I believe all new roading projects should be developed jointly with public transport services, and also with T2 or T3 lanes in rush hour. In particular, the new PenLink 2-lane highway should be completely T2 (at least) in rush hours. If the local bus service is impracticable for residents, at least get multiple-occupancy vehicles on the road. The Council could support the development of an app to enable commuters to car-share in a safe and convenient manner.

Equitable approach: I want an equitable approach to future investment - the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi being upheld and Auckland Council pushing central government for greater rent control and renter's rights to prevent rates increases getting pushed onto renters

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

Other

### Tell us why:

I am putting forward an option to the proposed budget that will do more than the current plan and with a smaller tax increase.

My view.

In general, renewable energy, and disruptive technology is developing at an exponential rate. Last year EGV, an international electric bus consortium, had trouble raising a few \$100 million to provide end user financing on leases but now Billions in capital is available from large respected investment bankers who can no longer invest in fossil fuels because of their worthless collection of stranded assets.

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4. Other issues not covered.

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**Full Disclosure**

I am retired from 37 years of founding a building science instrumentation company and have not financial interest in any business entity. I am free to volunteer my time to Auckland and or New Zealand's climate change response. I am internationally known as having contributed to the atmospheric ozone problem, residential building efficiency and large building efficiency testing protocols. My career track can be followed under the name Colin Genge for papers, videos and LinkedIN profile. I am a returning New Zealand citizen who would like to give back with my expertise.

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Auckland needs an building performance standard that is in place for many similar cities such as Seattle WA and Vancouver BC.

I am putting forward an option to the proposed budget that will do more than the current plan and with a smaller tax increase.

My view.

In general, renewable energy, and disruptive technology is developing at an exponential rate. Last year EGV, an international electric bus consortium, had trouble raising a few \$100 million to provide end user financing on leases but now Billions in capital is available from large respected investment bankers who can no longer invest in fossil fuels because of their worthless collection of stranded assets.

New Zealand as the most respected country Worldwide could offer itself as a climate change technology showcase where manufacturers would vie to have their product demonstrated here. Post America's Cup victory, Auckland is seen as the Little Country Who Could. We have done a lot with very little. Climate Change could be Auckland's greatest business opportunity in a World forced kicking and screaming to change from the last Century's Fossil Fuel to this Century's renewables.

The largest budget item is transportation at \$12.3B. Several cost effective solutions should be considered.

1. For a commitment to replace 1500 buses over a ten years EGV, a British consortium, will build a bus assembly factory in New Zealand, set up a charging network of solar/wind/batteries, train drivers, offer a fare collection system which could be integrated into existing systems, performance evaluation software and complete maintenance training.

Leasing these buses would be cost effective such that cash flow would be close to simply maintaining existing buses and supplying them with fuel. After the lease buy out, Auckland would be left with a fleet of inexpensive zero carbon buses that would operated well into the future. Look no further than the 1906 electric trolley buses still running by MOTAT here in Auckland to prove the intrinsic reliability of electric busses. Further developments in AI would have the potential of making these busses more efficient and safer in future. The bus factory would upgrade this fleet well into the future and could supply other NZ cities and towns with large and small busses as well as delivery vehicles.

2. Meanwhile the efficiency and air quality problems can be cheaply addressed for the existing fleet of diesel busses. Hydrogen injection, from a small electrolyser, into the engines of existing diesel busses and other vehicles would reduce particulate output by 75%, increase km per liter of diesel by 25% and reduce maintenance by 25%. D-carb technology is already being used in Australia so doing trials would be easy. Once Auckland gained expertise with this technology, it could be expanded for all diesel trucks, busses and boats. It would also be a foot in the door to Hydrogen fuel/transportation systems.

3. Waste management represents another opportunity.

a. A Canadian company will take a variety of household and business waste pass it through an efficient pyrolysis process which can be capitalized based on a promise of a supply of waste and to buy the power so generated in the \$0.08 to 0.10 per kWh range. Burning rubbish is not new but the next step is.

b. Another module will then take the CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CH<sub>x</sub> and convert it into animal feed leaving marginal residual. This is done by feeding the exhaust gasses into a series of tanks where Spirulina converts these chemicals into animal feed which is valued at \$3000/Ton. Biofuels, bioplastics and dyes are all downstream industries that can feed off this process.

The waste pyrolysis is one 40 foot container and the exhaust to feed generator is a second 40 foot container allowing the city to scale up or down as needed. Once the expertise is gained in Auckland, we can export this technology and operator expertise to other communities. The total size of the system can be scaled up or down on container at a time.

4. Other issues not covered.

a. Eliminate the sale and operation of 2 stroke engines within the city limits since the toxicity of the VO<sub>x</sub> s are unquestionable.

b. Restrict ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) garden tools such as lawn movers, leaf blowers edge trimmers and so on. All electric are far better and don't present a health hazard to the user.

c. Encourage the elimination of grass lawns on boulevards and front yards in favour of ground cover that does not have to be moved and trimmed regularly. Encourage front yard growing of fruit trees and bushes.

d. Enact progressive noise bylaws that would eliminate insufficiently muffled motor cycles and cars that glorify the poisoning of our air with NO<sub>x</sub> and generally send the wrong message to a new generation.

e. Train and monitor city bus drivers, many of whom pump the accelerator continuously yielding excessive: fuel use and maintenance while increasing particulate emissions.

f. A utility scale battery should be considered since it would pay for itself in two years. The city might even be able to get one installed for free by agreeing to share in the short term trading of power. It's would also stabilize the grid, prevent brownouts, start to enable cheap solar and wind power.

g. Make one road a showcase for electric only vehicles.

h. Promote and electric boat competition. Current leaders in all electric/solar boats are Germany and Switzerland for pleasure craft and Norway for ferries. This is a great application for Hydrogen Fuel Cells.

i. Volvo and US car manufacturers will be making 100% BEV by 2030 and the crossover point where BEVs become cheaper (and better in every way) is 2025 meaning that Auckland needs to plan that far ahead with an electrified economy.

#### Full Disclosure

I am retired from 37 years of founding a building science instrumentation company and have not financial interest in any business entity. I am free to volunteer my time to Auckland and or New Zealand's climate change response. I am internationally known as having contributed to the atmospheric ozone problem, residential building efficiency and large building efficiency testing protocols. My career track can be followed under the name Colin Genge for papers, videos and LinkedIn profile. I am a returning New Zealand citizen who would like to give back with my expertise.

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Happy to discuss, set up meetings or contribute in any useful way.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:**



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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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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.

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**Tell us why:**

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Don't know

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**6. Local Boards**

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Bed Tax is unfair and targeted at only a small propoprion of accommodation providers.  
 Covid has affected all providers.  
 thes eoperators already support the city and should not be penalised.

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** Simply not time to read the consultation document (email notification a few days ago) in detail against the questions

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Support the proposed increased investment

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

**Tell us why:** In general much more responsibility needs to be taken for remedying environmental harms and making our public areas and recreational places safe and enjoyable for people

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** The history of contracting out of public services is consistently one of rising costs and diminishing level and quality of service. Some money is saved but much is wasted in providing contractors profits. Competitive tendering produces people expert at writing attractive tenders, not at doing the job; this is not real competition, and the pattern is that service provided is so poor people give up on it eventually. Meanwhile contractors are enriched and their employees exploited. Profit and public service are fundamentally conflicting motives.

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It would be beneficial in the long term to discourage poor use of land - eg development on fertile horticultural land, lifestyle blocks etc

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### Which option do you support?

Tell us why:

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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Some action on housing is obviously necessary. Some smart thinking about the countless empty commercial buildings around the city fringe might help.

More circular bus routes would be hugely useful - we don't always want to go into the city, and we don't want to use private vehicles unnecessarily.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** [see attachment 12761 letter from Ponsonby Business Association]: Our overall feedback is that we support the need to continue with Council's capital investment of \$31 billion over the next 10 years and recognise that Council is projected to have its revenue impacted by around \$1 billion because of COVID-19.

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

Instead, we believe Council should:

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

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

## 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:** [see attachment 12761 letter from Ponsonby Business Association]:

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

BIDs are involved with a variety of initiatives relating to climate change, such as supporting mode shift in transport, electrification of the bus fleet and sustainable waste initiatives.

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

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

**Tell us why:** [see attachment 12761 letter from Ponsonby Business Association]:



With regard to the proposal to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must improve infrastructure to save our harbours, beaches and streams from being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems. Inaction will cause reputational damage to the city. While we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' spending on this kind of infrastructure and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied to this targeted rate. We accept that business should pay a share, but not a differential.

Watercare's increase in charges

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

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

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

**Tell us why** [see attachment 12761 letter from Ponsonby Business Association]: We note and support the Waitemata Local Board Priorities in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031.

We specifically support the WLB Priority:

Restore and reopen the Leys Institute and deliver Ponsonby Park.

We are advocating for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use.

We also want the Governing Body to allocate the remaining \$5.5 million needed to deliver the much-needed park project at 254 Ponsonby Road, for the growing community.

Ponsonby is an urban village famous for its community spirit and loyalty. Community is at the very heart of our neighbourhood and creating places for our community to connect is an integral part of this.

We see the reopening of Leys Institute and the delivery Ponsonby Park as vital to our community's wellbeing.

Both facilities will be well used and loved by our community.

Several Local Boards have requested the reinstatement of the Local Board Discretionary Transport Capital fund and we support this request, as several BIDs are dependent on the initiatives this fund can support in their local communities

## 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?**

[see attachment 12761 letter from Ponsonby Business Association] :

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

Business differential

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

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

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The Ponsonby Business Association welcomes the opportunity to make this Submission.

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- (1) Proposed 10 Year Budget
- (2) Rating Policy Proposals
- (3) Climate Change
- (4) Local Board Priorities

### **(1) Proposed 10 Year Budget**

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

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

Instead, we believe Council should:

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

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

### **(2) Rating Policy Proposals**

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

#### Business differential

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

#### Rating Policy

With regard to the proposal to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must improve infrastructure to save our harbours, beaches and streams from being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems. Inaction will cause reputational damage to the city. While we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' spending on this kind of infrastructure and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied to this targeted rate. We accept that business should pay a share, but not a differential.

On the proposal to extend the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must reverse the decline of biodiversity in the region, stop kauri dieback and address the spread of pests, weeds and diseases. However, we believe that these matters are more properly the responsibility of central

government or taxpayers. Auckland Council should seek increased funding from central government because all New Zealand benefits from increased tourism and our international clean green branding. Auckland ratepayers should not be the first direct source of funding for projects which have a wider benefit than just the Auckland region. Again, while we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' this spending and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied.

With regard to introducing an Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector to fund council's tree management programme around the Vector overhead power lines, as businesses we are supportive of prioritising the resilience of the electricity network and more regularly trimming street trees. We agree to an approach where 'the right tree is planted in the right place' and enhancing the overall tree canopy cover through the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy.

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

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

### Watercare's increase in charges

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

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

### **(3) Climate Change**

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

BIDs are involved with a variety of initiatives relating to climate change, such as supporting mode shift in transport, electrification of the bus fleet and sustainable waste initiatives.

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

### **(4) Local Board Priorities**

We note and support the Waitemata Local Board Priorities in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031.

We specifically support the WLB Priority:

*Restore and reopen the Leys Institute and deliver Ponsonby Park.*

*We are advocating for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use.*

*We also want the Governing Body to allocate the remaining \$5.5 million needed to deliver the much-needed park project at 254 Ponsonby Road, for the growing community.*

Ponsonby is an urban village famous for its community spirit and loyalty. Community is at the very heart of our neighbourhood and creating places for our community to connect is an integral part of this.

We see the reopening of Leys Institute and the delivery Ponsonby Park as vital to our community's wellbeing.

Both facilities will be well used and loved by our community.

Several Local Boards have requested the reinstatement of the Local Board Discretionary Transport Capital fund and we support this request, as several BIDs are dependent on the initiatives this fund can support in their local communities

## **Conclusions**

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

Yours sincerely,

General Manager Ponsonby Business Association



# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Other

**Tell us why:** Support in part. I would like to see council commit to higher borrowing and more investment in their people and communities, particularly into projects and operational spending which directly supports communities most at need. E.g. more funding on community facilities, libraries, building renewals, new community programmes, more staff funding, etc.

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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:** I support all investment into reducing and adapting to climate change.

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

**Tell us why:** Water quality improvement is vital across Auckland and I support the targeted rate extension and increase. I would like to see stream health and harbour health a priority, as well as a focus on sligning projects to achieve multiple outcomes, e.g. stream daylighting projects which deliver increased water quality and also open space amenities for the local residents.

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

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Having dedicated council/community facilities in every community is very important. Reducing these assets and the programmes and community interactions that they support will negatively impact communities. Renewals have already been deferred for many of these assets, leaving them in poorer quality than they should be, but that is no excuse to write them off now. More investment in these facilities is needed. Also, moving to multi-use facilities puts huge pressure on staff to upskill and provide multiple services, usually without any pay increase. If staff (e.g. library staff who



are already underpaid) are asked to take on such additional duties then their pay and staffing levels must be increased to reflect that additional work. Moving services online (instead of having physical sites) is a risk because parts of Auckland have high levels of digital exclusion, particularly in South Auckland. The proposal to reduce physical services and community facilities, and instead focus on fewer facilities and online services, could have a major negative impact on the communities that council should be helping the most. This is not in line with council's strategies nor with the Auckland Plan. I do not support this proposal. Community investment should be increased not decreased.

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

Support increases, extensions and reinstatements of all targeted rates.

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

### Which option do you support?

Don't know

### Tell us why:

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

## 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?

Auckland Council needs to commit to investing in its people, i.e. its staff who provide all these services. This 10 year budget must include funding for staff wages, including the increases expected as a result of pay equity claims (e.g. library assistants) and the associated wage increases to avoid wage compression in the affected departments. Staff need to be valued by council and treated fairly and paid well. Constant restructures will undermine staff wellbeing and council's ability to deliver services effectively and efficiently. Community facilities and public amenity, e.g. libraries, parks, need to be well funded into the future. The lockdowns over the last year have shown us just how important local facilities

and open space are in supporting community wellbeing. Auckland Council should make use of its ability to borrow to fund projects and spending which will support the local economy. Government borrowing and spending (including that of local government) is the only thing that will get us out of a recession. We need a stimulus approach not an austerity approach. I want to see Auckland Council borrowing higher and spending more on its communities and its employees (who, by the way, are also Aucklanders and who deserve to be treated as a community that is valued by council).

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**Organisation (if applicable):** Grey Lynn 2030 Waste Away

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## Your feedback

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

Other

**Tell us why:** Under the condition that rates increase is designated with priority to climate, waste and social resilience issues, the proposed increase would not be acceptable. It is necessary for Council to report publicly on where and how rates increased revenue is being allocated to climate, waste and social resilience objectives, and provide metrics on how funding has mitigated, reduced or improved climate, social and waste related metrics for the region.

Grey Lynn 2030 Waste Away (GLWA) supports a 5.9% one-off rates increase for 2021/2022 (rather than the proposed 5% increase) to ensure the \$320 million climate budget can be progressed. We also recommend that Council introduces parking levies (ring-fenced for public transport investment) and congestion charging to help fund our effective climate response, aligned with internationally guided emission targets.

## 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:** Whilst we support the environmental considerations included in this plan, we need more ambition and fast. Particular urgency is required around public transport; active transport and fossil-fuel alternative modes of transport are of top priority, as well as investments in mechanisms that support diversion of waste from landfill, re-use, recover and recycling of materials.

GLWA supports further funding beyond the proposed investment. We chose "Option 2: More significantly accelerate Auckland Council's climate action". This will put \$320 million rather than \$150 million towards climate initiatives so that we can achieve a 100% zero emissions bus fleet by 2030 (rather than 50%), further investing in Māori-led climate change action, more than doubling our street tree planting programme to 29,000 in total, address coastal erosion faster and more.

Greater climate change action: Seeing as Auckland Council is a member of C40, declared a climate emergency and adopted the Auckland Climate Plan, GLWA would like to see more action to meet our climate goals and align with a 1.5 degree pathway.

GLWA asks Council to be aware that by not aligning the consultation periods of the Long-Term Plan and Regional Land Transport Plan it has become challenging to gain a clear picture of our future trajectory to inform my submission. Regardless, we support investing in the Urban Cycleways programme, improving Wellesley Street bus services, protecting airport-Botany rapid transit link and other active (walking and cycling) and public transport projects.

Beyond this, we need more transport action from Auckland Council and Auckland Transport. This means setting targets with AT for reaching emissions targets through proportion of trips taken by active and public transport and ensuring consequences for not reaching these targets. As a Council it also means looking at transport initiatives they can pilot such as tactical urbanism (e.g. pop up bike lanes) and low traffic neighbourhoods.

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

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** GLWA strongly recommends thorough and transparent consultation processes with the community regarding any changes to the utilisation of community facilities. Community resilience builds through having spaces available to gather both indoors and outdoors. GLWA tried to access information on the public buildings currently available in Grey Lynn, however, Waitemata Local Board staff were unable to assist at the time. A list of all the public buildings for review would be a useful resource to have available for the community, so everyone can keep informed about proposed changes.

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**Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** GLWA supports the WLB proposed priorities as they align with the purpose and strategy of our group. GLWA would be happy to contribute to the proposed mahi in any way we can.

Also, please refer to our answer to Q2 on Climate Change. Kia ora.

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

Housing and growth: Funding should be spent making infrastructure networks of existing urban areas resilient to increased demand/use. Funding should not be allocated to greenfield development which will cost more and be counterproductive to reducing emissions. At the same time Council should look to how it can support housing - e.g. replace Council-owned carparking buildings in centres with affordable housing.

Transport: It's important that all transport projects centre climate change so Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland shifts away from car dependency with investment into improving our active and public transport networks across Auckland and stopping investment in expensive roading projects.

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**Tell us why:**



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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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

Regarding the APTR on behalf of NZ Hotel Holdings and Russell Property Group

We own 3 hotels in the Auckland region and 2 in other parts of the country. The Hotel industry has been particularly hard hit over the last 12 months and we see little relief fo

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**Which option do you support?**

**Tell us why:**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Do not support 5% as I foresee it going up to the same amount or more next year.

More careful use of ratepayers money and transparency is needed. We do not need all the bike lanes at the moment. Lets get our city back to fully working order. Has been an absolute nightmare for too long and some of the council

projects are going way over budget and taking far too long. We as ratepayers need to know why? Particularly the city rail. People need to be accountable and just not use our rates to top up blown budgets.

I live in the Ponsonby area and hardly see anyone on the cycle paths which is very sad. Ponsonby Road needs to be left alone for the moment so the already struggling businesses can get back on their feet without the massive upheaval that K'Rd has had to put up with. I drive along K'Rd to work in the mornings and see very few people using the cycle lanes.

Covid Response to me is to get our Businesses back up and running without making them suffer further with roadwork projects which can be done in the future.

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:** We must make all community services available to all of our people and not have them necessarily all on line.

I myself do not like doing things on line all of the time. I like to go up to my community shops along Ponsonby Road and be able to do customer facing tasks. Already there is too much wait time when trying to deal with issues on line or waiting q's for someone to answer the phone at the Council, really not acceptable and cannot see it improving by making more services on line only. Please always be considering the older community as well. People need to get out.

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### **Tell us why:**

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Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** While accepting the difficulty in navigating the impacts of Covid, there is a need to initiate deeper emissions reductions through to 2030. I note the Auckland Council submission to the Climate Change Commission's recommended budgets is that they are too conservative. This applies to Auckland in terms of delivery: while the emissions targets are high, mechanisms to achieve them are limited. There is too little consideration of urban form changes and the ability to estimate the emissions implications of development. The latter should generate clearer requirements for large-scale development to demonstrate how it will contribute to emissions reductions and/or offsetting provisions. There is also a need to better integrate green infrastructure co-benefits for nature-based solutions. These include ways to reduce the impact of climate change (such as coastal wetland protection and enhancement) through to shifting land-use patterns over time. This will require a substantial investment by the Council as well as the private sector. The budget for this needs to be increased.

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

Don't know

**Tell us why:** Auckland cannot afford to get further behind in its infrastructure investment and renewals of existing assets (some of which are in dire condition) given the continues level of growth. With intensification and growth, it is important to continue to invest and increase investment in sports, recreation, community and cultural assets along side transport, water , waste water and stormwater. Provision of community infrastructure is already grossly lagging in many areas.

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

**Tell us why:** Improving water quality is essential

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** This is unrealistic. Council should not be shirking its responsibilities to provide local community infrastructure, a lot of which is local provision.....people can't get easily and cost effectively to "hubs" for services, nor can the community provide it . Leasing facilities is a good option as is multi-use facilities but they need to be accessible.

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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:

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**Tell us why** Continuing to advocate for provision of community infrastructure should also be a priority given the levels of growth: sports facilities, sports fields, community facilities, carts and cultural facilities.

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Providing safe and accessible parks, sports, recreation and community infrastructure needs greater priority and funding alongside other infrastructure supporting growth. Optimal land-use is important, with more Terraced houses and multi-story apartments - still shocking to see urban sprawl development in 2021!

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Support

Tell us why:

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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?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** I don't support consolidating assets as I believe it reduces access to community services in many communities - although it is expensive I think it is important to prioritise access over a broader range of services.

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#### **Tell us why:**

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I support more high-density housing in central and surrounding suburbs, just in general.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** We support the proposal, however strongly feel that there should be increased spending above and beyond the \$150 million additional on Climate Change.

## 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:** We support the proposal, however strongly feel that there should be increased spending above and beyond the \$150 million additional on climate change. Here at GL2030, our vision of Auckland is a city where beaches are clean and the ocean is full of fish, seafood and wildlife. Where public parks are full of birdsong and thriving native forests. In this Auckland, you don't have to think twice about taking the bus, tram or train to work because it's convenient and affordable. It's safe to ride a bike, walk or use a wheelchair both downtown and in the suburbs because of lanes that separate footpaths and bike paths from traffic. The air is clean because there are fewer polluting buses, trucks and cars. People and communities are able to make their own energy from the sun and wind and share it with their neighbours. And there is shade and space for everyone to play in nature because of generous tree cover in neighbourhoods from north to south and east to west. Our vision is an Auckland where our children and grandchildren can grow up safe from the threat of climate change.

We support an ambitious investment in a better future for our city. The proposed 10-Year Budget does NOT meet that vision. It is not ambitious enough and does not achieve the necessary changes. We are disappointed that so little has been put aside for climate change given how much of an issue it will be over the next 10 years. Grey Lynn 2030 are disappointed that the councillors voted for the least ambitious option and believe that the more ambitious level of increased funding would be better, however even that could be extended. Further, there is no excuse for Council to keep investing in things that are causing pollution to the climate. All of Council's investments (including outside "Key Issue 2"), from now on, must contribute to building a safe and stable future for current and future generations. Especially considering Council declared a climate emergency in 2019.

We encourage Council to pursue a much more ambitious investment in accessible public transport, safe cycleways and safe footpaths. Council needs to direct its efforts to the things that matter most. Right now, transport is obviously our biggest source of climate pollution. It's happening because many people don't have the option to leave the car at home. Investing in accessible busways, trainlines, safe cycleways and footpaths will give more people climate-friendly transport choices. The more people who are able to make the switch, the more space there is on Auckland's existing roads for those who really need to use them, including persons with disabilities or tradespeople. Investment in roads for private vehicles is taking a huge step backwards, a mistake we simply cannot make. We want to see a much bigger investment in accessible public transport and safe cycleways and footpaths.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I support the 5% increase - but not the priorities.

## 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:** If we don't start acting on climate change now, we might as well give up. I am shocked and disappointed to hear that Skypath is being mothballed. And shocked by the lack of support and ongoing maintenance of cycleways.

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

**Tell us why:** Our waterways, beaches and oceans are critical to our health, wellbeing and livelihoods.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** There is not enough information here. Libraries and community centres should not be sacrificed to penny pinching.

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No

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**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 climate change action, increasing cycle ways and pedestrian and cycle safety, I support cleaning up our waterways ASAP, we should be planting trees and celebrating our community buildings and libraries.

I also believe we should be looking at secure bike parking in key areas - lit, camera covered cages maybe with pass keys. The theft of bikes is at plague proportions - particularly e-bikes. I can't afford to have mine pinched and so use it less than I would knowing I'd be able to get home on it again.

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Climate change. Trees. Sports facilities, libraries. Our harbours. We should be facilitating the building of community housing. I am shocked and disappointed to hear that Skypath is being mothballed. And shocked by the lack of support and ongoing maintenance of cycleways. There is not enough information here. increasing cycle ways and pedestrian and cycle safety. Additionally, we (Waitematā) are poorly served for waterpolo and netball - the amount of traffic generated by our inner city suburb getting players to facilities is a disgrace.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I feel that the proposed 10-year budget is fiscally sound and transparent of what Auckland Council plans to do.

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**Tell us why:** This will encourage all residents of Paremoremo and Lucas Heights to ride the bus because they are paying for it. The new bus routes in Rodney have resulted in heaps of new bus riders and full buses.

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

No

**6. Local Boards**

**7. What is important to you?**

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I want Auckland to

1. become climate change prepared & resistant,
2. have a robust, comprehensive, complete, and separated bicycle network,
3. remove car parking on all arterial roads to speed up vehicle traffic and buses,
4. remove the 1960s thinking that Auckland Transport has towards private vehicle priority above all other modes of movement,
5. greatly increase vertical housing along arterial roads and motorways to protect our food-growing soils and to decrease the stand-alone, land-wasting, single house mindset,
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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:**

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

**Tell us why:**

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Don't know

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No

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## 7. What is important to you?

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I would like to see a moratorium on investment in new roads or widening of road projects. This is important for preventing further climate change. I would like to see more investment in tree planting, and infrastructure for walking and cycling. I also support more intensive housing in the inner city suburbs such as Ponsonby, Herne Bay, Mount Edent

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

Support

**Tell us why:** Clearly need more funding currently because of pandemic, but I believe Gov. should contribute more to AKL to better reflect the benefits it receives.

I also believe there should be forms of rates relief, especially for fixed income and lower income residents who might have to leave AKL because of higher rates.



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

**Tell us why:** I support increased investment in climate change action, but I believe the Gov. should do more than it does for action in AKL.

We must get rid of diesel buses; it is shameful that we have really no controls over exhaust pollution in cars; we should encourage more electric vehicles with tax relief, parking privileges, special lane use on motorways; the Port should be held to account for its contributions, and insist on pollution controls in trucks.

We need to mandate plug-in facilities for ships; if that requires Gov. help with power supplies, it should be forthcoming.

The air pollution AT HUMAN LUNG LEVEL on Queen Street is criminal. Monitors up on buildings are useless, and we all pay the price of health care for those affected.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal? Other**

**Tell us why:** I do NOT support closing libraries unless there is an accessible alternative, such as mobile libraries. I do support doing away with mandatory late fees because library use should be encouraged. Why not make late fees voluntary?

Where libraries have multilingual facilities/offerings, mixing of diverse community members is encouraged (e.g., AKL Central Library and Ellen Melville Centre). We need more of these, not less. Reliance on online facilities may discourage participation of older people or people less able for whatever reason (linguistic, disability, lack of devices) to discover or use information on line.

Developers should be required to contribute more towards community facilities. I support lease rather than sale of some assets, although in some cases there will be no difference in public benefit.

I am concerned about the apparent shrinking of park/public access and use of the proposed Wynyard Point blocks on the east side. I do NOT support Panuku reducing in any way public access on Wynyard Point more than was in earlier plans.

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Don't know

**Tell us why:**

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No

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Improved air quality in central Auckland via electric buses, auto pollution controls, improvements at Port and trucks that use it.

Enforcement of car (and bus) speeds on city roads.

We need a capital gains tax to help with housing!

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

Support

**Tell us why:** It's better than not doing anything

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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:** Would like more changes like cycle lanes and more urban farms. Incentives for those building homes to be sustainable rather than rules. Also more support for electrified buses earlier

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

**Tell us why:** I think consolidation of assets is ok as long as there is an increase in actual funding for community services. Too often consolidation means cuts. When it should mean more money or the same money.

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Fine with rates increases

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Don't know

#### **Tell us why:**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** You do everything the most expensive way: contracting the work out to private companies who make massive profits which come directly out of Council income, and increasing cost of the work to us, the ratepayers.

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Other

**Tell us why:** Replacing diesel busses with electric and/or hydrogen is a good idea. BUT the provision of public transport is so poor that people are far batter off using their cars. How many people who work for Council (from the Mayor down) actually use public transport, even for going to work? How many use it for visiting friends and relatives? When Council employees find the don't need cars for these trips, you will know you have started to make public transport usable.

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

**Tell us why:** Where I live, sewage is flowing into the harbour 24x7, and has been doing so for years. Separation was planned for next year, and is now postponed for another 4(?) years. At the same time, more and more housing is being built in the area, increasing the load on our harbour.

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**Tell us why:** A better solution would be for Council to do the work, rather than contracting it out.

For parks, responsibility would lie with Council, not with a variety of private profit-motivated companies who do not talk to each other. Knowledge is also being divested into private hands, to the long-term detriment of Aucklanders.



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

No

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**Tell us why** These people are in the area and know what is needed.

## 7. What is important to you?

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Much of this area is historic, and key to what makes Auckland "Auckland".

Current developments show great danger of these areas being destroyed or despoiled because developers want to sell the land space many times, but building what look like large plastic boxes, often ignoring really good planning decisions made decades ago, and now ignored. I am not very knowledgeable on some of these matters, and could not find explanations in succinct form. Eg: are the target rates already really spent on those items, or on private company profits?

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The Waitemata Local Board has highlighted this as a priority advocacy project in the Local Board Plan 2021.

The project is highlighted as a key project in the Parnell Plan.

The need for the upgrade is as follows:

### 1. Safety and more efficient use of the road space.

There are significant concerns about the safety in these streets, as over the past few years there has been a dramatic increase in the working population in this area, and with additional hospitality, there are many more people crossing the street.

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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:** Page 28 - Strategic response particularly electric/ hydrogen buses.

Urban Nga have 11,000 street trees & 200,000 native seedlings. I am disturbed at the loss of all trees in Papatoetoe. Almost every day the chain saws can be heard felling yet another tree.

Health Health -> Oxygen is vital for humans in this very built up housing area!!

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### Extending the targeted rate

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### What is your view on this proposal? Other

**Tell us why:** I support quality drinkable water to support our individual health. Do not support an increase in monthly cost to households.

We are already paying TWICE for the same amount of water (in and out).

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### What is your opinion on this proposal?

**Tell us why:** Older people such as my husband and myself (86 & 75 respectively) do not support online services. We appreciate quality face to face contact. Our libraries are very important to us with the kind assistance for I-Pads.

Community services and centres are important also. I agree with the leasing or shared facilities it makes good sense to cut costs.

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### Waitematā Local Board

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

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

**Tell us why:**



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**Tell us why:** We need to wait until things are predictable post Covid 19.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** a. I am concerned with coastal erosion.

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

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## 6. Local Boards

## 7. What is important to you?

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I broadly support the revenue raising measures proposed, including the two step rates increase.

I particularly support the Waitemata Board submission for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute building in Ponsonby. This is an important community asset both as to its architectural character and quality, which greatly enriches this vibrant area of Auckland as well as functioning as a meeting place for a wide variety of community activities including the library.

A huge investment has been made by residents in restoring and maintaining the historic housing stock of this area and it is important that the Council plays its part with it's

own properties. The Unitary Plan and Recovery Budget contain numerous references to preserving the culture, identity and culture of different suburbs but this is defeated if a bleak utilitarianism becomes the default setting of Auckland Council decision making.

The preservation of existing structures is also an increasingly important environmental value as witnessed by the award of the 2021 Pritzker prize for Architecture to Anne Lacatan and Jean-Phillipe Vassall. Again the Unitary Plan is laced with references to the importance of this value.

More generally higher density development means creating a public environment where residents can escape from the confines of apartments and small houses to public assets such as parks, museums and libraries as well as lively retail world of restaurants and bars. For this reason the Leys Institute will become evermore important to residents as time passes.

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

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**Tell us why:**

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Support

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## 6. Local Boards

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I would like to support the request for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use

Reasons include;

- o Population growth is projected in the Freemans Bay/Ponsonby area in the short to long term.
- o There is a shortfall in existing library provision.
- o There is a requirement to operate the Leys Institute as a library in perpetuity.
- o As a scheduled Category A heritage building, the council has a requirement to protect it from destruction."

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

**Tell us why:**

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

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:** Sewage in Hobson bay is horrific

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## **6. Local Boards**

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

- 1) I strongly support the Waitemata Local Board's key advocacy initiative to restore and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use.
- 2) The Leys Institute is a significant listed heritage building set within a vibrant and historic precinct.
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- 6) It would be good to see the council take some leadership in this matter, rather than prevaricate to the point where a valuable community resource is lost. It must be much cheaper to protect what is already there, than to have to start from scratch as council is having to do in so many other town centres.

I hope council will listen to the community and act with urgency to return the Leys Institute to community use.

Ponsonby Resident and Ratepayer.

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

Support

**Tell us why:** I guess in order to get Auckland moving I wish we could stop any migration to Auckland until infrastructure/housing etc could catch up



## 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:**

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**Tell us why:**

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**6. Local Boards**

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Our footpaths (I live in Ada St) are an absolute hazard

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13094#



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Other

**Tell us why:** Not everyone is capable of this financially. maybe certain areas that are more "financially stable" could have this increase. potentially you could increase rates in CBD as there are a large corporations.

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Do not support

**Tell us why:** Dear Councillors,

This is a submission on the Council's 10-Year Budget, Long Term Plan ("LTP").

I submit that the proposed 5 percent rates hike is unacceptable.



While Council faces revenue pressures, this is simply a result of the economic environment facing all Aucklanders. Ratepayers facing job losses, reduced hours, and the pressures of rolling lockdowns should not be burdened by higher rates hikes.

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Both rates and water measures will hit my pocket, and the pockets of Aucklanders who can least afford it.

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I support the submissions made by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance, available at [http://www.ratepayers.org.nz/2021\\_ltp\\_submission](http://www.ratepayers.org.nz/2021_ltp_submission).

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why:

## 2. Climate change

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

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

### Extending the targeted rate

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### Increasing the targeted rate

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### What is your view on this proposal?

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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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?

**Tell us why:** We write to endorse our understanding that the "restoration, modernisation and seismic remediation" of the historically significant important Leys Institute buildings is a key advocacy initiative of the Waitemata Local Board. (November 2020).

These buildings are unique in Auckland, a generous gift to the local community over 100 years ago by the Leys Brothers. The Leys intention of encouraging library use and giving educational opportunity to everyone in the wider community is as significant today as then.

The existing Little Leys Library is totally inadequate for the needs of the community.

The buildings are scheduled CATEGORY A heritage buildings. Auckland Council has an obligation to protect these beautiful buildings from destruction. There is a requirement and a community held desire for the original Leys Institute library to be restored in perpetuity.

Projected population growth in the wider Ponsonby area is already occurring. Local 19th C houses are being removed at pace, and apartments and town houses replacing them, greatly increasing the density of the population.

As a Waitemata Board resident my family have serious concerns about the present condition of the Leys Institute buildings.

We have been devastated to see the buildings deteriorate significantly from neglect over the past 15 months.

Consultation engineers believe the building could be strengthened and re-opened for library and community use. However each week that goes by, the deterioration accelerates. It is our belief that the seismic strengthening of the Leys Institute buildings fit the category of "protection of assets". Delay simply increases the cost of repair and renewal.

It is obvious that the cost of repair and reuse of the Leys Buildings would be much less costly than the demolition and rebuilding of a Library and community Services Building.

We urge Council to uphold the recommendations by the Services and Asset Planning division of council which endorsed the findings of an indicative business case for the upgrade of the Leys Institute in Ponsonby.

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:** Please keep rates increase to 3.5%, not 5%.

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### What is your opinion on this proposal?

**Tell us why:** As an integral & important & functioning part of the community for many years the Leys Institute played & can still play a role in bringing together the community. For this reason among others the funding to strengthen & re-open the Leys Institute need to be fast tracked.

As stated by Waitemata Local Board chairperson Richard Northey, "the "restoration, modernisation and seismic remediation of the Leys Institute" was a major Board priority for the Long Term Plan". This needs to be recognised & acted upon.

It would be timely to remind the appropriate people that the recommendations to the Waitemata Local Board in September 2020, by the Services and Asset Planning division of council, state: "endorse the findings of an indicative business case for the upgrade of the Leys Institute in Ponsonby".

It may be apposite at this time to remind authorities that “There is a requirement to operate the Leys Institute as a library in perpetuity, & As a scheduled Category A heritage building, the council has a requirement to protect it from destruction.”

We would also like to bring to attention that the September council report to the Local Board also endorses “the development of detailed business case for the restoration, modernisation, and seismic remediation of the Leys Institute”, and also that the business case “be included as a priority action in the Community Facilities Network Action Plan”.

If the council is serious (& going by past actions/omissions forgive me if I have doubts) about wanting to spend money on upgrading heritage buildings what better space to show that is serious than the Leys Institute.

Again, to look after OUR community assets lets protect them now.

If we are going to be serious about sustainability and not selective we can upgrade & use an existing building.

We posit that the use of independent, reputable engineers with experience in heritage restoration be engaged to evaluate & disclose openly & transparently the options available.

It would be disappointing at the least to find the Leys Institute among the (depressingly) long list of Auckland heritage buildings that has been variously demolished, vandalised, sold off yet again to developers. The city urgently needs action to save what remains of OUR built heritage.

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Support

Tell us why:

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** 经济恢复不应该是减少税收吗? Shouldn't economic recovery mean tax cuts?

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** 我们生活已经很艰难了，还要为所谓奢侈的环境付出更多？有必要吗？！就像是人饭都吃不上，还要考虑要不要花更多的钱去吃绿色食品一样的道理Our lives are already very difficult, is it necessary to pay more for the so-called luxury environment? ! It's like people who can't afford to buy basic food are asked to consider whether they would spend more money to eat green food.

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

**Tell us why:** 税收每年都增加，我们还是缺水，增加的钱都花在市政府的高收入上了！先查查多少人年薪10万吧！减少市政府人员的薪金比增加税收更得人心吧！Taxes increase every year, we are still short of water. The increased money is spent on the high income of the municipal government! Please check firstly how many people earn 100,000 per year! Reducing the salaries of city government personnel is more acceptable than increasing taxes!

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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:** 现有的已经很好了，经济这个样子还要搞公共设施建设，实在是杀鸡取卵。就像人很穷，没有地方住，还有必要考虑借钱住星级酒店还是别墅The existing ones are already very good. While the economy is bad like this, the government still considers improving public facilities. It is really killing chickens to get eggs. It is like that people are very poor and have no place to live, they think about borrowing money to live in a five-star hotel or a villa.

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电费也要涨价了！要不要人活了！Electricity bills are going up too! Do you want people to live?

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### Which option do you support?

Do not support either option

**Tell us why:** 除了税收就没别的办法了？！Is there no other way except tax?!

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** 除了增税就是增税！没有一点是鼓励刺激经济发展的策略。There is tax increase in addition to tax increase! Nothing is a strategy to encourage economic development.

## 7. What is important to you?

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除了失望还是失望。我知道我反对也没用。I feel disappointed in addition to previous disappointment. I know it's useless for me to object.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why:



## 2. Climate change

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

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**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 Paremoro 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

### Waitematā Local Board

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** The cost of living in Auckland is already unaffordable.

## 2. Climate change

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** More funds should be invested in infrastructure, education and the high cost of public transport.

## 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

**Tell us why:** Normal residents are already struggled to meet the cost of living, to cut the necessary high salaries and positions for the council leadership team and some staff would be much doable.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Do not support

**Tell us why:** Residents are already struggling to face the high cost of living.

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Electricity fee is already quite high.

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#### **Which option do you support?**

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

**Tell us why:** The service is beneficial for local residents in upper harbour.

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why** Cost of living is unaffordable.

## 7. What is important to you?

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Increase tax to the farms and special services for the great Auckland area.

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Support

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**Tell us why:**

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20 March 2021

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To whom it may concern

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021-2031, Auckland Council's 10-year budget 2021-2031. This submission outlines where the University and Council are aligned in their responses to the significant challenges identified in your document. Further this submission references the contributions the University can make to the Council's long-term plan. This submission concludes with comment on proposals in Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021-2031 that are of particular importance to the University of Auckland.

#### Alignment

The University of Auckland recognises the challenges facing Auckland Council as it seeks to balance increasing costs and needs. Due to the closure of the New Zealand border the University's finances and communities have also been significantly affected. Auckland Council is being forced to prioritise and focus on areas where it can have the most impact. So too is the University of Auckland.

The new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dawn Freshwater has led the development of a new strategic direction Taumata Teitei, Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025. This positions the University to deal with and contribute to many of the challenges facing the world. It recognises the University's commitment to excellence, sustainability, relevance, fairness and positive impact in all it does and looks to partner with organisations like Auckland Council to increase the positive impact for our Auckland community.

Auckland's diversity and its deep connections to the Pacific as well as our Australasian and Asian neighbours were front of mind when the University developed the four interdependent priorities identified in Taumata Teitei.

- sustainability – leading transition to sustainable ecosystems
- health and well-being – improving health and wellbeing for all
- justice – advancing just, cultured and engaged communities
- ethical innovation and technology – innovating contemporary, distributed, secure knowledge systems.

The University's focus on these priorities will see it bring international knowledge to local challenges while at the same time, local experience will be shared internationally. These areas provide opportunities where collaboration with Auckland Council would enable faster progress towards better outcomes for Aucklanders.

Contribution

In response to Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021-2031 some specific contributions the University makes include:

- The University's investment in infrastructure will contribute to the city's recovery and long term success. Work is underway to build a new Recreation Facility on the City Campus which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of its community. City Campus building stock is being upgraded to enable the Faculty of Education and Social Work to relocate from the Epsom Campus to the City Campus leading to the eventual sale of the Epsom site.
- The University's Strategy identifies its commitment to achieve net-zero carbon status and to make widely available meaningful metrics of the University's progress towards overall sustainability.

Comment

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Yours sincerely



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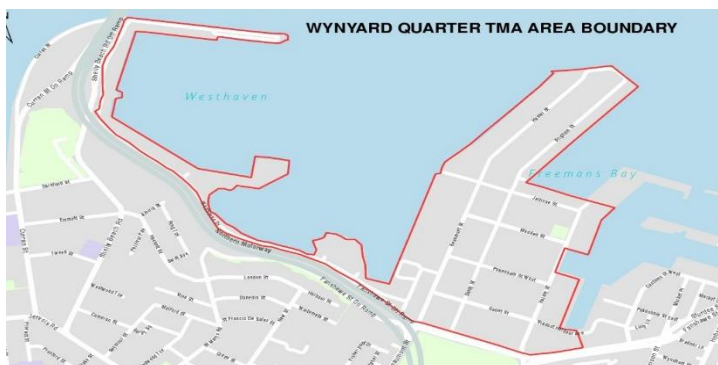
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## **SUBMISSION TO THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL LONG TERM BUDGET 2021/2031 AND WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD PRIORITIES**

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

This Submission will cover:

- (1) Ongoing concerns regarding the impact of COVID-19
- (2) Proposed 10 Year Budget
- (3) Rating Policy Proposals
- (4) Regional Fuel Tax underspend
- (5) Climate Change
- (6) Rating of Vacant Land, and
- (7) Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

We have ongoing serious concerns expressed from our local business members that COVID-19 continues to have a detrimental impact on their businesses.

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

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

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

We have welcomed the responses from Mayor Phil Goff through the crisis, especially the need to respond calmly, but we ask for more focus in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031 on measures Auckland Council can actually take to assist businesses.

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

## **(2) Proposed 10 Year Budget**

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

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

Instead, we believe Council should:

- keep any rates increase to a minimum for 2021/2022;
- increase Council borrowing to 300%;
- make deeper cost savings and prioritise spending; and
- sell more surplus assets/property.

We note the positive statements made in Council's half year financial results and upgrade in the Council's debt rating, indicating a more optimistic outlook is warranted. We suggest this allows Council to further increase borrowing in the short term (for example, to 300% for the forthcoming financial year). We note some of NZ's most recognised economists eg Bernard Hickey, Cameron Bagrie, Brad Olsen to name three, are proponents of councils, including Auckland Council, significantly increasing their borrowing - and the removal of the 300% debt cap.

In terms of sales of assets and property, we suggest Council consider selling down some of its shareholdings in the Ports of Auckland Ltd and Auckland International Airport Ltd, *at a time when the market is more favourable*. In terms of council-owned property sales in Newmarket, we strongly recommend council maintains ownership of its 2 properties at 19 & 20/28 Remuera Road, we do not consider these properties "surplus". These are the *only* council-owned community spaces in the precinct and are currently managed by the NBA for community events and activations.

## **(3) Rating Policy Proposals**

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

### **Business differential**

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

### Rating Policy

With regard to the proposal to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must improve infrastructure to save our harbours, beaches and streams from being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems. Inaction will cause reputational damage to the city. While we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' spending on this kind of infrastructure and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied to this targeted rate. We accept that business should pay a share, but not a differential.

On the proposal to extend the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031, we agree that Auckland must reverse the decline of biodiversity in the region, stop kauri dieback and address the spread of pests, weeds and diseases. However, we believe that these matters are more properly the responsibility of central government or taxpayers. Auckland Council should seek increased funding from central government because all New Zealand benefits from increased tourism and our international clean green branding. Auckland ratepayers should not be the first direct source of funding for projects which have a wider benefit than just the Auckland region. Again, while we are supportive of transparently 'ring fencing' this spending and an extension until June 2031, we do not accept that a business differential (even at 25.8%) should be applied.

With regard to introducing an Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector to fund council's tree management programme around the Vector overhead power lines, as businesses we are supportive of prioritising the resilience of the electricity network and more regularly trimming street trees. We agree to an approach where 'the right tree is planted in the right place' and enhancing the overall tree canopy cover through the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy.

Finally, on the options to reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate, we have been told by accommodation providers both locally and regionally that they do not accept that they should fund Auckland Unlimited's tourism promotion and event costs from this targeted rate. We have never supported this intervention and now more than ever the sector cannot afford this. Our preference is for the Government to introduce a levy on international visitors, and until such time as international visitors are able to return to New Zealand, to share GST to fund tourism projects. We ask for increased spending on visitor attraction, major events, and destination marketing activity greater than the \$14.5 million indicated – and for this greater sum to be paid for from general rates. Finally, on this topic, whilst we appreciate the value of tourism and events to the economy, we ask that Auckland Unlimited's spending be carefully scrutinised to ensure the returns justify the investment, and with a pan-Auckland focus.

### Watercare's increase in charges

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

We are concerned that these substantial increases in water tariffs proposed by Watercare have not been highlighted in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031. We ask that they be consulted on properly. In particular, these increases in water tariffs may impose an additional burden on businesses.

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<sup>1</sup> Recovery Budget 2021/2031, page 40.

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#### **(4) Regional Fuel Tax underspend**

Our preference is to introduce initiatives that both manage demand and raise funding equitably as soon as possible, balanced with investment into affordable and more frequent public transport in order to effect sustainable behavioural change. We understand, for example, that technical work on the 'Congestion Question' project that has been examining the potential to apply congestion charging in Auckland is progressing.

In the interim, while we have supported a regional fuel tax of 10 cents per litre (plus GST), we ask for greater transparency regarding the spending of this tax on specific transport projects and services. We wish to avoid the regional fuel tax, which is the equivalent of a significant rates increase (especially for transport operators), being used as a 'top up' for overall transport budgets.

We are also concerned about the ongoing underspend of the Regional Fuel Tax.<sup>2</sup> We are worried that businesses are being over-taxed - with the RFT being underspent - or that infrastructure is not being built at the required pace.

#### **(5) Climate Change**

We note the Council's emphasis in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031 on climate change with actions like electrification of the vehicle fleet, moving to sustainable energy at council facilities and tree planting. However, to meet the Council's commitment to halve emissions by 2030, much more will need to be done in this Budget to achieve that goal.

We are involved with a variety of initiatives relating to climate change, such as supporting mode shift in transport, electrification of the bus fleet and sustainable waste initiatives.

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

#### **(6) Rating of Vacant Land**

We note that in preparation for the Recovery Budget, the Council asked for advice on the application of higher rates to vacant land to encourage development. Officers reported that the Council could consider setting a higher general rates differential on vacant land to bring the share of the costs of providing council services paid by owners of vacant land closer to the level paid by owners of developed properties. We ask that the Council give further consideration to the application of a vacant land differential. In this regard, we also ask that Council consider an approach to addressing vacant or unoccupied retail premises on high streets (perhaps through a rates penalty on unoccupied premises).<sup>3</sup> Newmarket has had several key sites on Broadway remain vacant for many years. This is no way a reflection of the retail leasing landscape, but of the property owners' disinterest in sourcing tenants.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/half-of-auckland-councils-regional-fuel-tax-has-not-been-spent/XTFNMLCAPDH4HFFBQQKUSUIN4I/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.renewaustralia.org/>

## (7) Waitematā Local Board Priorities

We note the Waitematā Local Board Priorities in the Recovery Budget 2021/2031.

## Waitematā Local Board

Key areas of spend	 COMMUNITY SERVICES	 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 PLANNING SERVICES	 GOVERNANCE
OPERATING SPEND 2021/2022	\$21.0M	\$257,000	\$8.9M	\$1.0M
CAPITAL SPEND 2021/2022	\$11.0M	—	—	—

### What we propose in your local board area in 2021/2022

Our proposed priorities for the 2021/2022 budget include:

- Improve air and water quality and clean up our waterways. Encouraging restoration of local streams, such as Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket streams, and supporting programmes that improve biodiversity in the Hauraki Gulf.
- To grow our urban ngahere (forest), we will prioritise planting at sites identified in the 'Planting Opportunities List' that will help deliver the goal of providing 30 per cent of tree canopy cover within our local board area by 2050.
- We will continue to work with mana whenua, and the community groups and across council to identify appropriate sites for regenerative urban farms which will capture carbon, that increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watersheds, and enhance ecosystem services, with the aim that they become self-sustaining and create employment.
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### Key advocacy initiatives for 2021-2031

**Increase funding for water quality improvements.** We are advocating to the council's Governing Body to increase funding to accelerate improvements to our stormwater / wastewater systems. This will address growing public concern about pollution in our waterways and bays, including, particularly Hobson Bay, and help achieve cleaner harbours, beaches and streams.

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We also want the Governing Body to allocate the remaining \$5.5 million needed to deliver the much needed park project at 254 Ponsonby Road, for the growing community.

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### **Our Priorities Requiring Council/ WLB Support**

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  - New Zealand Police land at 58 Remuera Road
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- **SECURITY:** Due to the unprecedented increases in crime and anti-social behaviour problems many town centres are experiencing, we think the WLB should consider where they can provide additional financial resourcing to assist with the additional costs we are facing to combat these issues.

### **Conclusions**

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive



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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

Tell us why:

## 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:** I strongly believe in the protection of the environment and being eco friendly, and I believe that this proposal will strongly benefit this cause

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Tell us why:

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

Other

**Tell us why:** [see attachment 17300 for full report from Friends of the Earth; summary points below]

2. The simplest and least disruptive way of dealing with budgetary shortfalls is to raise the rates by 5% and keep them raised. To be done in such a way that poorer ratepayers pay no greater rate rise (5%) than richer ratepayers. Full exemption from the rise for any ratepayers genuinely too poor to pay it.

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

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5. Immediately re-activate the Register of significant trees and greatly increase the legal protection of those trees.
6. Press central government to immediately pass the law concerned with the protection of urban trees that was repealed by the Key government.
7. We support budget proposals for street trees and native forest plantings and believe they should be increased.
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**Tell us why:** [see attachment 71300 for full report; summary points below]

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Don't know

**Tell us why:** [see attachment 71300 for full report; summary points below]

9. We support initiatives to increase use of public transport, trains, buses, and to increase cycling and walking

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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

**Tell us why** [see attachment 71300 for full report; summary points below]

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9. We support initiatives to increase use of public transport, trains, buses, and to increase cycling and walking
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11. We support the purchase of electric buses and believe these purchases need to be speeded up.
12. We oppose the purchase and deployment of hydrogen powered buses.

## Body of Submission

Friends of the Earth NZ has had its main office in Auckland city since 1975. Since then we have been involved, locally, nationally and , at times, internationally with issues such as food irradiation, nuclear power, indigenous forest protection, genetic engineering, bio-solids disposal and transport. In the immediate past we submitted to prevent the use of explosives in the deepening of the Rangitoto Channel. In the distant past our opening campaign was an Auckland one: the retention of the city's electric trolley bus system. This particular campaign, and the fact that Auckland Regional Council chose to ignore our arguments about clean energy transport, resonates now as the full gamut of climate change unfolds. The council locked us in to diesel buses, a decision that impacts directly and negatively now.

How much trouble would have been saved if this electric public transport system had been maintained, extended and integrated into an electric train network . In 2021 we have to start again to deal with a problem for which we had a solution in 1975. Is it possible that we could learn from this ?

The "Recovery" budget is a very mixed bag indeed. It has good features. It perpetrates and perpetuates mistakes and misconceptions. It is founded on economic, even social premises that are at best unproven, at worst unsustainable. At its economic core there is a shortfall in earnings at the beginning of this ten year financial cycle of the Council. This shortfall is particularly problematic because considerable rises in expenditure must occur in Auckland throughout this period. Some cost rises are due to an increasing regional population: some to the need for infrastructural maintenance and development; some due to the covid impact on council income. The main solution offered is to achieve savings. What does this mean? One obvious way of achieving savings is to deal with the question of high salaries received by many council employees. I have noticed no mention of this in the report on the budget, but I mention it as a simple step to take and does actually end up in a real time lowering of Council costs, Of itself it cannot solve many problems, but to admit to it, at least in principle, is to admit that simple, rational steps are available in the context of solving the Budget.

The main means of achieving savings is more problematic. It raises the question: what are genuine savings? The Budget plan is to sell \$70 million of public assets a year over the next three years. It is describes euphemistically as an "asset recycling target" (1). This figure is connected with a further one of \$90 million "as permanent ongoing savings" per annum, resulting, presumably after ten years either in capital of \$900 million or new assets of that

value. The exact relation between the public asset sales cash and the "permanent and ongoing savings" is not clear - whether the one will contribute to the other.

Public asset "recycling" is, generally unacceptable to us and socially negative. It is driven, or at least justified in quasi-ideological terms. Several such statements exist in the budget. On p. 80 we are told the council is "letting go of some of our less well-used assets to help us pay for new ones that will help us deliver better services to the community." (2) Really?

What is a "less well-used asset"? Perhaps it is the Leys Institute, or the artist's studios on the corner of Hepburn Street and Ponsonby Road, or the suite of small parks planned to be sold under "Scheme Change 60", or swimming pools that have not not been so extensively used through the year of covid. Whatever the public assets are, the argument that their alienation from our ownership by sale will result in better public assets (that, presumably will continue in the same function that the worse assets fulfilled) is economic nonsense. To regain the family silver that has been sold, and, in some cases destroyed, is expensive - probably in every case very much more expensive than retaining the tarnished silver we already have. We should be instead doing some intelligent and imaginative maintenance on the tarnished silver.

Sale also creates a break or reduction in service provision that can last sometimes for many years while the "better" replacement is made. It means the destruction and wastage of valuable building materials and the general inconveniencing of the public. By whose judgement is "better" assessed? Is it by the judgement of the developer/builder who may have been paid very generously indeed to destroy and rebuild the asset; or by the judgement of a council designer, not necessarily well-versed in the design say, of a music studio or concert auditorium?

Must we remind the Council of the disastrous "better" acoustic that still plagues us in the main auditorium of the Aotea Centre - an acoustic that is as bad as it is because the advice of a world-class acoustic engineer, Harald Marshall, was ignored. This theatre has become, for musical purposes, a semi-stranded asset. Musicians are unified in damning it and have voted with their feet, their vocal chords and their instruments to return to performing in the Town Hall.

The Aotea Centre auditorium is now what we might call "less well-used."

Please let us have no more of this kind of "better".

Another and worse rationale is given for sales than "better". On p 77 of the budget the statement is made:

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

Firstly a question. Is "consolidating the number" of facilities an ungrammatical way of saying "reducing" the number? It is hard to see what else it might mean. Secondly, what is multi-use in this context? Might a gym for instance also be used as a dance studio or a venue for a jazz performance or a space for a community meeting? If that is the case, then most of our community facilities are already multi-purpose and are used to the absolute maximum. No social gain will be made by selling them and lessening their numbers. It will simply mean a lessening of public amenity and opportunity in a city with a rapidly growing population. I use community facilities, such as halls. I know just how extensively used they already are. Getting a booking can be a complex exercise.

The real barb in the statement is the proposed substitution of "on-line" services as a replacement for real world services. "On-line" can no longer be regarded as the cool, trouble-free technology of an electronic utopia. There are plenty of sociologists who would say it represents an impoverishment of experience and social life and an impediment to in-depth learning. This writer is certainly an on-line sceptic and does on-line only when forced to do so by profit-driven institutions such as banks. They represent a clear example of on-line services meaning a lessening of service.

There is an implicit threat in "on-line" to the "on-going" of actual libraries, actual performances, actual tuition. While a zoom society may be temporarily useful in getting us through a covid pandemic, as general social practice, it is pitiful. To what extent therefore does the council intend to replace actual facilities with virtual ones as a money-saving strategy? "Virtual" ignores the centrality of real-time, real-place human contact. In this case it implies also the sale and removal of historic structures from public hands. In private hands they become more liable to demolition and replacement by commercial infrastructure.

"On-line" is now known to have climate change implications. Digital activity is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Servicing the networks, keeping the servers cool, now contributes 2-4% of world greenhouse gas net emissions. This is as much as the world's entire aviation industry pre-covid in 2019. To this must be added the effects of the roll-out of the 5G system and its associated "internet of things - a cluster of consumer/digital activities that, according some estimates, could result in as much as a tenfold increase in digital activity. Can the greenhouse world afford this?

When local governments therefore casually mention "online" as a way of bettering, changing, or increasing social services they should, in a time of "climate emergency" do very careful analyses of the the greenhouse gas emissions involved in these projects. They should take similar care in regard to costs Digital is not cheap. Our recent history has frequent instances of digital budget blowouts. The likelihood of it representing a genuine

"saving" we suspect is negligible. We retain our social and economic faith in real facilities, staffed by real people, carrying out real interactions and transactions. These *are* society. The digital alternative tends to robotic meaninglessness, algorithmic standardizing of judgements and formulaic interconnections of separated people. It seems a sham solution to a non-existent problem - the equitable supply of social services in the actual world of Auckland city. We say non-existent because it is a problem with cheaper and simpler solutions.

The Council has already indicated that it will raise rates by 5% over the next three years. To this we would not object, provided it has the proviso that poorer ratepayers no greater proportion of the rate rise than wealthier ones. Yes. This is socialism, and it needs to be applied here. Taking myself as a ratepayer I know I can easily afford a 5% rate rise. I speak as one with a well-below -median income, who is the part-owner of the house in which I live. The 5% rise would represent to me and my partner an increase per week of \$2 each. This is sustainable for the foreseeable future. We would rather pay the rate and get proper services than go through the destructive shambles of public asset sales and the inevitable loss of service that creates. We have not forgotten the Rogernomic dispossession of the public in the 1980s, and the huge social damage that created - damage that we are repairing to this day. There are hundreds of thousands of ratepayers in a situation similar to our own; and there are tens of thousands who are wealthier and can afford to pay more. This can be achieved with full protection of impoverished ratepayers.

Bite the bullet. Raise the rates. Raise them fairly and equitably. And raise them for the ten year budget period. Pay the bills. Pay them without permanently destroying our "commons" of public facilities by selling them.

A final comment. The Council needs to avoid financial failures of judgement such as the recent loss of future income caused by buying into a hedge-fund type investment. This locked it into a punishingly poor rate of return for a very long time. Of this episode, I have so far found no mention in the budget document. It should have been fully admitted.

## The Leys Institute

The Leys Institute debacle is a public asset sale arrested in midflight . We intend it shall go no further. It is also an extraordinary failure of proper procedure and of due process in informing the owners, ourselves, the ratepayers, well before things happened, about what was intended to happen.

On Thursday December 19th, 2019, an email was sent by Council officials to the Leys Institute Library. The gist of it: that the Leys buildings, library and gym, were an immediate earthquake risk and had to be vacated by staff by 5pm on Friday, December 20th. No-one of the library staff and no resident of the Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, Grey Lynn district had the slightest intimation that the Leys Institute was an earthquake risk. Auckland is not, in any meaningful sense , an earthquake zone. The news was shocking and distressing to the staff and bewildering to the public. The facility had been used without major earthquake danger since its construction before World War I.

What had officials discovered? Had they known on December 18th that the library was a serious earthquake risk? Had they ever known that it was such a risk? There is certainly no information in the three engineering reports about the Leys complex that had appeared between 2016 and 2019 that there was such a risk. Where else might they have discovered such an imminent danger? To date, these questions remain unanswered.

At 4.30 on December 20th I was in the foyer of the Leys Library along with one of the researchers and directors of Friends of the Earth, Mr Bob Tait. We were there to communicate with members of the public coming in for their final visit to the Library. We asked them if they knew why the library was closing. Many were saddened, some confused, but virtually all of them said, "because it is an earthquake risk". This much by now they had heard through local intercommunication or media. Bob Tait is a qualified mechanical engineer. He had quickly located information on the building's earthquake status. This was summarized in two building certificates of fitness actually displayed in the library foyer. We invited library patrons to read the certificates and many of them did so.

One was a current "Certificate of Fitness" It attested that the building was safe for use up to June 2020. The other was a long-term assessment. It also attested to the safety of the



building, until 2053. The certificates did not lack comment on earthquake factors. In sum they said some minor earthquake re-mediation work needed to be done in the medium to long term. The work proposed was non-structural and did not reflect on the overall integrity of the building. The re-mediation work involves tying back the cornices to the roof structure so as to eliminate any danger of them collapsing onto the public passing along St Marys Bay Road. It also involves the decorative orbs of the cornices having steel supports put down through them and ties into supporting understructure. This is routine external strengthening for older buildings and is non-problematic. The details were not specified fully in the certificates but were discussed in the engineering reports concerning the Leys between 2016 and 2019. One of them, a 300 page document by EQStruc, specified the mediation work, designed the repairs and left the design with the Council. Council paid for the design, but by December 2019 had not carried it out. Clearly it was not believed by them to be urgent.

In November 2019 an engineering report by GHD recommended monitoring some cracks in the wall of the annex that stands on the southwestern corner of the main building. It is not structurally tied to that building. The cracks were not regarded as dangerous. GHD recommended they be water sealed. This project too was passed over to the Council. As with the cornice work, despite its being simple and low cost, it has not been carried out. In the last year a colleague of ours, Mr Guy Williams, a conservation builder and designer, who is in charge of the mammoth project of re-mediating Larnach's Castle in Dunedin, has informally assessed the building. In personal communications to ourselves he expressed astonishment that the Leys could, apart the decorative structures already discussed by the engineers, be regarded as an earthquake risk.

The library and the gym stand empty. and have done so since the panic evacuation of December 20th, 2019. They are surrounded by a rickety "safety" fence. This would protect no-one if there really was a significant earthquake. If the Council officials really had believed the building was such an earthquake risk they would have carried out the full and proper precautions against it. St Mary's Bay Road would have been closed off to any pedestrian or motor traffic at the same time as the library was closed. An earthquake of the kind the officials were describing would probably be accompanied by a collapse of the building's main structure or the northwestern portion of that structure, across St Mary's Bay Road. Sixteen months have passed and the road remains stubbornly open. Surely the officials are in dereliction of their duty by leaving it like this if there is such imminent danger.

In the meanwhile the building is exposed to the demolition by the neglect and abandonment that will overtake even the most robust of structures. We have no answers to these inconsistencies. Can it be that the officials know so little about earthquakes that they

do not appreciate the need, in a situation of immediate risk, to close the road. Or are they concerned that closing the road would bring the full glare of publicity to bear on their decisions - decisions that most kindly could be described as "over-reaction" or lack of judgement.

There are other dimensions to the Leys situation. It has an A Heritage Listing and cannot legally be demolished unless proven to be a very serious earthquake risk indeed, even under the terms of the earthquake code that applies in virtually earthquake-less Auckland. It is also a bequest. The terms of the bequest, made by the Leys family in 1904 are clear:

" That the said allotments Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen so purchased  
As aforesaid. are now and shall at all times hereafter be held for the  
Corporation for the purposes only of an Institute in the nature of a Free  
Library and Mechanics' Institute to be called 'The Leys Institute.' " (5)

This facility is not available for demolition, for sale, for alteration of function. Yet, within days of the closure, the Council's Community Services Director, Mr Ian Maxwell , was "speculating that it could be sold to a developer, along with adjacent land. (Presumably the courtyard, carpark and green space accessed from Dedwood Terrace)." (4)

Since then the Waitemata Community Board, which has powers to recommend to Council what might happen to the Leys facility, has agreed to advocate for its retention and for the remediation work recommended by the engineers to be carried out. They also strongly support its ongoing function as a library and community facility. This is a welcome, but fragile protection for this beautiful building. Any real power in regard to its fate remains with the Council. Its demolition and/or sale, and the sale of the land on which it stands, would be illegal. But illegal actions occur in this sphere of urban development. They can happen very quickly and if at night, in semi-secrecy. Witness the disgraceful destruction of the Brown's Mill Market in Auckland city, at the hands of its then owners, Mainzeal in the 1980s. The directors of Mainzeal were taken to court, paid a risible fine, from memory, \$500.00, and walked off scott free. Vandalism of this kind is long overdue for severe penalties, such as gaol terms, for the developers that carry them out.

The Leys is in danger. It needs to be brought back into use quickly, before neglect creates the excuse that it's become too problematic and expensive to re-commission. Its retention for its legal purposes could be fought for in court. The law, on the face of it, is absolutely on the side of its preservation and use as a community facility. But the law did not save Browns Mill. We advocate in this submission that the repair work on it start immediately and its restitution as a library be completed by the end of the year. Money is simply not the problem. We are already aware of overstatement of likely costs, made as "frighteners" to

the local rate-payers. We are already aware of just how modest the costs for its repair should be. We will be watching.

The Council is poised on a major sell-off of public assets. The Leys story to date is one of violation of procedure, of the conventions of keeping the stakeholding public informed, and the need for public statements by Council officials to be true and in conformity with the legal protections that apply to, our building., Over these they hold guardianship, in a democracy only by our consent. At this point in time we have real reason to distrust the Council in carrying out any further public asset sales.

## The Urban Tree Situation

Auckland City has brought into the general notion of the "urban forest". Along with many other groups we have supported this idea for decades and are glad it has gained recognition at local government level. The "Recovery" Budget appears to support this ideal. It plans to plant 11,000 more street trees. They need to be appropriate to site. They plan to establish a nursery of 200, 000 seedlings, which presumably will provide the basis of a lot more planting. There is a statement of intent to plant 200 hectares of native forest. The type of forest and its location is not specified in the Budget document.

We support these ideas in principle and await their speedy actualization.

There have long been conflicting policies and individual actions in regard to urban trees. In "Climate Emergency" times we badly need a consolidated policy of tree protection and of maintenance of high levels of urban afforestation. There is the Urban Nghere Policy, but it is not consistently carried out. Inconsistencies and weaknesses in the establishment and retention of trees, both rural and urban, both indigenous and exotic are many. These constantly remind us that we have just emerged from a long pioneering period in the 19th and 20th centuries in which forests and trees were destroyed on an enormous scale. As a percentage of our land area, we have deforested Aotearoa New Zealand during this period as severely as the deforestation of the Amazon, mainly by Brazilians, that is happening right now. It is not a great legacy, and It's left some pretty unsympathetic mindsets in regard to the plant world generally. Such mindsets still occur in Councils, in the Government and among urban developers.

The most obvious expression of what we could call aboro-phobia or phyto-phobia was the repeal of the legislation that attempted to provide some protection for urban trees. This was done by the Key government, and has made tree protection in Auckland much more difficult. The immediate task of Council must be to persuade the current government to reinstate that law, updated and strengthened so as to allow us to fulfill our legal obligations under the 2015 Paris Accord in the matter of lessening greenhouse gas emissions. There is talk in the "Recovery" budget of climate issues, but now the time for coherent actions is here. The time for this to happen is decades ago. At the very least it should be happening very early in this ten year budget period.

We can only see, as members of the public looking in, that Council policy about protecting the urban forest is sketchy, half-hearted and, in effect, timorous. At the moment it appears to prioritise native plantings. This we broadly agree with. We do not agree, however, with the felling of mature and significant exotic trees on public or private property. There is a strong botanical case for the retention of both. Synergies can exist between them that are vital. The blanket destruction of mature exotics without compelling reason is not acceptable and is as stupid as the blanket destruction of our indigenous trees. In the complex and painful dispute about the maunga forest of Mt Albert there is a clear case for letting exotic trees last out their lifetimes and provide a nurse environment for indigenous species to come through. This is a cultural problem as well as a local government one, but the council should help establish clear lines of agreement in such situations. At the moment, the Council appears to have been absent in its duty to protect even iconic stands of indigenous trees. Here we cite the Canal Road travesty, where a developer has just got away with the felling of 39 mature trees: hinau, kawakawa, rewarewa, puriri, titoki and Hall's totara. We need Council regulation or national legislation to ensure that such developers just are not allowed to do this.

A law with real teeth is needed. We would be in favour of a criminal penalty being involved: that if an individual or organization willfully destroys a protected tree or group of trees, the individuals concerned should face the equivalent of a charge, in regard to human violence, of carrying out an assault with the intention of "causing grievous bodily harm." Instead we have a situation where another developer managed to persuade the Council to set aside its own protection provisions. This developer, wanting to cut down a mature, protected macrocarpa in Avondale, appears to have gained a non-notified consent to do so. A hopeless legal precedent has been set and could unleash a series of such non-notified consents.

Right now there is paralysis with the Council in regard to running the register of significant urban trees,. There is no mention in the budget or revitalizing this stalled registration

process, which at the moment is officially "closed" It is closed with just 587 trees registered in it. In a land area the size of Auckland city, tens of thousands of significant trees should be registered. Why is the register closed? Is it one of the ecological services that might have to be sacrificed in the name of "making savings"?

The world is now in major danger from ceaseless human violence against trees. It is an historical phenomenon that runs back at least to the establishment of agricultural systems in Babylonia and other early urbanizing civilizations. The first ecological casualty was forests. Nothing in this dynamic has changed in five millennia, except that, since the onset of the industrial revolution, the pace of the destruction has hugely increased. We are now at the edge of the cliff. Auckland is not a huge city, but it can set a significant example in building up real respect for our evolutionary ancestors, the vast families of plant life. Without them animal life would not have emerged. Without them we do not exist.

## Transport

The "Recovery" Budget has much to say on transport. We favour its general intention to get people out of cars, into buses, trains, ferries, and onto feet and bicycles. We have to emphasise however that we are right at the beginning of this process. We have to swiftly reverse the effects of an attachment to the car that, at least since the Second World War, has become embedded in the national psyche. We now have an almost a pathological dependence on it as our method of mass transit. This has to be turned around, immediately.

This basic position of Friends of the Earth NZ on transport is in monograph published in 2011 and launched in parliament by the Green Party that year: *Cars at The End of An Era. Transport in the New Zealand Greenhouse*. Its central concept is that the use of the private car as a system of mass transit is an unmitigated and world-wide disaster. It is a disaster regardless of whether the vehicle is powered by fossil fuels or nominally more sustainable electric systems. It is a failed concept that results in vast wastage of space and materials, unalterable embedded energy costs in its manufacture, rates of death and injury that most societies would find unacceptable except in the most violent and hopeless of wars, the distortion of intelligent urban design and the prevention of any proper uptake of public transport. All these faults apply to it in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We certainly agree with the Council's - that fossil -fuelled cars are a greenhouse gas emitting problem. And we accept that cars have a use for essential service workers, farmers,

tradespeople, the disabled, the old, the taxi fleets- a very limited place in the ecology and economy of transport. Such cars should be electric and charged from genuinely sustainable sources. But their numbers must drop almost out of sight if we are really to have a transformational transport system. At present private vehicles in this country number around four million. A ninety percent reduction of that is seriously on the cards, if we are to achieve the transition that would enable us to meet the Paris Climate Agreement deadlines.

The Council's "Recovery" Budget does not provide more than the hint of the beginnings of such a transformation. It's full of let-outs in the situation that will continue to give citizens the view that the inalienable right to own and operate a car is forever. Public transport here is still used only by a tiny minority. Attempts to get people out of their cars are starting from a very small base. Further, the transport aspects of the "Recovery" Budget are very much affected by a legacy of large roading projects that are anomolous for an ecologically-friendly transport system. Some of the worst examples are in the Auckland City area, for instance, the city-extending rebuild of Redoubt Road above Papatoetoe, pointing to more loss of agricultural lands further to the south in areas around Papakura, Ardmore, Clevedon; the redundant northern motorway/"holiday highway" that will run from Puhoi north, eventually to Wellsford and perhaps beyond. This last is particularly inappropriate. A legacy of the Key government. Labour soldiers on building it. The City Council should be using its influence to get the billions that will be wasted on this project transferred to renovating, electrifying and expanding the rail link to Whangarei and beyond.

It is arguable that such projects might have some utility value for the movement of freight, but really we now are returning to a status quo when most freight must move on trains - electric trains. Culturally such lavish roading projects create the illusion for the private car owner that the world is theirs for squandering. This is the opposite mindset to the one we now need, and lessens the chance of a "road to Damascus" realization by the motorist that their transport behavior pattern must entirely change. We are told the Council wants a 91% Increase in uptake of public transport. But the overall number, as a proportion of travelers, is still very small. Further it is taken of the numbers base of 2020, a year when public transport usage was half of normal because of covid. The goal of 150 million public transport trips per year by 2031 is still pretty unambitious. If, hypothetically, in 2031, greater Auckland has 3 million people, that means just one public transport trip per person per week. That still means private car dependence. There would need of at least ten times that number of public transport trips to indicate any meaningful abandonment of the car.

The problem is critical and needs to be acted on quickly. At present transport causes 38 % of Auckland's greenhouse gas emissions. Much of that is the private car. We can hardly take the moral high ground with our farmers with this statistic hanging over our heads. The investigative journalist, Simon Wilson, sums up the dilemma:

"There's more at stake than just our cars. Aucklanders have no right to expect dairy farmers will reduce herd emissions if we are not prepared to match them with transport emissions costs." (6)

There are plans stated in the "Recovery" Budget for the introduction of electric and hydrogen buses. We welcome the electric ones. Hundreds of these are needed. Not just a handful currently running on Waiheke. We do not welcome hydrogen buses or the use of hydrogen in general as a fuel. Its merit is that it creates no greenhouse gases when it burns. That is its only merit. The creation of commercially significant amounts of hydrogen will probably depend on electrolysis. This is highly energy intensive. It is also a process in which the world's giant fossil fuel companies have a major interest. They want their fossil fuel to do the electrolysis. So that takes us back to Square One in the matter of Greenhouse Gas emissions with hydrogen. There's every chance with the ongoing dominance of the oil companies that they will supply the world with hydrogen that is burdened with a massive expenditure of fossil fuels in its production. It would also have a low to non-existent EROI (Energy Return on Energy Invested). For these reasons we believe it unwise for the "Recovery Budget" to commit itself to the purchasing of hundreds of hydrogen buses.

## Conclusion

There are many issues we have not even touched on in the "Recovery" Budget. The three we have managed to comment on, the sale of public assets, transport and urban trees all have significant green-house gas emission and climate change implications. Trees and transport are directly influential. Public asset sales have indirect influence. Insofar as the sales involve the demolition and the construction of new buildings greenhouse gases are caused, often a lot of them. Cities can no longer allow the casual demolition of buildings, old or new. These structures have a lot of greenhouse gases tied up in their in the making of their materials. They represent a way of storing these gases over long periods of time. When a building is demolished and replaced a whole new set of materials has to be made or grown. Timber is grown and directly sequesters greenhouse gases, taking them out of the atmosphere. But other materials that are manufactured and not grown, represent massive amounts greenhouse gases sent into the atmosphere. Concrete and aluminium are among the worst of these. To minimize the use of these, we minimize demolitions that will necessitate the

deployment of such material in replacement buildings. Public asset sales raise the likelihood of demolitions and replacement building.

Trees and urban forest contribute significantly to the thermal regulation of buildings and city precincts. They provide natural cooling and insulation when sited near buildings, and can lessen the need for air temperature regulation. It's win, win, because they also sequester greenhouse gases.

Transport is one of the largest single causes of greenhouse gases, climate disruption and air pollution. The main transition in the system, that has to happen worldwide is the change from all forms of road transport, particularly cars and trucks, back to rail systems; and the wholesale shift of human populations from private cars to public transport, in particular, trains, buses, ferries . Private transport that should be encouraged is the use of bikes and feet.

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Dear Councillors,

This is a submission on the Council's 10-Year Budget, Long Term Plan ("LTP").

I submit that the proposed immediate annual 5 percent rates hike is unacceptable.

While Council faces revenue pressures, it must also address the immediate reduction in its overhead costs with immediate effect, and maintain that revenue level until the CPI shows a level greater than 1%. The economic environment facing all Aucklanders, does not entitle Auckland Council to simply apply rate increases without first addressing its bloated overhead cost structure.

Council has a duty of care, and fiscal responsibility to reduce its overhead cost structure to a level that matches the current rate revenue based on the 2019/2020 rate assessment

The economic environment that is affecting all Auckland Ratepayers and businesses, is causing job losses, reduced hours, revenue losses increased costs and the pressures of rolling lockdowns, requiring every one to reduce their cost structures accordingly.

Staff losses at Auckland Council are unavoidable.

It is cheaper on the Ratepayer to have council staff on the dole rather than pay their over inflated non accountable and non productive salaries.

Auckland Council do not have a mandate to do anything but reduce their costs to meet their revenue.

Any suggestion of a rates increase is not justifiable or acceptable.

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Gymnasium, situated in St Mary's Road. St Mary's Bay.

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The building is now a listed Heritage A building (NZ Historic Places Trust and Auckland Council).

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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**Your local board:** Waitemata

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

Other

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

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**Attached: SMBA position paper on Leys Institute**

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**Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium  
For submission to Auckland Council Draft 10 year Plan**

**1. History**

The heritage buildings were gifted to Ponsonby Community in 1905 by Leys family to sponsor and develop the mind and body of local youth at a time when the Ponsonby suburb was rapidly developing on the workers' side of town.

The buildings were listed as Heritage A buildings (NZ Historic Places Trust and Auckland Council) in early 2000's.

The buildings were gifted to Auckland Council 1964 with a deed stating that the buildings remain a library and gymnasium.

Auckland Council has been responsible for maintaining the buildings since that time.

**2. Site location:**

It is central to Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, St Marys Bay, and Herne Bay (and close to Westmere and Wynyard Quarter). See Council report section 5 Community Profile, p140 Aug 2019.

It is located close to Ponsonby shops/cafes/restaurants.

It is on *Inner* and *Outer* link bus routes.

To quote the same Council Aug 2019 report, section 3.4, The Community Facilities Network Plan: *"The plan envisages Council moving away from standalone facilities to multi-purpose and integrated facilities which are strategically placed to be highly visible and accessible to the local community. These facilities will contain multiple and flexibly designed spaces which are able to accommodate different activities within the site"*.

We consider the Leys Institute buildings fully reflect this vision on that site.

**3. Leys Institute buildings closed by Council late 2019:**

This action follows several reports over the last 20 years, including GHD 2015, Beca's carrying out strengthening 2016, and a major seismic assessment by EQ Struct July 2017.



In a report to the Waitemata Board Feb 2020, Council stated *“Leys Institute was one of the first building to be assessed (Citywide) because it is rated at 5% of the current earthquake building standard”*.

We note that the 1989 3 storey addition has a much higher EQ rating and that Council did not trigger the restrengthening of the main structure at that time.

EQ Struct carried out a design analysis (on behalf of Council) including drawings and a schedule of quantities and it follows that the schedule would have been priced by the QS to assess the likely costs.

Council has invested significant funds up until the closure and appeared to be on target to proceed with the upgrade project. While the original Leys buildings require strengthening, we suggest that this could be achieved by reducing the post 1905 footprint in part by removing rear the 1908 and 1930s additions. This would allow the addition of new structures at the rear to assist with the support of the heritage structure while accommodating complimentary community uses.

We support Council raising funds by selling existing properties such as the residential property at 24 St Marys Road and the Plunket Rooms at 19 Jervois Road. The latter could be relocated to the redeveloped Leys buildings.

The buildings languished until Dec 2019 with minimal maintenance and no strengthening (underpinning) of the failing western corner of the 1908 addition rear wall (refer to diagram setting out 4 additions since 1905).

**Closed!** the Institute remains a wasted asset. This has necessitated a temporary lease of The Little Library in Jervois Road at significant cost.

The Heritage asset is not being protected and remains vulnerable to EQ loadings (and possible further neglect) if the remedial strengthening work project is not confirmed and commenced.

The investigations and EQ Struct work to date means that this project is a **shovel ready project** and as such should be given high priority by Council in its 10 Year Budget Plan.

By not showing care, stewardship and kaitiaki towards this treasured community building, the Council is likely in dereliction of its duties under the Trust Deed.

#### **4. Priority under the Auckland Council Planning:**

The Leys Institute buildings are an existing valued community asset currently frozen in time due to Council’s assessment of high E/Q risk.

While understanding that Council is considering a Citywide “Recovery Budget”, we suggest that this project should take priority over other non-established projects or assets.

We refer you to the Waitemata Boards *“West Waitemata Current State Analysis of Community Services Findings Report dated August 2019”*:

This report makes it clear that increasing population around the Leys catchment makes the case for a larger Ponsonby Library which (quote) *“could be accommodated within the existing building if strengthening was to occur”*.

During 2020, the Waitemata Board formally supported the upgrade and re-use of Leys Institute and made this project the **Number 1** priority in their proposals on the Council’s 10 Year Plan.

St Marys Bay Association supports that position and requests that Council budget for the following:

- **2021** - commit funds to the upgrade project and that an urgent project program is adopted as follows.....
- **2021/22 year** - complete design and appoint contractor, starting onsite in order to return this much valued asset to our community by not later than **2024 year end**.

#### **5. Importance of the Leys Institute to our community:**

Our Association (as a contributor to projects that have impacted upon our wider community since 1975) places the highest importance upon the re-establishment of Leys Institute as a vibrant community facility. In doing so we urge Council to take this opportunity to create a modern community asset for this community now and for future generations.

At an absolute minimum we consider a library to be an essential rate funded facility that acts as a hub or community lounge that facilitates the sharing of ideas. The opportunity and time have arrived for Council to remodel the Ponsonby library to become an even more important contributor to the health and sharing of ideas in this community.

#### **6. Heritage Value:**

We know the Leys Institute buildings are a much-valued contributor to the region’s heritage framework. They are set within the context of other much valued buildings such as the Old Ponsonby Post Office (Ponsonby Hotel) and the Old Fire Station (Mary’s cafe) immediately opposite. Both structures are privately owned and in the case of the Post Office Council required strengthening of the building when major alterations took place in the early 2000’s. In the immediate neighbourhood are the heritage elements of the former ASB Bank, Three Lamps, the protected Ponsonby retail frontages, and nearby St John’s Church.

#### **7. Summary:**

Our Association will continue to work with our immediate and wider communities to ensure that the Leys family gift and commitment to an Institute of learning and physical activity is protected, expanded and enhanced for future generations.

Attachment "B" Plan of proposed Pt Erin pathway

9/16/2018

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- FENCE TO EAST SIDE OF CURRAN STREET ON-RAMP
- EXISTING CONCRETE PATH TO LINK EXISTING PATHS

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

## Proposed Recovery Budget

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

## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):** Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition (SASOC)

**Your local board:** Waitemata

## Your feedback

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

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

Other

**Tell us why:** [see attachment for full report]

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4.5 SASOC accepts that funding to continue the programme is likely to have to come from re-prioritisation of other expenditure. If so, the importance of clean water to Auckland justifies that re-prioritisation. Council’s budget in that same period is \$25 billion. There should be no contest when it comes to expenditure on improving our environment as quickly as practically possible.

## 2. Climate change

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

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

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

Other

**Tell us why:** [see attachment for full report]

## 5.0 Climate change (Qu 2/key issue 2)

SASOC acknowledges the importance of Council's policies and budget in this area, and generally endorses Council's efforts to improve Auckland's climate footprint, but leaves it to its member organisations to make submissions pertinent to them on this topic.

## 3. Water quality

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

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

### Extending the targeted rate

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

### Increasing the targeted rate

To start construction on the above major new water quality projects six years earlier (in 2022/2023), and to increase our investment in regional water quality programmes across all of Auckland, we are also proposing to increase this targeted rate annually in line with proposed average increases in general rates.

### What is your view on this proposal?

**Tell us why:** [see attachment for full report]

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- A reduction of \$40 million in Healthy Waters' general budget, with Healthy Waters having to change its risk assessments on its pipes in order to meet budgets.
- The targeted water rate protects some of Healthy Waters' stormwater infrastructure renewals in the western isthmus, but it needs an increase to ensure that this work can rollover into eastern isthmus, where other urgent needs for water quality improvement have been identified.

### 3.0 The risks of reducing/deferring investment

- Watercare and Healthy Waters plan to catch up this reduced investment within 10 years. The learning from history provides no confidence that this will happen: there is no certainty when the catch-up will start as there is no certainty when funds will become available. The likelihood is that there will be a flow-on effect and that all water quality projects will be delayed.
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- An almost certain consequence of the deferrals is that the value of the major investment in the Central Interceptor will be diminished as intended connections to it from surrounding infrastructure won't be in place by 2026, with a consequent loss of the intended gains in the capacity of all parts of the network.
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6.1 SASOC repeats its submissions on the proposed investment budget.

6.2 Also as mentioned above, SASOC considers investment in water infrastructure to be vital to the future of Auckland. It sees the extension of the targeted water quality rate in the same light.

6.3 History has shown that investment in water infrastructure has suffered badly from prioritization of other needs. The introduction of the targeted rate in 2018 was a significant factor in the building of momentum for improving water quality. It has been a major factor in Council's (Healthy Waters') contribution to the work undertaken under the Western Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme. Extension of the targeted rate, and the increase in value, are critical to the planned move towards the Eastern Isthmus and other areas towards the end of the present 10 year plan.

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### 7 Summary: what SASOC is asking Council to do

- 1. Re-prioritise the importance of water infrastructure renewals by removing the cutbacks in the next three years (most of the deferral).
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## 4. Community investment

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

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

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

**What is your opinion on this proposal?**

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Rating policy

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

Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control

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

Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties have access to a similar level of service

Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre

Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services

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

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

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

**Which option do you support?**

**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

## 7. What is important to you?

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

### Important privacy information

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## Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition (SASOC)

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### Submission to Auckland Council: 'Have your say' on 10 year plan 2021-2031

#### 1.0 Introducing SASOC/this submission

##### 1.1 SASOC - Stop Auckland Sewerage Overflows Coalition

- SASOC is a coalition of 21 community groups<sup>1</sup> spread around the western edge of the Waitemata harbour from Kohimaramara to Henderson, and within the central Auckland isthmus. It was formed in March 2017 to represent their general concern about water quality within the Auckland isthmus.<sup>2</sup>
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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition**

**SASOC**

**List of members (as at 1 January 2021)**

Auckland City Centre Residents' Group Inc.

Eden Park Neighbours' Association Inc.

Freemans Bay Residents Association Inc.

Gables Neighbourhood Group.

Grafton Residents' Association Inc.

Grey Lynn Residents Association Inc.

Herne Bay Residents Association Inc.

Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association Inc.

Mission Bay-Kohimaramara Residents Association Inc.

Mount Albert Residents Association Inc.

Orakei Community Association Inc.

Parnell Heritage Inc.

South Epsom Planning Group Inc.

Tamaki Drive Protection Society Inc.

Te Wai-o-Pareira River Care Group

The St Mary's Bay Association Inc.

The Whau River Catchment Trust.

Weona-Lemington Walkway

Westmere Heritage Protection Association.

Western Bays Community Group Inc.

Westhaven Marina Users Association Inc.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition**

1 The Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition (SASOC) is a coalition of community organisations (currently numbering 21) situated in the central Auckland isthmus, extending around the Waitemata Harbour from Mission Bay in the east to Henderson creek (Te Wai o Pereira) in the west, as well as adjacent inland areas.

2 SASOC's mission statement reads:

"To lobby for immediate upgrade of the drainage infrastructure of the central Auckland isthmus to stop untreated wastewater and stormwater discharges into the environment".

3 SASOC's purposes (as stated formally in its rules) include:

(a) To encourage, support and maintain the goal of achieving the highest water quality practically possible in the waters of the central and western bays of the Waitemata Harbour and generally in Auckland's harbours and watercourses.

(b) To promote objective investigation into options for and economic viability of improvements to Auckland's drainage infrastructure, particularly in the Western Bays and other areas that are served by combined stormwater and sewage systems.

4 The primary objective of the coalition can be summed up as improvement of the infrastructure in the Auckland isthmus in such a way that wastewater/sewage and stormwater from the combined pipe system is only released into the environment after appropriate treatment, and achieving this without further delay.

5 The co-convenors of the coalition are

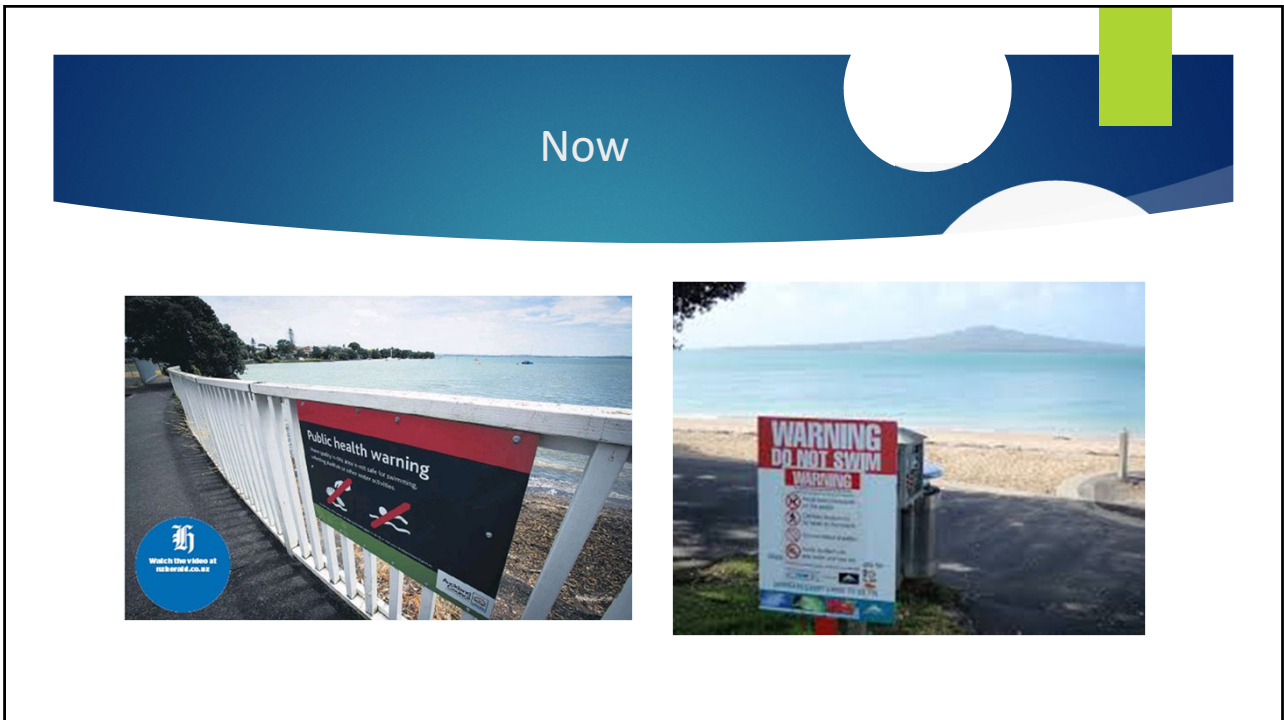
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Soon?



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SASOC?

- SASOC - Stop Auckland Sewerage Overflows Coalition
- Community groups from Kohimarama to Henderson
- Formed March 2017
- 21 community organizations

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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## Summary of submission

- ▶ Do not defer budgets for water infrastructure renewal and maintenance
- ▶ Maintain the targeted rate at an increased rate (5%)

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## The historical knowns

- ▶ Parlous state of old infrastructure
- ▶ A funding issue
- ▶ Significance of 2018 LTP in redressing years of underinvestment
  - Targeted rate
  - Starting the Western Isthmus water quality programme
- ▶ Funding difficulties caused by Covid
- ▶ Cutback of 2020's emergency budget

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## The pre-Covid plan

- Financially-manageable plan for water infrastructure renewal and remediation for the whole of Auckland
- Dove-tailed with Central Interceptor
- Collaborative undertaking by Council (Healthy Waters) and Watercare
- Intended roll-over of targeted rate funding from focus on Western Isthmus into the Eastern Isthmus and Southern Catchments
- Increased public awareness translating into buy-in to the funding needs

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## The impact of Covid

- ▶ Funding constraints – need for prioritisation
- ▶ Watercare's contributions to infrastructure rebuild constrained by Council's funding stipulations
- ▶ Western Isthmus programme will be deferred – Watercare funding for Western Isthmus as well as other projects on hold for three years
- ▶ Healthy Waters general budget reduction \$40m – Healthy Waters having to change risk assessments on pipes to meet budgets
- ▶ Targeted rate to continue – but needing increase to ensure rollover into Eastern Isthmus

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## The risks of reducing/deferring

- ▶ Plan to catch up within 10 years – nothing to give confidence that this will happen
- ▶ Uncertainty as to restart
- ▶ Likely that all water quality projects will be delayed – flow-on effect
- ▶ Reality – loss of funding is never be caught up
- ▶ Generally poor state of infrastructure will continue
- ▶ Value of Central Interceptor diminished – connections won't be in place by 2026, losing intended overall gains in capacity of networks

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## How infrastructure renewal can continue

- ▶ Re-prioritise the importance of water infrastructure renewals – particularly in next three years (most of the deferral)
- ▶ Work with Watercare to reverse deferral of Western Isthmus programme expenditure (the Watercare deferral - \$300m over three years)
- ▶ Council budget in the same time \$25bn
- ▶ Support the proposed increase (5%) to targeted rate – protect the rollover into the Eastern Isthmus – another critical water quality area

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## Benefits

- ▶ Promises on giving priority to water quality met
- ▶ The 2018 timeframes for water quality improvements are maintained
- ▶ Clean water will be seen to matter to the city's politicians



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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

Proposed Recovery Budget

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

## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):** St Mary's Bay Association Inc

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**Your local board:** Waitemata

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## Your feedback

### 1. Proposed 10-year budget

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

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

**Tell us why:** See attachment for more info

## 2. Climate change

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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

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

### Extending the targeted rate

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

### Increasing the targeted rate

To start construction on the above major new water quality projects six years earlier (in 2022/2023), and to increase our investment in regional water quality programmes across all of Auckland, we are also proposing to increase this targeted rate annually in line with proposed average increases in general rates.

### What is your view on this proposal?

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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

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

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

### What is your opinion on this proposal?

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Rating policy

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

Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control

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

Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties have access to a similar level of service

Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre

Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services

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

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

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

**Which option do you support?**

**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

## 7. What is important to you?

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

### Important privacy information

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**Submission to Auckland Council/Waitemata Local Board:**

**'Have your say' on 10 year plan 2021-2031**

**1.0 Submitter:**

1.1 This submission is made by The St Mary's Bay Association Inc. (SMBA). SMBA was formed in 1975 to represent the viewpoints of residents of St Mary's Bay on local issues which affect our community. Background and information about SMBA's activities can be found on its website: [www.stmarysbayassociation.nz](http://www.stmarysbayassociation.nz)

**2.0 Background and summary of SMBA's submissions**

- 2.1 St Mary's Bay is one of several inner city areas with similar challenges - to maintain the historic residential character and distinctive public properties of their areas at the same time as protecting local services appropriate to their inner city location. It is also at the hub of Auckland City, and its residents share concern for city-wide issues such as water quality and community services.
- 2.2 SMBA generally supports the purpose and over-arching intention of the 10 year plan – to continue capital investment to allow Council “to deliver key services Aucklanders rely on, renew our aging assets, have a focused approach to building infrastructure to support population growth, and make progress on addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability”.
- 2.3 SMBA also recognises the constraints on meeting its investment targets brought into being by Covid-19. However, it submits that this means that Council must make some big calls, including balancing of demands and re-prioritising of expenditure. SMBA further submits that these decisions must be made not just for the 10 years of this plan, but with an eye to the future generally.
- 2.4 In this context, SMBA asks Councillors to ensure that this plan
- gives increased priority to expenditure on water quality projects, so protecting the natural environment of Auckland's harbours, estuaries and waterways for future generations, and
  - gives priority to expenditure on vital community assets, in particular the Leys Institute buildings in Ponsonby, and empowers the Waitemata Local Board to

carry out its considered decision to seek refurbishment of the iconic historic buildings that comprise the complex (see detail below).

- 2.5 Similarly, SMBA asks the Waitemata Local Board to support 10 year plan changes that are needed to ensure that the goals just mentioned are met.

### **3.0 Proposed budget for investment (Qu 1/key issue 1)**

- 3.1 SMBA supports the proposed capital investment budget of \$31 billion and the rate increases being sought to enable that investment to proceed. Whilst there is a general reluctance to see rate increases, and SMBA wishes to know that Council has looked hard at its operating expenditure to whether rate increases can be avoided or mitigated by introducing economies in this way, it accepts that the expenditure is needed now, to avoid passing the problem to future generations of Aucklanders.
- 3.2 SMBA also acknowledges the significant portion of the proposed capital expenditure that is proposed for delivery of clean water, meeting wastewater needs and delivering proposed stormwater projects.
- 3.3 Where SMBA takes issue with the plan is Council's conclusion that there needs to be a cutback of 50% of the proposed infrastructure renewals over the first three years, even adopting the optimum renewal investment approach. The budget narrative suggests that this can be caught up over the remainder of the plan period. There is little other than hope to support this view: history (particularly in the area of drainage infrastructure) suggests that expenditure deferred is expenditure lost. The likelihood is that the future will bring increasing demands and the same challenges of keeping rates in check and ceilings on borrowing.
- 3.4 Now is the time to maintain the momentum for water quality improvement started by the 2018 plan. It is a great concern to SMBA that as a consequence of Council's borrowing constraints having been 'imposed' on Watercare Services Limited, Watercare decided in December 2020 to cut substantial parts of its renewal programme, including work it was undertaking under the Western Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme – one of the key features of the 'look to the future' of the 2018 plan. SMBA understands that the cutback of Watercare's contribution to that programme is in the order of \$300 million – again it is said to be for the first three years with catch-up to follow. This runs into the same 'slippery slope' argument mentioned above – and, indeed, this cutback may be part of the general cutback in renewals mentioned above.
- 3.5 SMBA accepts that funding to continue the programme is likely to have to come from re-prioritisation of other expenditure. If so, the importance of clean water to Auckland justifies that re-prioritisation. Council's budget in that same period is \$25 billion. There should be no contest when it comes to expenditure on improving our environment as quickly as practically possible.

**4.0 Climate change (Qu 2/key issue 2)**

4.1 SMBA acknowledges the importance of Council's policies and budget in this area, and generally endorses Council's efforts to improve Auckland's climate footprint, but leaves it to its members to make individual submissions on this.

**5.0 Protecting and enhancing our environment – water quality – extending and increasing the targeted water rate (Qu 3/ key issue 5)**

5.1 SMBA repeats its submissions on the proposed investment budget.

5.2 As mentioned above, SMBA considers investment in water infrastructure to be vital to the future of Auckland. It sees the extension of the targeted water quality rate in the same light.

5.3 Again, history has shown that investment in water infrastructure has suffered badly from prioritization of other needs. The introduction of the targeted rate in 2018 was a significant factor in the building of momentum for improving water quality. It has been a major factor in Council's (Healthy Waters') contribution to the work undertaken under the Western Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme, and its extension, and the increase in value, are critical to the planned move towards the Eastern Isthmus and other areas towards the end of the present 10 year plan.

5.4 SMBA invites all Councillors to support the extension and increase as part of maintaining momentum on improvement of Auckland's water quality.

**6.0 Investment in our community (Qu 4/key issue 4)**

6.1 SMBA acknowledges the Council's concerns about investment in aging community assets, and the expenditure needed on renewals and maintenance. However, it is very concerned if the proposed focus on new means of delivering services means the possibility of loss of Council assets such as the Leys Institute, which play a major part (past, present and future) in their community.

6.2 The Waitemata Local Board has looked closely at the value of the Leys Institute buildings to the residents of the central city, and (in a historic sense) to the citizens of Auckland as a whole. It has formally supported the upgrade and re-use of Leys Institute and made this project its number 1 priority in its proposals on the Council's 10 Year Plan.

6.3 St Marys Bay Association supports that position and requests that Council budget for the following:

- (a) 2021 - commit funds to the upgrade project and adopt an urgent project programme as follows.

- (b) 2021/22 year - complete design and appoint contractor, starting on-site in the coming financial year, in order to return this much valued asset to our community by not later than 2024 year end.

6.4 SMBA has prepared the **attached position paper** (“A”) in support of these requests. It asks that this paper be read both in support of the specific decisions being sought from Council, and as an example of the danger of introducing any blanket policy of retreating from community-owned assets.

## **7.0 Waitemata Local Board (Qu 6)**

7.1 SMBA confines this part of the submission to endorsing two of the Board’s key advocacy initiatives for 2021-2031 and presenting two projects for consideration for its budget and/or advocacy for community services.

7.2 SMBA supports the Board’s advocacy to Council to increase funding to accelerate improvements to our stormwater / wastewater systems. It notes the Board’s comment that this [increase in funding] will address growing public concern about pollution in our waterways and bays, including, particularly Hobson Bay, and help achieve cleaner harbours, beaches and streams. It asks the Board to include in its advocacy the points made in this submission about Council’s planned investment in water quality projects, and the extension and increase in the water quality target rate.

7.3 SMBA supports the Board’s advocacy initiative for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use. It notes the Board’s comment that this Auckland Council-owned building is home to a popular community library and gymnasium and was closed to the public in December 2019 due to seismic and structural issues. SMBA also asks the Board to read and adopt the arguments presented in SMBA’s attached position paper.

7.4 SMBA asks the Board to include in its budget provision for building a walkway from the entrance to Pt Erin Park at the Sarsfield St/Curran St intersection, around the northern side of Pt Erin itself, and connecting to the existing walkway through the reserve beside the motorway to the motorway overbridge and the foot of Jacob’s Ladder (see plan attached as “B”). This project adds significantly to a much used local amenity – by giving flat pedestrian (and potentially wheelchair) and cycling access to the existing path alongside the motorway, and removing the present ‘cul de sac’ at the foot of Pt Erin. It is a very do-able project given that much of the base preparation has been done as part of new drainage infrastructure just being completed.

7.5 SMBA also asks the Board to add include in its budget provision for community engagement on design for the refurbishment of the Pt Erin pool, and advocacy for that refurbishment. This pool has historic significance for this part of

Auckland (it replaces the saltwater pool that was removed when the harbour bridge was constructed). It is one of the few swimming pools available to residents of the inner city and is used by Aucklanders from all parts of the city, both separately and in conjunction with the Pt Erin Park in which it is located.



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21 March 2021

**Attached: SMBA position paper on Leys Institute**

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**Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium  
For submission to Auckland Council Draft 10 year Plan**

**1. History**

The heritage buildings were gifted to Ponsonby Community in 1905 by Leys family to sponsor and develop the mind and body of local youth at a time when the Ponsonby suburb was rapidly developing on the workers' side of town.

The buildings were listed as Heritage A buildings (NZ Historic Places Trust and Auckland Council) in early 2000's.

The buildings were gifted to Auckland Council 1964 with a deed stating that the buildings remain a library and gymnasium.

Auckland Council has been responsible for maintaining the buildings since that time.

**2. Site location:**

It is central to Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, St Marys Bay, and Herne Bay (and close to Westmere and Wynyard Quarter). See Council report section 5 Community Profile, p140 Aug 2019.

It is located close to Ponsonby shops/cafes/restaurants.

It is on *Inner* and *Outer* link bus routes.

To quote the same Council Aug 2019 report, section 3.4, The Community Facilities Network Plan: *"The plan envisages Council moving away from standalone facilities to multi-purpose and integrated facilities which are strategically placed to be highly visible and accessible to the local community. These facilities will contain multiple and flexibly designed spaces which are able to accommodate different activities within the site".*

We consider the Leys Institute buildings fully reflect this vision on that site.

**3. Leys Institute buildings closed by Council late 2019:**

This action follows several reports over the last 20 years, including GHD 2015, Beca's carrying out strengthening 2016, and a major seismic assessment by EQ Struct July 2017.

In a report to the Waitemata Board Feb 2020, Council stated *“Leys Institute was one of the first building to be assessed (Citywide) because it is rated at 5% of the current earthquake building standard”*.

We note that the 1989 3 storey addition has a much higher EQ rating and that Council did not trigger the restrengthening of the main structure at that time.

EQ Struct carried out a design analysis (on behalf of Council) including drawings and a schedule of quantities and it follows that the schedule would have been priced by the QS to assess the likely costs.

Council has invested significant funds up until the closure and appeared to be on target to proceed with the upgrade project. While the original Leys buildings require strengthening, we suggest that this could be achieved by reducing the post 1905 footprint in part by removing rear the 1908 and 1930s additions. This would allow the addition of new structures at the rear to assist with the support of the heritage structure while accommodating complimentary community uses.

We support Council raising funds by selling existing properties such as the residential property at 24 St Marys Road and the Plunket Rooms at 19 Jervois Road. The latter could be relocated to the redeveloped Leys buildings.

The buildings languished until Dec 2019 with minimal maintenance and no strengthening (underpinning) of the failing western corner of the 1908 addition rear wall (refer to diagram setting out 4 additions since 1905).

**Closed!** the Institute remains a wasted asset. This has necessitated a temporary lease of The Little Library in Jervois Road at significant cost.

The Heritage asset is not being protected and remains vulnerable to EQ loadings (and possible further neglect) if the remedial strengthening work project is not confirmed and commenced.

The investigations and EQ Struct work to date means that this project is a **shovel ready project** and as such should be given high priority by Council in its 10 Year Budget Plan.

By not showing care, stewardship and kaitiaki towards this treasured community building, the Council is likely in dereliction of its duties under the Trust Deed.

#### **4. Priority under the Auckland Council Planning:**

The Leys Institute buildings are an existing valued community asset currently frozen in time due to Council’s assessment of high E/Q risk.

While understanding that Council is considering a Citywide “Recovery Budget”, we suggest that this project should take priority over other non-established projects or assets.

We refer you to the Waitemata Boards *“West Waitemata Current State Analysis of Community Services Findings Report dated August 2019”*:

This report makes it clear that increasing population around the Leys catchment makes the case for a larger Ponsonby Library which (quote) *“could be accommodated within the existing building if strengthening was to occur”*.

During 2020, the Waitemata Board formally supported the upgrade and re-use of Leys Institute and made this project the **Number 1** priority in their proposals on the Council's 10 Year Plan.

St Marys Bay Association supports that position and requests that Council budget for the following:

- **2021** - commit funds to the upgrade project and that an urgent project program is adopted as follows.....
- **2021/22 year** - complete design and appoint contractor, starting onsite in order to return this much valued asset to our community by not later than **2024 year end**.

#### **5. Importance of the Leys Institute to our community:**

Our Association (as a contributor to projects that have impacted upon our wider community since 1975) places the highest importance upon the re-establishment of Leys Institute as a vibrant community facility. In doing so we urge Council to take this opportunity to create a modern community asset for this community now and for future generations.

At an absolute minimum we consider a library to be an essential rate funded facility that acts as a hub or community lounge that facilitates the sharing of ideas. The opportunity and time have arrived for Council to remodel the Ponsonby library to become an even more important contributor to the health and sharing of ideas in this community.

#### **6. Heritage Value:**

We know the Leys Institute buildings are a much-valued contributor to the region's heritage framework. They are set within the context of other much valued buildings such as the Old Ponsonby Post Office (Ponsonby Hotel) and the Old Fire Station (Mary's cafe) immediately opposite. Both structures are privately owned and in the case of the Post Office Council required strengthening of the building when major alterations took place in the early 2000's. In the immediate neighbourhood are the heritage elements of the former ASB Bank, Three Lamps, the protected Ponsonby retail frontages, and nearby St John's Church.

#### **7. Summary:**

Our Association will continue to work with our immediate and wider communities to ensure that the Leys family gift and commitment to an Institute of learning and physical activity is protected, expanded and enhanced for future generations.



Attachment "B" Plan of proposed Pt Erin pathway

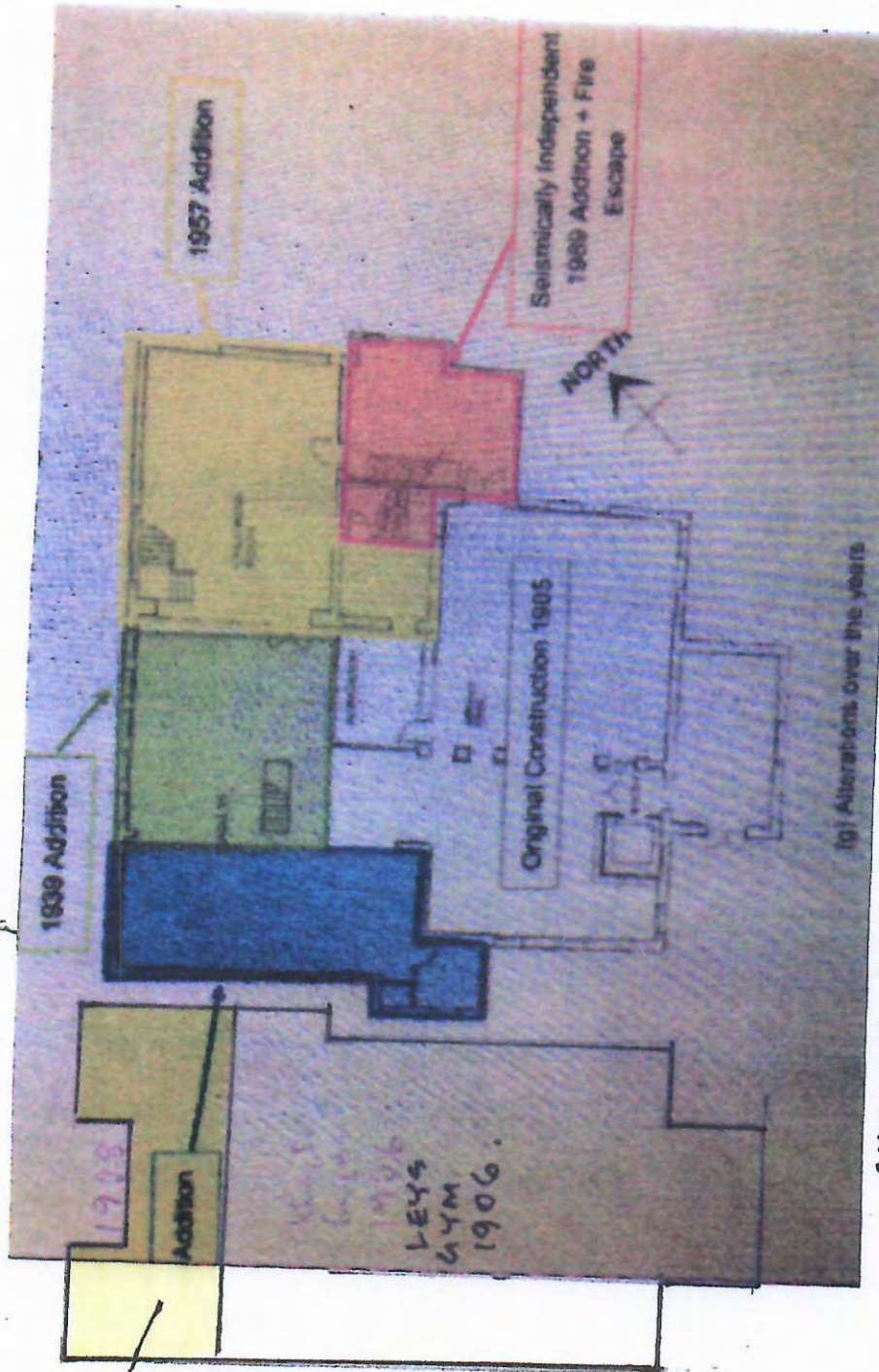
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- FENCE TO EAST SIDE OF CURRAN STREET ON-RAMP
- EXISTING CONCRETE PATH TO LINK EXISTING PATHS

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EXTRACT FROM EQ STRUCT REPORT 2017  
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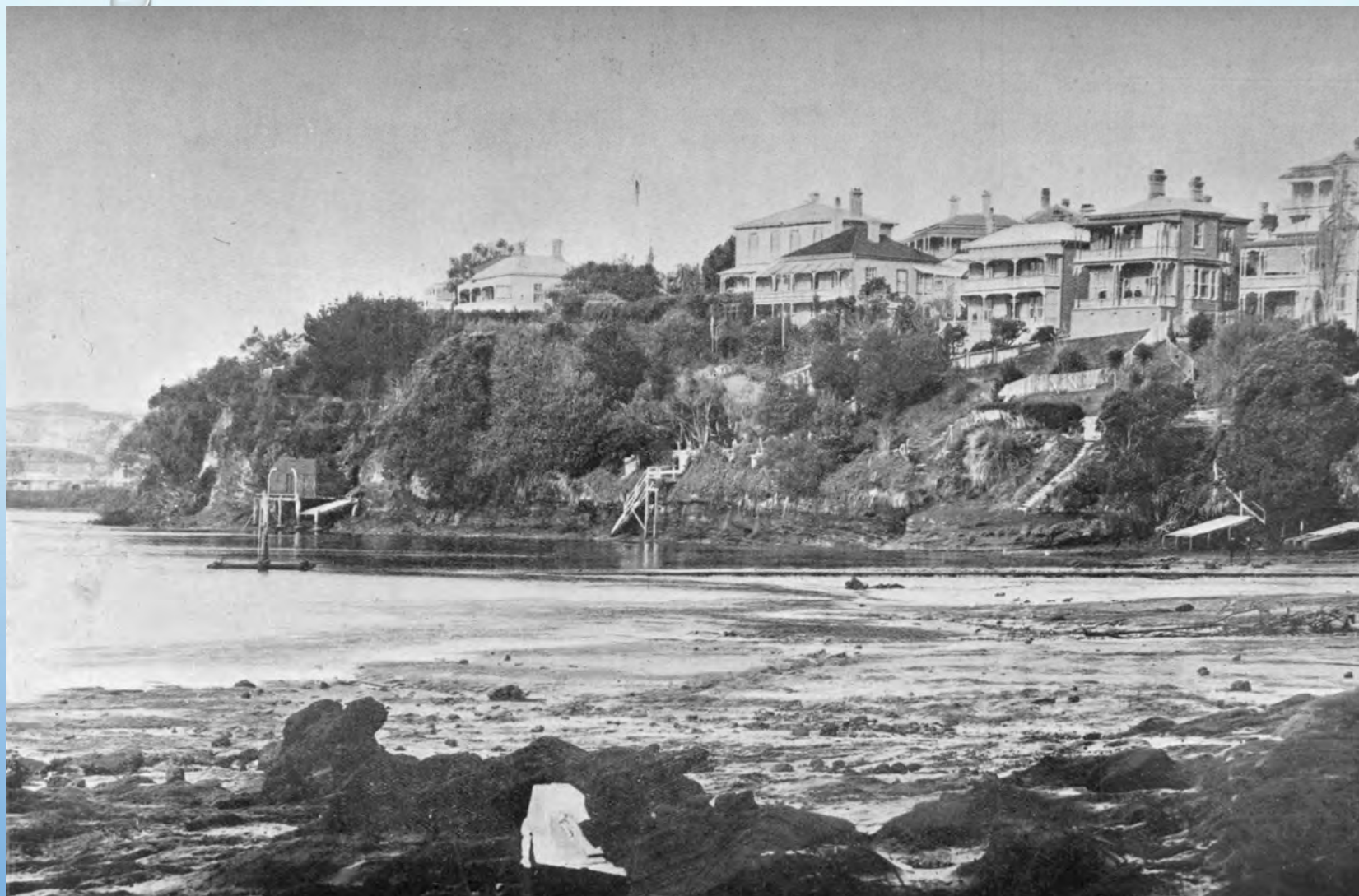
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 SUBMISSION TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL

# ST MARY'S BAY ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION TO WAITEMATA LOCAL BOARD

9 MARCH 2021

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## WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO

- SUPPORT REBUILD OF THE CITY'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- PRESS ON WITH RESTORATION ON THE LEYS LIBRARY
- CONNECT UP OUR SOLE WALKWAY
- RE-PRIORITISE THE PT ERIN POOL REFURBISHMENT

# WATER QUALITY

- LARGELY AN INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUE
- OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT OF MIND NO LONGER
- BEING ADDRESSED LOCALLY – THE TUNNEL AND SEPARATION
- BUT – A CITY-WIDE PROBLEM AND RESPONSIBILITY
- IT WILL COST - BUT A MATTER FOR NOW
- TARGETED RATE – SUPPORT CONTINUATION AND 5% INCREASE





**SAVE  
THE  
LEYS**

**WE SPENT OUR  
CHILDHOOD  
HERE. WILL OUR  
CHILDREN?**

**SAVE  
THE  
LEYS**

**COUNCIL  
NEGLECTED.  
PUBLICLY  
LOVED.**

**SAVE  
THE  
LEYS**

**LET'S TELL  
THE STORY  
OF HOW  
WE SAVED  
THE LIBRARY**

## RESTORATION OF THE LEYS

- WAITEMATA LOCAL BOARD APPLAUDED FOR ITS SUPPORT
- A SIGNIFICANT COST BUT WARRANTED BY ITS BENEFITS
- PRESERVING A JEWEL OF INNER CITY HERITAGE
- PROVIDING VITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE
- FUNDING CAN BE FOUND – IF THERE'S A WILL
- WLB LEADERSHIP ON THIS MUST CONTINUE



# MAKING A VALUABLE CONNECTION

- OPPORTUNITY ARISING OUT OF TUNNEL PROJECT
- LINKING WEST WITH THE EAST: SARSFIELD ST – PT ERIN-ST MARY'S BAY
- ENHANCING ACCESSABILITY
- COMPLETING AN INNER CITY WALKWAY LOOP
- CAPABLE OF BEING DONE WITHIN THE BOARD'S FUNDING ABILITY

# PT ERIN POOL: A CITY RESOURCE ON OUR DOORSTEP

- REFURBISHMENT 'ON THE BOOKS' FOR YEARS
- PART OF INNER CITY HISTORY
- USED BY CITY DWELLERS
- RESTORE TO THE PROJECTS LIST

# THANKS

- WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE BOARD
- WE LOOK TO THE BOARD TO ADVOCATE STRONGLY ON THESE MATTERS IN THE FORMULATION OF THE LTP AND ITS BUDGET
- THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY



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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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**Tell us why** Submission on Recovery Budget (long term plan)for Leys Institute The Waitemata Local Board is advocating for funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use for 2021 -31.

I submit that this plan be brought forward in an effort to reduce the risk of demolition by neglect.

Get scope and quotes from 3 reputable engineering firms and get the building up and running as soon as possible.

Page 12 of the consultation document Key Challenges : Looking After Our Assets states “ that it is important to protect our assets and reduce the risks of infrastructure failure “ . We have had decades of infrastructure neglect in this city and it is important to reverse this mentality and value and protect what we have.In turn this transformative mind set lifts the psyche and wellbeing of the inhabitants. ( I have experienced this transformative change in New York City. When I was working there in the late 1980s the city was almost bankrupt and infrastructure was collapsing everywhere and crime was rampant. In their hordes old New York families were talking about leaving the city they loved. Now, having had money poured into its ailing buildings and infrastructure it has a population whose spirits are lifted and its once again a desirable place to live. ) The Leys is a Category A heritage building - it must be looked after and saved as are privately owned heritage homes.

It has great pedestrian, busing access and plenty of available car parking for future use .

The building is in close proximity to 2x other heritage buildings - the old Ponsonby Post Office and the old Ponsonby Firestation. This cluster of historical buildings creates a living sense of Auckland's history. With the loss of any one of these buildings our environment would be much the poorer.

I submit that restoration of this building , for these above reasons, be brought forward as soon as possible.

We all know how quickly buildings deteriorate with disuse.

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**Tell us why** I believe that there is considerable support from the local community for funding to be made available to carry out the necessary earthquake strengthening work at the Leys Institute Library buildings. Here we have a valuable centrally located asset currently being left to deteriorate. This should never be allowed and I believe irresponsible not to take all necessary steps to strengthen and preserve as a functional and important community asset.

In my opinion this work should be given priority over such new projects as the planned purchase of the Ponsonby Rd site currently occupied by Liquorland to be converted to parkland. Parks are an important community asset but I believe we already have adequate local parks such as St Mary's Reserve and the Tole Reserve that are under utilised.

As a city we are very fortunate to have such an asset providing real educational and social benefits. The restoration of this asset must be given urgent priority.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** The environment/climate change:

1. I support efforts to reduce the city's carbon emissions and thus improve the health of the city's residents. Climate change and related pollution must be taken seriously and be given high priority.

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**What is your view on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** Water quality

2. It should be the city's highest priority to ensure that it has a plentiful and safe water supply, alongside efficient removal and treatment of wastewater and stormwater. I support the capital investment and the targeted rates currently proposed. I submit that the capital investment should be increased, by re-prioritising other expenditure if necessary, to ensure that renewals of infrastructure are not limited to 50% of previous plans. Separation of wastewater and stormwater, as well as replacement of aging and leaking pipes, are critical for improvement of water quality and must be accorded the highest priority. This investment must not be delayed because of the effects of covid-19. In addition I would like see further measures to reduce pollution of the city's waterways (e.g. from industrial sources) and assist in their recovery.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal? Other**

**Tell us why:** Community services

3. I support the current efforts by the Waitemata Local Board to plan for and begin the restoration of the Leys Institute, and ask that this not be delayed. The building will deteriorate unnecessarily the longer this work is put off. This is a heritage building, gifted to the city for a library, and this need should not be deferred by short term financial pressures.
4. Efforts to maintain heritage buildings and facilities should be continued. These are priceless parts of our city and part of our social fabric. There should be no question of allowing them to be damaged or destroyed through neglect and pressure from developers.
5. In addition, existing library services across the city should not be reduced in any way. Libraries are essential services and physical resources should be available and accessible for all residents and communities. A physical library fulfils a community role that digital services cannot.
6. I make the same points about parks. We simply must not sell or otherwise dispose of existing park areas. Given that it appears that the Council wishes the city to grow, partly through increasing density, the need for green spaces will not lessen and if anything should be increased. Again, short-term financial pressures should not be allowed to create a less liveable city.
7. Ponsonby Park: I do not support the current plan or any more funding for it at this time. A paved facility (even with a few trees in large pots) is a poor substitute for green space – which is scarce in the middle of the city. It is also less in line with environmental concerns.

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The two most important issues facing the city long term are the city's physical environment/climate change and its water quality.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Cost saving efforts needed. Auckland become too dependent on increase in the rates since the city expanded significantly.

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

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Covid has shown the APTR to be totally flawed in execution and intent, giving council an opportunity to shelve entirely and instead work with the hotel sector and wid

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Increase rates rather than selling assets and 'surplus' property? Surplus is specious - we need parks, community playgrounds, centres, libraries in every suburb (i.e the 15 minute city of villages)



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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Agree - no diesel buses - electric yes and e-bikes but minimal cars for essential use - electric yes. But no hydrogen buses which have technical buses. NO MORE CUTTING DOWN of mature trees! Bring back urban tree protection laws. Develop urban farms, rooftop gardens.

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** Other

**Tell us why:** We already share community facilities. No excuses please for selling off 'assets'! Online service is not acceptable for a diverse community. I do agree with the phrasing out of 'boilers' at aquatic facilities. 'Seismic strengthening' can be an excuse for getting rid of a valuable asset, such as the Lays Institute. Auckland is not earthquake-prone unlike Wellington and many other parts of the country. Use shopping malls for senior housing with upgraded food courts.

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Not in favour of over-management of tree i.e losing city greenery through a power lines priority.

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### Which option do you support?

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

**Tell us why:** Encourage use of public transport - this is crucial. Abolish designated car parking. Encourage working from home with weekly face to face meetings.

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No

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### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** Most important - improve air and water quality , provide tree canopy cover, develop 'regenerative urban farms' and address homelessness by providing drinking fountains, showers, lockers etc

## 7. What is important to you?

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Speed up the introduction of cycle lanes, (K road delays effecting shop owners. Encourage pop-ups in empty shops. With office/home combined use mixed-use zoning laws needed. Reopen Lays Institute for library and community use. Follow through with 254 Ponsonby Park project. Clean up our harbours, beaches and streams.

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

Other

**Tell us why:** In my view, the two most important issues facing the city are the environment/climate change and water. I also wish to comment on heritage, in particular the Leys Institute Library, and pedestrian safety.

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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** The environment/climate change: I support efforts to reduce the city's carbon emissions for two reasons: i) climate change, and ii) pollution (and thus the health of the city's residents). These should be given the highest priority.

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**Tell us why:** 2. Water: equally important is the need for the city to ensure that it has a plentiful and safe water supply, alongside efficient removal and treatment of wastewater and stormwater and so I support the measures and the targeted rates currently proposed. Separation of wastewater and stormwater as well as replacement of aging and leaking pipes must be accorded the highest priority and must not be delayed because of the effects of covid-19. In addition I would like see further measures to reduce pollution of the city's waterways (e.g. from industrial sources) and assist in their recovery.

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**Tell us why:** In addition, existing library services across the city should not be reduced in any way. Libraries are essential services and physical resources should be available and accessible for all residents and communities. Digital services would not provide the same amenity.

Efforts to maintain heritage buildings and facilities should be continued. These are priceless parts of our city and there should be no question of allowing them to be damaged or destroyed through neglect and pressure from developers.

I make the same points about parks. We simply must not sell or otherwise dispose of existing park areas. Given that it appears that the Council wishes the city to grow, partly through increasing density, the need for green spaces will not lessen and if anything should be increased. Again, short-term financial pressures should not be allowed to create a less livable city.

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**Tell us why** I support and ask for funding for the current efforts by the Waitemata Local Board to plan for and begin the restoration of the Leys Institute and ask for this also to not be delayed. The building will deteriorate unnecessarily the longer this work is put off. This is a heritage building, gifted to the city for a library and this should not be diluted by short term financial pressures.

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Pedestrian safety is important and appears to me to be increasingly under threat. I no longer feel safe walking the city's footpaths. The first reason for this is the poor or non-existent repairs on footpaths. I would rather see money being put into this rather than new cycleways or plans such as the recently completed workshops on Ponsonby Road – Streets for People at present. I would also like to see a requirement that footpath repairs are done properly so as not simply to create another hazard. The second is the presence of cyclists (often at high speed) and scooter and skateboard riders. I would like to see some resources put in to creating suitable rules for those people when using the footpaths (rules which respect pedestrians) and enforcement of those rules.

Ponsonby Park: I do not agree with the plan for this as currently set up. As far as I can see this will be covered in concrete and may have a couple of trees in large pots. I would prefer to see the park as a green space, which would, in my view, be more in line with environmental concerns. I also wish to comment on heritage, in particular the Leys Institute Library

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Support

Tell us why:

## 2. Climate change

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Support the proposed increased investment

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**Tell us why:**

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No

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Support

**Tell us why:** It is important to focus on sustainability.

## 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:** We only have one earth and it is dying.

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Tell us why:

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#### **Tell us why:**

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No

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**Tell us why:** Council should pay more attention to medium and small business, and increase international trading

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**Tell us why**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Council should restructure and cut the salary of it's CEOs

## 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?

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** Council should cut some cost on its labour and CEO salary

## 3. Water quality

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

**Tell us why:** CEO of watercare did not delivered the value and Council should eliminate issues like this in the future.

## 4. Community investment

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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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No

**6. Local Boards**

**Albert-Eden Local Board**

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

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invest more on infrastructure area

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** No increase on general rates

## 2. Climate change

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

Do not support increased investment

**Tell us why:** I donot support!

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

**Tell us why:** Council should reduce CEO's salary

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**Tell us why:** No need to do this propsoal

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**Tell us why:** How can we make the bus services earning money?

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

No

**6. Local Boards**

**Waitematā Local Board**

**Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why** These decisions intend to waste more of taxpayers' money

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Nothing is important

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** It is already high enough

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

Other

**Tell us why:** I don't think it's the priority because there are so many more urgent problems we need to face

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**Tell us why:**

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#### **Which option do you support?**

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**Tell us why:**

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

No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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

Support the proposed increased investment

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

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1. I recommended that the New Market Train Station square to be more efficiently used, e.g. having holiday markets and market events. 2. There are too many unused properties on Teed Street. I recommended that a food alley to be established to revitalize commercial activities. 1. 建議多加利用 New Market Train Station 廣場使用率，例如舉辦假日市集、遊園會。2. Teed Street 閒置物業太多，建議興建美食街振興商業活動。

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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:** Do it earlier better than late.

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

**Tell us why:**

## 4. Community investment

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**Tell us why:**

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Strongly agree that council should have charge Vector for trees trimming. Hotel tax should hold another year. But should charge isolation Facility Hotel.

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**Waitematā Local Board**

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**Tell us why**

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# 10-year budget 2021/2031

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

Support

**Tell us why:**

## 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?

Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Water quality

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Totally agreement that Vector should pay of the landscape payment.

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

**Which option do you support?**

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?**

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

Do not support

**Tell us why:** Increasing rates to increase assets is not what we need. Liquidate and focus on core services of a council. Stop the climate bandwagon.



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Support the proposed increased investment

**Tell us why:** Leave the electric buses and think of buying later

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

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:** Digital library, digital meeting. Stop creating the assets bubble on faking the balance sheet

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Do not support

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**Tell us why:**

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

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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## 7. What is important to you?

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

Other

**Tell us why:** Partial support in that I do support the one-off 5% rates increase for 2021-2022 but do not support the sale of so called "surplus property", sale of some parks and closure/reduction of community facilities and services

## 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:** Climate change is upon us - especially via extreme weather events. Council also should greatly extend the protection of trees - both exotic and natives

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

**Tell us why:** Investment in water and wastewater has been deferred for too long (and not just in Auckland). It is vital for both our health and the environment

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**Tell us why:** Please see attached page

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**Tell us why:** This should provide for more options to the addition to the private car, plus an incentive to walk and use improved public transport

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No

## 6. Local Boards

### Waitematā Local Board

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**Tell us why** Please see attached page

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**FEEDBACK ON 10 YEAR BUDGET**

This primarily concerns the proposals to reduce Council's role in providing and extending community services and facilities. I wish to fully endorse and support the Friends of the Earth submission, which was submitted today I will attach my earlier submission on Plan Change 60, which I made on behalf of Friends of the Earth(NZ). That explains my concern on both severe problems with notification and consultation — especially with regard to asset sales and reduction of community facilities — in particular regarding parks. Also I oppose the intention to reduce Council's role in community services and the intention to shift these towards an online model.

I am in full support of the Waitemata Board's priority to allocate funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use. I have obtained and read the main consultants reports that were cited by Council, and in my opinion as a retired Mechanical Engineer, these reports were misused by Council as a pretext to close the buildings. The over 300 page report from 1997 recommended that the parapets be braced and tied back to the building and that the cornices be secured. The design work has long been done for this — and already paid for. Yet Council has not followed these recommendations from their own expert consultant. Similarly the following GHD Report recommended that the cracks at one corner be sealed and monitored. They still have not been sealed and they continue to allow for more moisture to enter the building.

Council should immediately seek tenders for this basic remedial work to commence. I have spoken with the principal of Seismic Performance and sent him these reports. He is very experienced in strengthening such buildings and his opinion is that the Leys Buildings can be properly secured and strengthened for far less cost than Council has estimated.

I submit that Council recognise that what they regard as "Council owned properties/facilities" are actually only managed, and not owned, by the present Council. They are owned by the public, and managed, on the behalf of the public, by the Council. Also I oppose the new approach advocated, that appears to be some sort of agenda for partial privatisation of community services, possibly with an associated fiscal benefit to Council via likely sale to developers of some existing public owned community facilities. Referring again to the Leys, it was most disturbing to see public statements from senior Council staff that selling to a developer was an option being considered. Council was prepared to go to the High Court to gain a variation on the Trust Deed - so that the complex could be flogged off — even though it was a gift from the Leys family to the people of Auckland, with the stipulation that it function as a free library in perpetuity.

My wider concern is that Council may use exaggerated "risks" as a pretext to close and then sell off existing community facilities such as heritage buildings. These may include the Grey Lynn library and Hall, the old Artstation complex, and possibly the Mercury Theatre. All prime real estate.

Please see also the copy of my submission on Plan Change 60.

Finally I submit that since not all of the publicity for this consultation made it clear that noon today was the deadline, I would ask that Council please accept all submissions that were provided up till the close of today — namely by midnight. Certainly Council would not be prejudiced by receiving and accepting such submissions that were made in the good faith that the closing date was 22 March.



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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:** Do not support the purchase of electric buses. Because fundamentally speaking, it is not environmentally friendly. However, do support the purchase of hydrogen buses

## 3. Water quality

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

Support

**Tell us why:** 1 Can provide the key services that the people of Auckland rely on

2 Renovate aging assets

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# Leys Institute

Friends of Leys Institute and  
Auckland Council Long Term  
Plan 2021-31





- Friends of Leys Institute was formed in February 2020, when over 100 members signed up. Over the year the group numbers have steadily increased and now sit at 206 members.
- The group has consistently advocated to Waitemata Local Board and Auckland Council for seismic strengthening and restoration of community and library services to the Leys Institute.

# Council Report on Leys Institute

- Auckland Council's September 2020 report by its Services and Asset Planning division to the Waitemata Local Board recommends the upgrading of the Leys Institute.
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# Waitemata Local Board

- WLB has stated one of its key advocacy initiatives for 2021-31 in the Long Term Plan consultation document (p66) that it wants *“funding to strengthen and reopen the Leys Institute for library and community use.”*
- WLB chairperson Richard Northey has advocated for funding for the Leys when presenting to the council governing body on 11 November 2020.
- In several forums, such as his Ponsonby News monthly report, and in his report to the WLB, Richard Northey has asked the community to show their support for the Leys and the WLB by making submissions to the LTP.

# LTP Consultation Document

- The consultation document for the LTP states that the council would to be able to spend money on upgrading heritage buildings if extra funding eventuates.
- Under the **Parks and Community** on page 24 it states: “we could...undertake some seismic strengthening of community facilities.”
- The Leys Institute, a Category A scheduled heritage building by council, and a Category 1 listing by Heritage NZ, certainly fits this criteria.



## LTP Consultation Document (2)

- Under **Key Challenges: Looking After our Assets**, page 12 of the consultation document states: *It's "important to protect our assets and reduce the risk of infrastructure failure. The timing of this spending is important. If we wait too long, the risks may become unacceptable and long-term costs could rise dramatically."*
- Exactly – if the Leys Institute is left to moulder for years, the eventual repair costs will be greater – it will never be cheaper than now.
- Under **Key Issue 2: Responding to Climate Change**, page 30 of the consultation document, the point can be made that it's much more sustainable and uses less resources and energy to reuse an existing building, than to demolish and rebuild. Plenty of international studies have demonstrated this.

# Friends of Leys Institute

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- Members advocated in large numbers last year in submissions to the council Annual Plan.
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# Other comments

- Friends of Leys Institute would like to see council make a start with basic repairs to the Leys buildings.
- For example, the cracks at the rear of the building could be filled, to stop ongoing water damage. This has been recommended in several engineering reports over the past decade, but has not yet been done.
- Tying back the parapets on the street front could be done quickly and relatively inexpensively.
- Repairing the Gymnasium is conceptually quite simple and could be done as a complete project, separate to repairs to the library.
- Several engineers with extensive experience in seismic work have commented that the buildings are in generally good shape and question some of the costs quoted (\$15-21m) as excessive.
- Members do reluctantly accept that properties associated with the Leys and controlled by council may be sold, if the funds go directly to restoration of the Leys buildings.



# Closed until further notice

Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium is closed for the health and safety of our customers. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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A mobile library will visit this site on certain days through January with a pop-up library expected to open in the near future and a new retail in February.

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