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**Annual Budget 2023-2024
Albert-Eden Local Board**

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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):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: ECE is subsidising childcare when many providers exist. Not a service council should provide.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: It is a non performing financial investment.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Otherwise we kick the can down the road. Spend now to save money later.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: In order to make Auckland an attractive place for tourists, it is absolutely critical that Auckland Zoo/ Gallery etc are properly funded. Defunding them makes Auckland less attractive which will see Auckland lose tourism profit.

Regional community organisations are critical to ensure a safe and flourishing community. Community investment directly impacts crime rates and has a positive impact in creating community cohesion. Defunding these organisations will not only increase crime but it will also mean vulnerable communities are disempowered. I cannot see a good reason to deliberately disempower Auckland's vulnerable communities.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: It is important that rate payers properly contribute to our infrastructure. Without capital gains tax, a higher rates increase is the way to do that.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the most likely to have significant long term impact. Long term goals desperately need adequate funding in order to be effective

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No cuts to community services!!!

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Do not sell assets!!

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: User pays.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Go with three waters and use government money

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: Don't cut any of these

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Don't let the clown mayor touch the Port.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Fix our stormwater infrastructure urgently.

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Completely defund AT. Save millions more.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: You earn less from it than what your funding cost is.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Selling off these shares is a bad idea - this is a worthy investment when traveling bounces back across the country.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: As I understand it, this will mean less funding to libraries. Funding to libraries should be prioritised. Libraries and librarians provide essential spaces and activities for their communities.

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any cuts to regional arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development or reducing local board funded activities across all boards or reducing regional contestable grants.

This funding is integral to maintaining a healthy Arts and Culture community in Tāmaki Makaurau and ensuring the city is a vibrant, exciting, joyful place to live. The effects of this funding/support of these activities cannot be underestimated - these activities lead to greater connected communities and contribute to the development of artists and artforms vital to Auckland's identity.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: They are all sensible reductions on "nice to have" extras that the city cannot afford at this time. The proposed reductions strike the right balance between maintaining essential services and saving money on those services that are less fundamental.

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Tell us why: Financially it makes sense to reduce debt, particularly since dividends are a lesser amount than serving this debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: With the current cost of living crisis, many Aucklanders cannot afford any increase in rates. Would prefer to see no increase and greater use of debt but an increase of 4.66% is a compromise our household can live with

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? These services should be 100% charged back to the user

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why: No individual gains personally so it's better to get rid of liabilities

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Councillors do not get it that the cost of living crisis is a burden. Rates cannot increase continuously

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Not everyone is affected by storm water problems. It appears to be a further rates rise if all are forced to contribute

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Local community grants fund, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Local community grants fund, Environmental education activities

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not reduce funding for the jewels in Auckland's Crown including the Auckland Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, stadiums and venues. Our culture is so important, and the facilities are vital to Auckland's identity - for locals, residents and tourists alike.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It does not seem a wise financial decision to sell all of the AIAL shares, especially given the increased tourism rates expected over coming years. It is essential that Aucklanders have a stake and therefore some say in the operational activities of Auckland

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Tell us why: Infrastructure is under maintained and needs investment.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Support 3 waters, centralised Government budget for investment and maintenance of water infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the closure of any community facilities. These are key to the resilience of our community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate action is critical, we have evidence of the importance to protect the environment, and community events are essential for connection and mental health.

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Climate change, environment. Cycle ways, community events, getting residents out into the community, walking, riding, talking, taking part, creating connections to improve resilience.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million. That targets lower socio-economic groups and women adversely.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Privatisation of a major city asset is short-term thinking.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Given the rise in cost of living, it feels cruel to increase rates even higher.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We must ensure better stormwater systems.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Continuing our climate action through tree planting, parks restoration and funding community action with our new Climate Activator.- Surely this must be the priority!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: People being safe and supported is impt. Sports is very impt to social wellbeing.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I feel that the loss of funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited will make Auckland a less desirable place to live, with fewer international quality level events, as well as less development of our communities and arts.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: That's crazy. Reduced public services: cementing the idea that people should avoid the CBD altogether and that we need to rely on cars 100% Tātaki Auckland produces events that go beyond money generations: events that turn Auckland into a liveable place. Regional services, local board-funded activities, and early childhood education... all quite needed. Revise the budget and find something else to reduce or, better yet, find ways to make AKL more productive.

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Tell us why: It's the fairest thing we can do.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I think this is the most feasible way to move forward.

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Tell us why: We need to prepare for the future, can't have again the same situation.

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Tell us why: I'm a community member that can clearly see the impact of the suggested priorities.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all basic, functional parts of our community/society. I won't settle for less.

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I heard there are cutting budget for the GridAKL venues that once were the place of so many events that incentivised entrepreneurship and startups: please keep supporting them.

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I will NOT proceed with reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million. To do that will be a disservice to the entire Auckland public especially those who rely on Citizens Advice Bureau offices for help and advice and libraries for book lovers who love to read. Increasing rates is NOT the way but slashing salaries of the higher ups in Auckland Council is the way. Anyone who earns more than \$130,000 and above per annum in the Council SHOULD and MUST take the pay cuts. If you want to increase the rates, that should go to top earners (those who earn over \$130,000 a year) and those who own many properties in Auckland

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Other

Tell us why: I choose Other because shares must not be sold BUT increasing rates for top income earners should be the way

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Tell us why: Managing rates and debts should be done on a case by case basis. For example, top earners (those who earn over \$130,000 a year) and those who own more than five properties in Auckland should be allocated a higher rate. On the other hand, anyone who just l

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Do not proceed with the proposal just yet. Please investigate further and at the same time cut down on unwanted spending in the mean time

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Tell us why: I support most of the priorities BUT I suggest you can move library items for Pt Chevalier library into one of the community centres to save up on costs (secondly it will attract both library users and community centre regular visitors so win-win). Increa

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: The most important to me ARE community development and support e.g. Auckland CABs and retention of library hours because BOTH Auckland CABs and the libraries are the go to places for the public. Firstly, Auckland CABs are useful and helpful for many espec

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: We cannot deny the fact that that community organisations like CABs do make a difference to all communities including Maori, Pasifika, migrant and refugee communities in Henderson-Massey. Secondly, to reduce or do away with CABs will take away social incl

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Local community and civic events, including ANZAC events, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries, community events and CABs are the heartbeats of Henderson-Massey communities so please do not take them away

Whau Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local parks, community facilities, and sports and recreation programmes, Library opening hours, Local community grants

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I would like to say to Auckland Council to have a heart and do the right thing. Auckland Council does need to listen to its people and not take away the funds that retain all Auckland CABs. Reducing or stopping funds to Auckland CABs is heartless and self

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: *Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million INCREASING Public Transport services is crucial to ensure Aucklanders are able to leave their cars at home and decrease Auckland's carbon emissions (more than 40% of which are attributed to transportation) and combat climate change (thereby reducing the devastating impact of cyclones etc.)

*Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland AUCKLANDERS should be able to visit venues such as the Zoo and Art Gallery for a reasonable price; this is a fundamental to quality of life in Auckland *Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million ALL REGIONAL SERVICES, especially events highlighting Auckland's diversity through arts & culture are a key factor in making Auckland an enjoyable place to live *Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million MAINTAINING funding for local events and activities is necessary for fostering cohesive communities

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I believe it is preferable for the Council to have a stake in Auckland's key infrastructure such as AIAL. Suggest gradually reducing the holding over a period of three years, which could likely be done "on market" and avoid transaction costs.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt - to ensure we don't need to reduce the operating spending detailed in Question 1. Also pause the change to business/residential split indefinitely.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Suggest an additional increase in rates as it is crucial to not only prepare for and respond to future storms, but also MITIGATE against the impacts of climate change on Auckland's infrastructure by increasing spending on public transport, cycleways etc.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: These priorities impact how I live and my enjoyment of life in my community. I am especially looking forward to using and promoting the Climate Activator.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are crucial to my enjoyment of my local community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

It is crucial that cycleway projects are not "paused". Now more than ever, we need to provide safe ways for people to travel around the city which do not contribute to carbon emissions. Auckland's transport system accounts for over 40 per cent of the cit

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland is currently in crisis in terms of the level of traffic and the inadequacy of its public transport. We are also in a climate crisis. Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services may save money, but it results in a city in which more people are on the roads, where people are unable to get to work (therefore impacting productivity), and does not assist in any way in contributing to cutting emissions. It is embarrassing to live in a city where the public transport system does not work. I also strongly urge you to reconsider cutting funding for important cultural institutions such as the Auckland Art gallery, and social services for our most vulnerable people - these include important things funded by local boards, such as citizens advice bureaus. There are many people in NZ who benefit from these services and reducing them further will have a significant and negative impact.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting from the Citizens advice Bureau Auckland City is unacceptable. Who's going to provide us the service they do?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: That came in a very last minute. Let's pray it won't happen again

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Tell us why: However reducing LB funds will also impact in how they support the community granting organisations

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: All my choices are for the community as a lot.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Albert Eden LB does a beautiful job working together and supporting our community hubs. If their funding is reduced, how'd they carry on supporting us?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Rates are high enough

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Already Aucklanders are facing financial difficulties

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Temporarily or permanently close council venues, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Yes reduce some but keep the libraries free.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: If you sell all the shares at Auckland Airport you can use the money you receive to fill the 295 million dollar hole.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: People can't afford the rates. There are less houses for people to live in. Inflation is too high and I can't afford to pay this much on my rates. Less the rates a lot.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Yes our infrastructure is not good. All the houses are flooding to much damage.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Keep the libraries funded.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep the libraries funded.

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What do you think of these proposals? Rates need to go down.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It's hard to believe that our representatives cannot think on anything else to help Auckland budget other than cutting on everything that makes Auckland such a beautiful city to live in. I consider that this would only harm the future development of Auckland.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the reduced of fund to all local boards

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: There are all important and play an important role in our communities I wouldn't like to lose anyone of them.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: AIAL needs more social fundings to develop

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Keep the same rate level, as Aucklanders are suffering from financial difficulties and housing shortage

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: storms are just incidental

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: they are the basic needs

Henderson-Massey Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities , Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Library opening hours, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme), Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Because the Council should stick to core business and minimise its debt. The Airport is a separate business enterprise.

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Tell us why: No more debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This is core business

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Tell us why: I do not support any of these priorities

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What do you think of these proposals? Pass on more costs to users

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Use your reserves to buy more shares and generate income from the vast resources that council has such as parks and reserves. Stop funding cycleways and useless infrastructure that is a complete waste and hardly used by anyone

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Tell us why: Improve your performance and process and get your staff to stop being lazy and your contractors being useless.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any reductions. We need investment into the community, due to the various pressures of covid, floods and cost of living crisis. Now is the time to increase debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Should not sell all shares, important asset to Auckland.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: This is the time for stimulus spending. Debt enables this

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Critical to invest in infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate and environment have impact for future generations

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Retain child services. Increase public transport service levels. Increase Local Board funding. Reduce funding to Auckland Unlimited, reduce education and arts programmes, reduce grants.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: In principle selling the stake is short sighted, but it is understandable under the current circumstances.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: It's sensible. Debt is not inherently bad for councils.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Resilience to storms MUST INCLUDE FUNCTIONING RURAL ROAD CULVERTS. Waitakere and Rodney are among the worst hit - understand why?

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep to the basics of keeping the parks looking good and rubbish bins empty and keeping the libraries open. Scrap anything that is subsidising an otherwise commercial enterprise.

Rodney Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: Wellsford's Centennial Park needs the funding a lot more than Goodall Reserve in Snells Beach. Please do not let the Mahurangi River dredging fail.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants for community groups / organisations, Library opening hours and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Privatised waste collection if the council cannot keep the cost down.

7. What else is important to you?

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Do not chop down the trees on Mt Albert.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Shift rates towards land value only and exclude the value of improvements from calculations to discourage land banking.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I use the libraries & parks, and would love Oakley creek to have less rubbish in it.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Improved cycle paths & pedestrian connections to enable safe off-street cycling, especially for kids.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: A lot of these initiatives will impact on the creative and arts sector from venue hire age to funding to events etc. This will likely push new talent into other areas given cost of living. Creative practitioners add to the overall value of a city in the attraction of migrants and retaining talent within the Auckland region. Also if management changes are being made then this should not just be restructures, new processes should be created to streamline services especially around automated communication. Better to have time spent on meaningful activities rather than high operational costs on repeatable processes.

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Tell us why: Ensure shares are kept within nz as a minimum.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Just make sure the priorities are right

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These don't enable community groups to thrive and are focussed on basic boring options.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why: Park improvement and overall capital investment seems to be being made a priority instead of focussing on ensuring service, capability building and enabling community groups to adopt new models and revenue streams.

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 4 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 5 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 2 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 1 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 3 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Youth programmes, Temporarily or permanently close council venues and facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Neighbourhood communities to connect and enable quick region responses.

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Potential closure of local facilities, Community lease charges, Strategic partnerships and capacity building

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: transportation. This is essential for an International City and we cannot reduce our emissions targets without a functional public transport system.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: We have absolutely no reason to invest in the airport. Providing roads to and fro - yes.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Increased interest rates on global debt formation will bite us in the bottom eventually. It is better to raise rates than buy debt.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: it's inevitable that climate change will deliver a sequence of big events that will require investment. It's a no brainer.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The only priority right now should be on environmental resilience. We simply do not have the finances for such a broad set of objectives.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: See previous answer.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Self serving says pay less rates

An enlightened view says do more for Tamiki Makaurau

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: How can you follow a path that has proven wrong so many times

Short term gain instead of the longer reward

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Tell us why: You only get what you pay for

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Tell us why: Climate change is not going away

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Tell us why: Is Wayne Brown a name that should read Wayne R Muldoon Brown We want a vibrant ,resilient Tamaki Makaurau not a not quite there yet

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Bullocks last year we were 800million Down now we are only a third of that down . What gives ?

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What do you think of these proposals? If we follow path of cuts and not rates increases we risk creating a sub standard culture that will see our city become : A laughing stock in regards livability and a desirable place to stay

Considering how much money comes into our fair city we n

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Co Governance is not even close to te treating

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?**

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland's public transport is already a shambles. It is absolutely unacceptable to have it running at less than full capacity. The CAB is an important public service and needs to remain available. Regional services the zoo ect are an important thing for Auckland residents and tourists alike and should be funded. All of these proposed changes would make Auckland a far less livable city.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Do not sell our airport shares to private companies.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: It is important to make business and private rates the same. Businesses shouldn't be subsidised by the homeowners. It's important that we do not reduce our water quality targets at all, if anything we need to increase them. We need to increase rates AND t

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland requires better infrastructure for water and raiding as well as to quickly repair the damage from flooding and cyclones.

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Tell us why: We need to be making a much greater effort in the climate change area. This needs to be prioritised. It is crucial that people have access to services such as libraries and community centres and these definitely need to be prioritised.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The most important things to me are climate action, public transport, Aucklands infrastructure, community events, access for all to libraries and community centres and water quality.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Most important thing now is how to recover from the recent natural disaster. Cultural and community activities can wait for a while.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It takes a few more years for the Airport to make substantial profit so selling some of them is acceptable, however, to whom ?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Big rate increase will cause the higher rent in this difficult time. Not a good idea.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Be prepared for more weather problems.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Cut down the fees for "Consultants".

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposed reductions is an example of short term thinking, regional services are crucial in enlivening and activate the city , therefore benefitting surrounding communities and businesses. Selling airport assets is only short term proposal that does not benefit the future concerns or potential profits.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling airport assets is only short term proposal that does not benefit the future concerns or potential profits. I would prefer more innovative thinking around how to benefit the cashflow of the budget

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: It is a catastrophe to reduce NETR and environmental funding, again short term thinking in a clear climate crisis. Would encourage more innovation around how to address climate concerns and funding

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: Investment and thinking about infrastructure storm repairs should be interwoven with climate action, more forward thinking is needed not just fixing infrastructure or plaster fixes.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the long term thinking of the albert eden proposal. Considering community and environment are absolutely crucial in creating a strong city

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: So many of these services are crucial to promoting connected communities and climate management. They should be intertwined as they benefit each other. Arts and culture creates better communities and has canon benefits beyond itself such as economic activ

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What do you think of these proposals? We need innovative thinking about how to promote better budget results. The council should provide public services not just consider the profits and debts - there are intangible benefits from providing public services. Climate action should be a top prior

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All current council services are necessary and in fact more needs to be done in public transport and local cycle connections particularly.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell the shares and spend the proceeds on enabling light rail along the route to the airport. This will benefit the airport as well as everyone along the route. Other areas that need the proceeds are local services like libraries, community groups, cycle

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The debt is not unmanageable and it's ridiculous that it's been presented that way. Increasing rates by \$8 a week is nothing compared to the devastation slash and burn austerity will mean to communities, parents, kids.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This is a no brainer. It's not up to anyone other than those with the data to determine the ultimate cost, but only the best people should be employed doing it. No more engineering shortcuts but proper sponge city principle design that will actually work

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: This is ridiculous. There are so many areas that need investment right now. Austerity is the last thing our community needs. We are a wealthy community, there is no reason the local board, with the backing of council, can't find the funding to get on top

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: The premise is ridiculous, but we need more safe cycle routes, now. Myself and my partner commute by ebike and with our toddler on the back we need protection from the ever increasing size and danger from Utes etc.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? If charges need to increase to cover the cost of providing the services then so be it. My preference would be for you to get it together and bring it in house to find efficiencies in public transport before you cut anything. At the moment you just pay the

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cycle lanes are crucial. There are so many people put at extreme risk because you cannot be bothered making hard decisions on road reallocation and fighting misinformation. Our family of three cycle everywhere and with a toddler on the back there is too m

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: do not reduce regional services such as community and education programmes to save \$20 million

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local waste minimisation programmes including construction waste coordination, Parks assessments, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Franklin Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Environment volunteer programmes, Library-based programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Library hours, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, Open space low / no mow areas, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community leasing charges, Library hours and services, Parks and open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reductions please. This needs more time and discussion. You have no mandate to do this, and especially with so little information on detail. Rather than have blanket rates increases, why not increase prices for some services such as Libraries and other free or subsidised Council services?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Why touch these shares? Is there not a good return on this investment? And is this investment growing ahead of inflation?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: What about the Golf courses? And bowling greens? And Tennis courts? Can these also be converted to residential housing?

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What about staffing and wages? Are these being reviewed and cut?

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Tell us why: Pass the costs on to any new developments, make it their responsibility

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Tell us why: Temporarily or permanently close council venues. Temporarily closing them won't stop maintance due to environmental conditions. So keep them open. Permanently close (sell?) sounds like a silly idea .

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Future thinking.

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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
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What do you think of these proposals? I don't want food scrap collection because I already compost my food waste. How can I opt-out of this service?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Your job is to provide services with our money. Local board funded activities could be reduced, but leave the rest as-is. Public transport is vital, early childhood education is vital.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling a money earning asset is just insanity - a short term, stupid attempt at a solution.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: If you need more rates to stop stupid ideas like defunding incredibly valuable services and selling an asset, increase the rates further.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Open space low / no mow areas, Environmental programmes and volunteers, Local waste minimisation activities

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What do you think of these proposals? DON'T SELL AIRPORT SHARES YOU MUPPETS.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport, it is a basic requirement for people to be able to get to work and school

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: 10% of airport profits is still good as the world is returning to normal

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Raise business rates to reflect the higher use of the property and the profits they make and leave residential alone

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: No point fixing a lot of what was destroyed so stop spending on it.

Get government help for paying for the buybacks

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Nature is far more important than any of the others

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

How about we hold off wasting money on making everything in Maori and English (as the majority don't speak Maori and it is extremely confusing on the bus, can't imagine how much more so for people with another language as their native language) and put t

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Tell us why: It's better off for now later on council can reinvest in once council get profits.

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any budget cuts to public transport.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reducing the number of bus services. A frequent and well-connected bus network should be the top priority for Auckland. We need to provide people realistic, convenient and attractive alternatives for people to use instead of driving for every single trip. This is really important for several reasons. Firstly, we can reduce our emissions by using public transport more often. Secondly, more people on public transport and less people in cars can free up space on the roads for when people do need to drive. This also means we do not need to invest in widening roads, which is incredibly expensive and difficult. And it means we can accommodate more people in our city. Thirdly, it's good for improving access to opportunities for people who are on a low income, people unable to drive or people living with disabilities. We are not going to get back to 100million + public transport trips, and achieve the benefits listed above, while we cut services.

Next, while I personally am OK with paying more to go to the Zoo, or paying to go to things like the Art Gallery or Museum, I am concerned about the impact that this might have for lower income groups. I would like to see that we provide more subsidised options for people on low incomes. Perhaps community card service holders (or similar) could continue having current price entry / free entry.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: My understanding is that the stake that we have means that we do not have a position on the board or have much say on operational matters. Therefore, I do not think it is strategically important for us to keep the shares. I also think it is good that we u

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I would like to see a higher rates increase in order to maintain bus services and allow for greater investment in public transport and cycling infrastructure, for the reasons I outlined above. I think limiting the debt to an additional \$75 million is a p

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The only reduction I would not do would be youth centres as this may result in an increase in youth crime

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Tell us why: Makes sense to pay down the debt to then holding onto reducing shares with no control resulting from having the shares.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: 4.66% is better than a 7% increase. But at the same time you should update property CV's to account for the decrease in property valuations. My CV is \$2.025M but realistically in this market it's probably more like \$1.904M

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Surely there's got to be other cost reductions council can do to free up a further \$20M than further increasing rates?

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Tell us why: Actually I think you could reduce this even more by evaluating if some of the proposed work done by local boards is already done by other council cco's. Example; funding for community events, I'm sure we could go a year without this and just have the ev

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the base core activities the rest are nice to have. Libraries are a space for education, parks and sports and activities in parks for recreation and wellbeing.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't you dare touch the C.A.B. or homeless support you greedy, selfish, short-sighted NIMBY Boomer morons. How about you support the people who need it, cut your own salaries, fire everyone at AT, fire your completely incompetent middle management, and invest in infrastructure, USABLE public transport, and sustainable, affordable housing developments. You guys have managed to fail at virtually everything. Sure Wayne's stuck in the 1950's and as intellectually competent as a preschooler, but one of you others must have some forward thinking ideas on how to IMPROVE people's lives. Not just your wealthy, STUPID leafy green nimby boomers.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Again. To even propose this reiterates how senile you all are. Sell your bloody golf courses.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Increase rates and build some goddamn infrastructure. This city’s a dump masquerading as some future metropolis. We’re 30 years behind every other developed city already ffs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Oh so you can cut CAB funding but increase this? Funny.

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What do you think of these proposals? FUND SUSTAINABLE PUVLIC TRANSPORT OMG.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Selling the airport shares is idiotic at the very least. Do not do it

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I don't know

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Focus on helping those families homeless from the floods

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Sell only one third of Airport shares.

Experience shows that selling all holdings in a growth company usually has a poor outcome because of foregone future capital growth and dividends.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: see above (Q1 - Sell only one third of Airport shares. Experience shows that selling all holdings in a growth company usually has a poor outcome because of foregone future capital growth and dividends.)

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Ensure that all rates due are paid and if in arrears then cut off services. Any properties classified as Non Ratebale be included in the capture if such groups use council facilities.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Fine tune any expenditure, particularly where consultants are involved.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: A climate activator is not required. unless he /she can control natural activity. This job should be attached to another position

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: I would imagine a considerable amount of money would be spent on slogans and unnecessary calls to action. Any funding to be spent on adapting to the inevitability of climate change , caused by natural activity.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Refer to council services by their historical English names, with Maori translations as an addendum. Maori place names, already established, to be retained- New subdivision and and street names to be in Maori where appropriate but a thoughtful mix makes

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This is awful!!!! Takes away so much from the people in Auckland who need it. None of these reductions are helpful at all!

Our lower income communities are struggling enough taking away local funding is absolutely terrible! How would reducing any of this budget help our lower income groups already struggling to make ends meet? Especially homeless people! This is stripping away opportunities for positive change from at risk people and communities by taking away locally funded support systems!

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Higher rates doesn’t make any sense - how would this help people afford the properties they live in? Who wrote these awful proposals? They are disgraceful and completely disregard Aucklanders consistent struggle with the cost of living an increase in rate

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Try caring about the lower income communities.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Invest heavily in resilient infrastructure you dimwits

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Tell us why: How do you plan to deliver these priorities gutting money out of the local boards? Utterly deficit thinking

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Tell us why:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport services need investment not cuts. This contrasts environmental goals to reduce cars and restricts opportunities for low income households.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Additional Tax on individuals with multiple houses.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Parks planning, Library hours

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Over the years, Auckland Council's expenditure has expanded rapidly, particularly around transport, community, and environmental activities. Perhaps these reductions (while painful), would be a good reset and lesson for Auckland Council (including our elected members) on essential services vs nice-to-haves and should-dos.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Should have consulted and sold off the airport shares much earlier. There is not much strategic value and influence with Auckland Council holding on to this level of shareholding. Auckland Council is not in the investment/speculation business, neither has

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Reduce or slow down depreciation funding. I don't see much content about managing depreciation funding in the consultation and support document. While depreciation is a non-cash expense, I believe Auckland Council partially funds it from rates. A lot of t

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Fund part of the operating budget by debt instead of rates. Part of the intent for storm response is to prepare for and respond to future storm events. Our future generations should help pay for some of this immediate burden via future interest and debt r

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What do you think of these proposals? 1. Do not support food scraps extension: Unlike waste/rubbish collection, not everyone will need or use this service. It would be better if this is an opt-in model. (If this is too challenging, then please do a more targeted consultation by local board area)

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Tell us why: Property owners generally have enormous equity. Don't cut services to renters / lower income people merely to save people \$150 p/a.

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Tell us why: Logic.

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Tell us why: They are necessary.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community events and libraries are civilisation.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Recent flooding events have highlighted the importance of environmental and ecological protection and restoration in Auckland. Current efforts are insufficient.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: Services are already poor, I would prefer there were no cuts at all.

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Privatization of a revenue stream seems like terrible long term thinking.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce ridiculously high salaries of Auckland Council staff. Cut down on stuff number.

The cost of living is getting out of control. I haven't had a decent pay rise for at least 5 years but I pay higher rates than 5 years ago.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: As a full time employed solo mother and ratepayer, I haven’t received pay rise for 5 years. Furthermore, due to the dodgy system, my children’s father doesn’t contribute financially at all. It really should not be my problem to sort out Council’s failure

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: It is Council’s greed that caused such damage recently. The Council allowed one house to be removed and 5 houses to be built on the same section. The one right next to where I live was a house where an old lady lived by herself. After the lady died the p

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: Reduce budget for salaries of Eden-Albert council staff and perhaps cut down staff number.

I don't see what service has been provided so far so I cannot anticipate how is this going to be affected.

How is the money from my dog's annual registration used

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I am very disappointed that Council keeps increasing rates to cover their wrong spending. I cannot afford to renovate my house but the council increases the rates regularly. Getting council consent was a nightmare and complete waste of money. I wonder whe

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increasing transport services at lower costs is essential for climate change, we have too many cars on the roads. Some regional services are essential and cannot be cut, so you need to provide finer granularity in that section. We cannot cut funds for homeless support.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Asset sales are without a doubt the stupidest thing anyone can do. The only reason you can raise capital (ie increase borrowing) is if you have an asset base to secure against.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Increased borrowing is acceptable. The pause on business splits should be for longer.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The monies raised must be spent appropriately - using it for additional layers of bureaucracy, consultants or project managers would just be continuing the waste that put the council's finances at risk in the first place

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Aucklanders pay a substantial premium for petrol in the form of a regional levy to pay for roading projects, yet the monies raised have not been fully returned to the region. This level needs to be prioritised for roading maintenance and public transport

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Rather than reducing funding across the board to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. I would like to see a targeted approach reviewing funding for Motat and the possibility of selling this prime land for much needed housing development.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would rather prefer the rates be increased and fuel surcharge to be brought back in.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Wayne brown to resign should be highest priority

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I feel that some of these services especially Citizens Advice Bureau, Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery in Auckland are an absolute necessity for our community. CAB is vitally important to remain as it is. They are helping people, often at the worst times of their lives and there is no alternative. I cannot believe this is even being considered! Places like the zoo and art gallery are beneficial in ways that are very important for people to visit and unfortunately, already too expensive for those who are struggling. We need place such as these and good parks for our mental health.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? Please do not close any Citizens Advice Bureau's in Auckland, we need them all

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Just as above,do not close the Citizens Advice Bureau's in Auckland

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: because none of the things proposed for cutting is "fat"

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Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: this is a short term solution that is worse than the long term of holding the shares

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: there's no way that the \$20 million for improving storm water and restoration of local waterways/environment are mutually exclusive. it is Auckland council's job to be providing these services and I question some of the proposed reductions as they conflict

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|---|
| 5 | Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods |
| 3 | Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection |
| 4 | Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors |
| 2 | Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use |
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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think social services and regional services are really important and more than worth the extra 1% rates increase. However, the others should be cut.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Desperate times call for desperate measures, and in this challenging economic time it makes sense to sell the shares, and help plug the funding gap temporarily until economic conditions are better

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: See question 1. I think not using not debt is good, to give a buffer for future shocks

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: This is still very vague; I need more detail on how the money would be spent and the expected impacts of that to know if it's worth it

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I think they're all really important and a key part of the role of a local board

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are things which, if left unattended, will be very difficult to bring back in the future. The quality of the environment is also something which has an impact on everyone, whereas many of the others only have an impact on a few.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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At some point, the bus driver shortage needs to be fixed and public transport growth fully supported again. It makes sense to not do that for this year as there are very pressing needs, but looking forward it needs to be addressed

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Spend the \$21 million to not reduce public transport services and raise rates. Current reduced schedules are not sufficient to meet demand and have greatly reduced the value of AT. Very likely these cuts undermine the brand of AT and are not in the long-term interest of Auckland as it pushes travelers onto less cost-efficient modes for council (additional road capacity across the city). Smaller cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and regional services may be possible, but I would prefer to not cut those as well.

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Tell us why: It's clear the variable nature of the AIAL dividend has caused Auckland Council to see budget 'holes' where they don't really exist. Even though selling shares is likely a poor investment strategy, for political reasons Auckland council needs to make the

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Inflation in the last year was about 7 per cent. Raising rates by only 4.66 per cent is a rate cut in real dollars (which is what Auckland Council's expenditures are in). I would like to see how large this budget hole and what cuts would be required if th

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These are serviced that are important to the community and need to be retained

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Important to hold some shareholding in our airport

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Seems to be the best option

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: These sort of events are only going to get more frequent

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Local community funding is important

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: Actually most of them are important in my community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I would be really concerned if funding for services such as the Art Gallery and Citizens Advice Bureau was removed. I am also concerned regarding public transport proposal cuts which are short sighted.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining the reduced PT services, particularly bus services reduces confidence in public transport. There are many expensive infrastructure or other projects Auckland Council/Auckland Transport are involved in that can be delayed or otherwise halted.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: There is no reason for keeping the shares, other than legacy reasons. If it's a dividend we are concerned about, there are other investments that can be made in more rosy economic times.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Further operational cuts are needed.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support discontinuing arts and other low priority spending on services. I agree with plans to keep libraries open 6 days per week.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support cuts across the board. Most listed services/funding initiatives are not essential services.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Fund what's necessary but make sure everything is run in the most efficient and cost effective way. Also find some way to generate money for the council other than taking the money off the public. Isn't there a way that the council can earn money for itself and for the people of Auckland? Such as investments?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: If it makes financial sense then do it. If we're not making any money from this investment then get rid of it. If we are making money then keep it or grow it

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: Isn't there ways for the council to make money other than taking money off residents? Surely there's some investments or business deals that can be struck to earn money from the private sector through investment or renting out our assets for profit?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: It costs what it costs. If the money people think that's how much you'll need then that's what you've got to budget

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: If that's what you've got to do, if there's less money you've got to reduce spending. Just make sure the cuts are in the right places

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What do you think of these proposals? All the changes seem to be just charging the public more for everything. Isn't there anyway the council can make money other than by taking it off ratepayers? Make our money work for us through investments etc

7. What else is important to you?

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Can't the council make money other than by taking it off rate payers? Don't we have some assets or investments that can generate money from the private sector or something?

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Items 1 & 2 appear to be unnecessary & a waste of money.

Items 3 & 4 look ok

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: They help to preserve our environment

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Save an estimated \$87 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: If not supported soon (\$8.30 a week)

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I feel an additional 1 per cent is a given. We must improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: It feels this continues to support education and create a safe and suitable green community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Parks planning, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel arts, reading, and parks support wellbeing in a city.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Rates should not be increasing in cost of living crisis.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Central govt should be funding it or giving interest free loans from RBNZ.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Focus on reducing rate increases not climate Activator.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries, swimming pools and Council run festivals must go on as it helps the communities wellbeing more than anything else.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? We can't afford to pay extras with rate increases on the top.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Keep core council services open like libraries, swimming pools.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Proceed with all proposed reductions EXCEPT reduced number of public transport services. Please increase public transport services.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Instead of increasing rates, introduce a new tax on 'empty properties'. These properties should be rented out, not sitting there just to get capital gain on selling.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These are all 'nice to have' policies. Scrap all of them, there are more important things to spend money on, such as storm response, transport.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

You have too many staff who are paid far too much

Keep the current trees on all the mountains - how ridiculous spending OUR money on consultations and chopping down

Albert-Eden Local Board - These are all 'nice to have' policies. Scrap all of them, ther

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Basrur Bhat Family Trust

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: When you proposing reduction, that must be after a good evaluation. Doing half-hearted attempts do not get good outcomes.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling family silver is not an option. Best thing is to tighten the belt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Again, Council must have proposed after evaluation.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Need to remedy flood damage and future proofing.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Priorities can wait till we pass this crucial period.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: The benefits far out weigh the costs.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Franklin Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library-based programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 0 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 0 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 0 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 0 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 0 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Drop the climate action stuff.

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What do you think of these proposals? Stop removing carparking and keep it and charge for it.

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Less hui more doing. Make it easier for the community to get on with their lives and less red tape.

Auckland council shouldn't have to pay for any signage that has maori translations.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce the regional contestable funds. They are one of the few ways we can engage and help rural ratepayers. It is a low cost in comparison to the debt we need to save.

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Tell us why: We all know tourism will pick up so it seems silly to sell it completely.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I would increase it more! There has been decades of underinvestment hence the issues we are seeing now.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all the priorities but I believe water quality needs to be included.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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Tell us why: I disagree with an additional increase in rates

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing funding would have worse long term consequences than a rates increase

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport shares are low at the moment, it's not a good deal to sell now, they will be worth more in the future

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: If you want to live in a highly developed city the citizens should be expected to foot some of the bill. ~\$150 a year extra is nothing - not even inflation. Don't shoot yourself in the foot by selling off assets or reducing funding.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce all funding except for Public Transportation., but do not increase the rates or debt. Sell the Auckland Airport shareholding.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: An extra \$87 million is good savings which we can use on future budgets instead of cutting public transport.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Use the money from the Auckland Airport share sale to cover more of the rates.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Let the insurance companies cover the cost of the residential storm response and/or individuals.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: The list above aren't actually priorities. Reduce the funding by \$16 million across all boards.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate action should be the number one priority.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Improved public transportation.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reduction in public transport services. Public transport is crippled as it is.

I oppose all these reductions, though I am not opposed in principle to SOME reductions, to funding which would not actually damage the Council's responsibility to all its people.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Property owners have had it too good for too long. It's time that they paid the community back for their bloated capital gains.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We need more cycle lanes

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The Mayor is an awful human being and should resign

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe reducing funding to Auckland transport as well as the arts sector is massively flawed, Aucklanders have been crying out for decent transport options for as long as I've been alive, and just when we're about to see new train stations come to life the mayor decides to cut funding? Ludicrous! As for the arts, really?? Who is this guy!!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: The storm response was a catastrophe that could have been avoided. Look at town planning, all of the new housing that's been thrown up and where. As for the mayors response, well we all know whose responsibility that is.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Ludicrous

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: reduce grants funding to the Art Gallery and reduce all other funding, do not reduce funding to the zoo and stadiums and venues. revisit in 2 years, BUT do not increase rates,

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: needs must, belts need to be tightened

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: rate payers with mortgages are already suffering this year with interest hikes, you will end up with debt owed

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I agree with the reduced funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited as this is not a council priority. I also agree that the council should not be directly offering early childhood education services as there are plenty of other suppliers. However, we should review our reduction in the regional community education programs etc as these are vital for some people to become more employable. T

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Tell us why: I do think that the dividends over the longer term will possibly generate more revenue than the interest costs. However, I do accept that selling this stake which is not an essential asset for council could be used to reduce debt & refocus on other mo

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I am happy with the level of rates increase but so long as the additional debt is utilised in the best way for the whole city.

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Tell us why: I am not sure that increasing the operating budget for this on an annual basis is the right way to handle this - shouldn't we be reviewing our infrastructure & seeing where it is not working...

It may be a simple matter of actually checking that the

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I think that there are important areas where if the council doesn't assist the community then no one else will step in to do these & I also feel it is important to enable children from all areas to learn to swim.

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I WOULD NOT proceed with:

- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million
- Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, - - Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

These bullet points all directly support and encourage a vibrant cultural experience for Aucklanders. Removing this funding would directly result in job-loss for Aucklanders in the arts, cultural services and support services, economic loss for Auckland and the loss of the direct and indirect community benefits that these services currently create for Auckland.

I also DO NOT support the following:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million

Reducing public transport services has made Auckland's transport network even worse than it already was. If we cannot provide alternative transport options, we will put more cars on our roads, increasing our carbon footprint and congestion in our region. This has direct and indirect negative economic consequences with productivity and quality of life losses experienced by all Aucklanders and businesses who don't have an effective transport available to them.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's important that transport infrastructure is accountable to the citizens of a city it serves.

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please keep the citizens' advice bureau and other social services activities - those which enable people to get out of trouble and escape poverty.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: seems reasonable

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Tell us why: We must prepare for the future

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's important for Auckland to have a large stake in the airport, plus we're about to start getting dividends again aren't we?

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Sounds good

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Good idea, please remember building connected paths for active modes & helping people be less reliant on personal cars is climate action. We shouldn't be all about mitigating effects, we should also still try limit the damage we're doing

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: More safe cycle infrastructure please, I would love to be able to bike to my job in Parnell

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Not picking

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Social programs have a long term positive impact.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Airport is a strategic long term asset we should control for the benefit of the region and NZ

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Tell us why: Debt for infrastructure assets to be repaid over use period.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Pay when required. Where does the money go as it is accumulated?

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Tell us why: Good priorities

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community village activities that help people connect

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: no more debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: we need to protect for the future

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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reduce debt and increase rates to a fair level (in line with inflation) to ensure we spend wisely but set up the future. Its being smarter with money and spend on the future, less consultants and wasteful spending and more on infrastructure, stopping the

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I oppose reducing funding to Citizens Advice Bureau

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Aucklands are suffering enough and having to pay for incompetent Council workers should not have to affect me. EG Ports of Auckland - I'm sure it is the only Port in the world that is making a loss.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland's infrastructure did not stand up to the floods and if this is not fixed, we will go thru the same issues with greater commercial consequences.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Because we can't afford to do everything at once, this should be a phased approach

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library hours provide people with free information and a safe environment

Parks is where all denominations and cultures can share in, not only contributing to mental health but over Hauora of people. I couldn't imagine going thru Covid 19 lockdowns witho

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Library hours, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 0 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 0 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 0 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 0 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 0 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local waste minimisation programmes, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC and local civic events, Parks activations and programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: People need parks and need to get out and exercise for their Hauora

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Sell the Ports of Auckland and put the money into infrastructure

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Potential closure of local facilities, Youth programmes, Parks activations

Tell us why these are most important to you: People need community support

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What do you think of these proposals? I am opposed to any change of funding for Citizens Advice Bureau

7. What else is important to you?

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I am opposed to any change of funding for Citizens Advice Bureau, Parks and swimming pools

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support maintaining reduced PT. Auckland has had historical underinvestment in PT and we are now a traffic congested and heavily car dependent city. Maintaining reduced services means that the transition for people to PT will remain difficult and limited. This will threaten our ability to reduce emissions and maintain productivity. Reducing funding in this area shows a lack of foresight to manage today's cost pressures.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Please ring fence this funding to ensure it is spent on the regions resilience and not diverted to other areas.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Could the governance spend be reduced?

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You must keep funding groups and services which reduce harm, or we will pay a higher cost in the future. Increase rates.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Sell the shares to Auckland residents, at least we can make some money back from when the share prices increase again.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Increasing rates is fair, borrowing a lot is counter productive.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Pay less now rather than more later. This should have been planned for many years ago.

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Tell us why: Time to prioritise. Keep the libraries, just maintain the rest for now.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Must think about what is needed the most and what will cost the most in the longer term if you fail to maintain them.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The way this is presented nothing else has been considered and as someone who makes use of a lot of the services being cut, I would like to see other proposals.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: How does the current stock increase affect this position?

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Tell us why: Why not raise rates on top 10% of value properties to get more money?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I'm happy to pay more rates to actually fix the city. I don't believe you can Fix Auckland as the Mayor has campaigned on without increasing rates. He's an idiot if he thinks we can keep rates under inflation and fix auckland. It should be over inflation

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Tell us why: Do too long we have kept rates low and we're seeing the infrastructure fail. We can't keep going like we have. We MUST invest in our future.

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Tell us why: We need to think about how the Carrington development is going to impact on the surrounding communities. I worry about pressure on roading networks, additional run off during storms into Oakley Creek and what facilities might be required for such a quick

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Sorting Storm water in Waterview is critical for me. If this gets postponed I'll be quite annoyed and disappointed. When we bought our house we were told the three waters systems would be upgraded... it's been two years with no word on when this is actually

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The quality of services provided at the current rates has declined notably.

I have no confidence that increasing rates will fix anything, and would like to see the services we do get stabilise before we start paying even more for rubbish infrastructure

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The only redeeming feature of this region are the parks and other green bits, I couldn't care less about the other services, as they are already a bit rubbish

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: The green bits of this area are already the only redeeming features, and I don't want to see them go

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What do you think of these proposals? Keep the bin sizes too small, people around me already throw away too much and produce too much waste compared to how efficient they could be. Bigger bins will only encourage more pointless waste

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Unclear about impacts of not having a stake in AIAL would have to Auckland, and expect dividends to increase and provide income for the future.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Honestly see no benefit in the local boards for average rate payers.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste bin size option - should be pay as you throw, but this at least allows smaller households to benefit from being responsible for less waste.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Operate within our means. Also focus on CORE services not the wishful desires of value add. Council is not a business, its a service to support the basics of the people in the region. BASICS!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: KEEP ALL SHARES. Don't add more debt or pass on more inflation/costs on rates. Your spending out side your means. Re-prioritise harder.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Rate payers should not be footing a pass through of inflation and double tapped for costs. Our own expenses + the councils. Set rates as affordable to people INCOMES not your spending habit and reduce your spending. Debt is just deferring the problem so

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Tell us why: Serious questions have to be asked why the spend need to increase. Such actions should be part of the core business and long term risk management strategy. #notrust that any funds aren't repurpose for the next pet desire.

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Tell us why: The library is a classic example of council failing on the basics. How did it get into such a state than then suddenly need dedicated fix funding.

Focus on core and within our means. And protect existing assets. Growth and community also needs to be sus

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

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What do you think of these proposals? The food scraps programme is an unwelcome and forced costs. It adds an unwanted expense for little community value/addition.

Rubbish collection is a core responsibility of the council. Stop making it hard and forcing non compliance and issues. Keep it sim

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Vision Zero is KILLING the community and viability of Auckland. Movements are more dangerous (more roading hazards, mixed traffic, less care by those at risk) and movement between communities is longer and increasing uneconomic. The environmental costs is

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe that eliminating funding for "other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million" runs the risk of resulting in indirect harms like increased crime and reduced access to justice. Possibly you could argue that some of the slush funds do go toward that type of harm minimisation funding too. Certainly I think they are a better investment than more CCTV when everyone can wear a face covering.

Auckland has very low property taxes compared to other international cities and for too long has been reliant on increasing debt to pay for "temporary" budget increases that are seemingly permanent. A mayor with a focus on cost reductions has more social license for rates increases - as long as those rates increases reduce debt and therefore interest costs in the future.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland International Airport owns so much property and has so many special property rights in Auckland. The same arguments made for retaining ownership of the Auckland Port can be made for retaining ownership of the Auckland (air)Port. For both of these

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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What do you think of these proposals? I am concerned that if you separate out the fee for the recycling bin that cost-conscious pensioners will get rid of their recycling bins and just chuck everything in the rubbish. The same problem exists for the food scraps service. The incentive structur

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There seems to be a lot of inequalities in "what people get for their rates" between different pockets of Auckland given their unique histories. I'm thinking of things like the council funded early childhood centre in east auckland and targeted rates for

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Whau Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Time to catch up to today's cost that have been avoided for too long in the past

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Closer watch over too many new built houses being allowed when we already have too many. Ensure the excellent library service is maintained.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Local board funded activities, regional grants and childhood education. These are essential for people and bring much needed focus on local arts and projects.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It would be a shame to reduce your contestable grants (except in the area of predator-free, which is (over)-funded by central government entities anyway). A lot of very worthwhile, community promoting charities, look to you for a little financial support (a tangible indicator of moral support also!). I suggest that your conservation and climate change initiatives should go on the back burner, at least for a while, instead.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: I think the airport could be run better. Here are a couple of tiny examples:

1. no public transport from the airport to the city! What happened to the bus option, not (i understand) re-instated after covid! Auckland is supposed to be an international, mod

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Tell us why: Strongly support this bit: Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds

,,, because - not spent on core essential council business, especially the NETR.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Time is needed to work out what needs doing in an informed way,

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I would certainly support the discontinuation of pest control activities - why spend money on this while the technology to make it something less than utterly Sisyphean does not yet exist, and the rigorous science causally linking less rats with more nati

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours

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Tell us why: Selling a strategic asset for short term gains at a time when it is likely to return a less than premium price smacks of political expediency and is not prudent

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates increases below the rate of inflation is not prudent or sustainable. It panders to a small community who have had huge windfalls in real estate increases but have not taken responsibility for the care of the entire community

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts broker is an important facilitator between the artist community, the local board and businesses. Artist activity will be diminished without this service.

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Tell us why: Climate change needs addressing yesterday and ACC should lead the way

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals? Bus services should be run by local and central government.

A duopoly exists and our money goes to Kinetic or KKR as dividends instead of being recycled back into the public interest.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Climate change will have a disproportionate effect on the poor. Irrefutably. Our money should be spent on localised community advancement that supports our most vulnerable.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Transport is abysmal especially to the city with Unis back and trains disrupted . We need more buses.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Start designing any future stormwater facilities for heavier rain and weather events

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please reduce Direct Employee operational benefits for Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku by a further 20% on Tier 3 and above and introduce extended leave in lieu of salary.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

1. Please postpone any further land acquisitions by Eke Panuku for a further 3 years.
2. In the Rodney LB, cease land acquisition negotiations with Fulton Hogan for a new park at Milldale. Similar to Paerata Rise, the developer does not need to sell land

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Reduce services and funding

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Don't sell. Increase debt, not rates

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why: Rates cannot be the funder

Don't spend on frivolous

Spend on structure

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why: Don't build ghettos

5. Local Boards

Puketāpapa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance, including mowing, Environmental restoration and pest control, Water quality of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Obvious

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Inbuilt housing I don't agree with

Spend on essentials only

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Some reeducations could be made with careful looking at who they would affect eg mst can afford increase's in pricing at Art Gallery and stadiums as they are non essentials but needed for further education

Transport is an essential so should not be increased

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Tell us why: Dont sell the family silver

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Tell us why: Some ratepayers cannot afford anymore but a \$3.00 perday increase is not a cup of coffee

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Tell us why:Auckland needs to improve its stormwater drains tec

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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These austere cuts reek of ignorant dated old views.. think out of the box old chap and remember why people want to live here..

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Tell us why: Is there a way fir all residents to contribute not just the people who own their home... doesn't everybody use the city?.maybe share the rates across everyone somehow

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: if we are paying more in interest than what we are getting in dividends then there is no other sensible approach but to reduce the debt levels. Previous councils should not have borrowed so much, and this shows us why.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Do not raise rates or increase debt levels. If the other previous actions do not provide enough remediation for the funding shortfall then additional cuts or asset sales must be investigated. Adding debt or increasing rates will not improve the overall situation

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Tell us why: I would agree to this ONLY if it is used for this specific purpose. We need to forget about reducing CO2 emissions and start planning for a managed retreat. We are a pimple on a pimple on the backside of an elephant when it comes to emissions. So we spend

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Ōrākei Local Board

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Tell us why: if that's what money is available then that's what it is. I think the board needs to think hard about contracting in so much of its budgets which seems to have made it quite inflexible. I think this is the real issue. This has meant that the costs can not be

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Our waterways are a shambles, and need to be sorted. Just look at the safeswim over the summer. It's not just an embarrassment, it's down right shocking. This needs to remain a priority, which will probably help with the city's ability to deal with adverse

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

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Tell us why:

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The council is a waste machine. You need to cut back. Get real and stop thinking rate payers are a tap for your frivolous and fanciful desires. For too long have council after council just wasted our money. For once we now have a mayor who is sensible eno

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Tell us why: Selling assets seems incredibly short sighted. Auckland airport will start making money again soon

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Tell us why: Increase business rates to match residential rates. DO NOT CUT WATER QUALITY TARGETED TARGETED RATE. Some reduction in natural environment targeted rate is understandable but not ideal given upcoming national policy statement for biodiversity.

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Tell us why:No brainer really...

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Tell us why: Cut community resilience in favour of environment/climate change.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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Sack Wayne brown and get someone competent to run the city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All reductions are good, because they save Auckland rent payers and rate payers money. This money can be used by Auckland families for food, educating their children and other necessities.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Reducing debt is more important than owning shares in a private company. However, AIAL has a good chance of being a profitable dividend paying investment, and AIAL is a physically large and financially important asset to the people of Auckland, so it seem

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: A lot of families in Auckland are struggling financially and a rates increase will add to their difficulties.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: To save cost applied to the residents of Auckland,

Instead of adding to Council expenditure, change some resource consent and council compliance rules around flood zones and drainage.

This will affect future buildings and infrastructure, and not the people

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I think these two priorities are unnecessary and should be scrapped to save money.

1 - Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported

2 - Continuing our climate action through tree planting, parks restoration

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Closing under-used or in need-of-repair Council venues is a good idea as it will save Auckland residents money.

Pest control, environmental and keeping parks relatively well maintained seems like a basic necessity to me - and will help with the waterways,

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What do you think of these proposals? Generally, I support all changes which will reduce property Rates, or reduce compliance cost to Aucklanders.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Tūpuna Maunga Authority should be defunded. It is a wasteful and an unnecessary expense.

No board members of Auckland City Council should be unelected.

There should be no unelected board members, and certainly no monetary payment should be made to unelected

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: I'm in favour of the city having either a controlling share in its airport or a known backup available for an airport if shares are sold. An airport is important infrastructure to keep connected.

If we do have that. What's the opportunity cost of retaining it?

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Tell us why: This appears to spread the pain.

I hope that there is a baked in assumption here that "nice to have" spending will be trimmed and that council entities will focus on core functions, and real return on investment for the rate payers of Auckland.

We seem

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: No to further rates increases- find these costs elsewhere. People are selling up from Auckland. Part of this is about the constant hand out to ratepayers, crime and now land risk. Except for tanked house prices I would be out of Auckland on this basis!

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5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support having spaces for people to enjoy and I support tree planting but I think this could be done as part of park management programs (supported by volunteers even) . There is a-lot of funding going to a very small number of people in the name of "c

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are aligned to a healthier, more protective environment for everyone to live in and enjoy. Pest control keeps down rats for eg

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What do you think of these proposals? 'Cost of waste

- start lobbying for shift in cost to producers . No to cost increase of any time

- food scraps this is an example of virtue signalling. There are already plenty of options for people motivated to sort food waste. Bokashi bins, compost at h

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why:

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Suspension of ECE services would be detrimental to the youngest members of our community and their families. Reduction of regional services may save money in the short term, but the diminished sense of community and engagement will have negative social effects. Reduction of funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will make what few cultural venues and services available to the public even more limited, especially given the economic climate and cost of living.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

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Tell us why: I do not support reduced funding towards cultural activities and venues

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, cut most funding to Eke Panuka and Te Maunga Authority. Stop all bike lane work and roading "improvements", the roads were fine as they were and a lot of money has been wasted by the last council on vanity projects

Do not increase rates above 3%

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Keep the rates increase to 3%, and by this I mean ALL rates, including targeted rates.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Stop cutting trees down and no new planting will be required, especially in the case of Te Maunga Authority. This organisation needs to be investigated regarding their expenditure.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Tree removal is part of my selections for less funding

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The consultation document does not enclose the Te Puna maunga TMA operational plan. There is no pages above 106, it says go to page 108. TMA needs to be transparent, and transparency needs to be reinforced. A recent consultation shows the people of Auckl

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of the proposed reductions are to vital services. Vital for our city and vital to prevent further budget blow outs in the future. For example - maintaining reduced public transport options will drive climate change to enormous cost; reducing funding for arts and culture in any of its manifestations has the consequence of creating a less cohesive and well-rounded society and that hurts us all.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: In a choice between this - and cutting spend on arts, culture, education and transport; then it is obvious it has to be this.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: We need the money

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to be better equipped to deal with climate change

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: They are realistic and serious about confronting the issues that matter most

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Tell us why these are most important to you: because they touch the hallmarks of a functioning society

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste management needs a total overhaul and transport policies must focus on reducing private vehicle use.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keep funding to run libraries and creative events as they stand!

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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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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce public transport spending first, that payback is large and important in more than just a fiscal sense

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Tell us why: Use more debt, and only debt, for infrastructure spending

Makes sense to keep shares in AIAL - it's a vital player in NZ inc. but at this time we need to be more prudent, so sell down.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport cuts = worse traffic. All these cuts disproportionately effect those in need.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Less informed in this one- I would defer to business minds who know if the airports a money maker

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates can go up. Sell an investment property.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: More investment. These storms are probably going to get worse.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? I like expanded food scraps but also encourage people to deal with this locally - like they did in I think it was Whangarei - with subsidised compost bins etc

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

A Mayor needs to communicate with public directly via the press and be available and accountable. Surely that was in job description? I understand he had a hard go in press over the floods and maybe was out of his depth dealing with his first huge disaste

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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I don't want cuts to Citizens Advice Bureau. It's an important service.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: stop putting extra costs on rates!!!!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: stop adding extra costs to rates - its hard enough as it is.

Also - do a new revaluation and do it off that amount. property values have dropped so much that the current valuations are not correct

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: stop adding to rates. Why dont you stop things like the cycle lane in pt chev. it is a huge amount of money for the few people that cycle

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: stop things like pacifica/big gay out - alot of cost invloved and a huge inconvenience to the suburb

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: don't cut public transport

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Tell us why: no need to own them

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think the absolute wrong approach is being taken here. You're reducing so much for our communities a lot of which makes Auckland the city it is. And yet again putting the burden on ratepayers, and our communities to foot the bill, why don't we look to what we are paying our mayor (who already complained about his salary, the gall) and get rid of useless projects that are doing nothing for our communities.

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Again why this has to fall on ratepayers both business and home owners is not fair. And the easy solution. Find better ways.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The proposal is not likely to help with future storms given we have a mayor who has actively said he is not going to be tackling any of the environmental or climate issues we face

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All these services seem essential for a liveable city. I would be horrified to see cuts to homelessness initiatives especially. I can only see these moves increasing inequality. We know from overseas examples that this kind of move is damaging and pushes worse problems into the future.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The only solution to unequal society is addressing the distribution of wealth. The greatest benefits of maintaining a healthy, well funded city will go to those who own property and will have their wealth protected and increased (through the value of the

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Obviously there is work that needs doing, as a city we need to get on with doing it and doing it properly.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These statements are very unclear. I would hate to think for example that "ensuring libraries meet the changing needs of communities" actually meant turning them into car parks.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I'm really concerned about this budget. It feels regressive and targeted towards business rather than the people who make the city what it is. The language in the supporting documents is one sided and unclear. I will be furious if we lose parks, libraries

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a disaster - but at least it is in our hands. Get someone in who knows what needs to be done so we are not a laughing stock internationally. I just had some guests over from London and was utterly embarrassed by the Airport - what a jo

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Tell us why: Stop building poorly made, ugly infill housing in old areas that simply do not have the infrastructure to cope. Start thinking of making another Auckland further out with roads schools etc as they have in Sydney by moving the business district onto the N

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Tell us why: More parks is a good thing - no more people. Schools are full. Roads are full. Everything is full - Auckland is at capacity.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We must ensure that our communities are kept clean and tidy and safe - otherwise this will have a serious affect on mental health, crime and a general lack of care for our communities. You need to show that you care and are helping each community look an

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Feeling safe in my community. That means policing, clean and tidy road ways and footpaths. No mattresses and rubbish on the berms etc. Reliable bus service, police presence in neighbourhoods again. Parks clean and usable. Lets keep Libraries and pool

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 1. Public transport should be increased, this moving around Auckland is a huge problem. AT shall provide reliable services back to the normal level. This shall be a priority.

2. Tātaki Auckland Unlimited funding shall not be reduced.

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local economic development initiatives, Environmental education, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport, crime reduction.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is an appreciating asset. The Canadian pension fund just made a large investment in the airport because there is uniform consensus across financial analysts that it will increase in value. Selling it just before a guaranteed rebound in air travel is ig

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Increasing the cost of home ownership will not only capitalize Auckland Council but will combat real estate being used as the primary investment vehicle for New Zealanders.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please do more to promote public awareness and involvement in local body politics so that we don't end up with incompetent leadership voted in by small minority support

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Because this is valuable income for the city.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Valuable asset easy way to make money. stupid to sell any shares

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: It's a small extra increase less than buying a coffee

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Invest in cycle ways and training bus drivers get people out of cars. A congestion charge to encourage public transportation

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: It is so important to help support and connect people. The natural environment. PEST CONTROL. To have a sense of belonging.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to change old practices and get ready for more weather events.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Extra funding for community re cycle of usable resources.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Keep replanting Manga with native trees remove exotic trees that tend to fall over in wind

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reliable public transport is an essential service for many people and reducing road congestion. Reducing it is paradoxical

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: This is not Council core business

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: The increase is acceptable

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It must be done-simple

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Once these items are cut/reduced, they are unlikely to be returned in the future as that will be portrayed as improvements which will raise rates. I would prefer a short term rate rise to maintain these items.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Although it is a strategic asset, Council has no voting rights so holding shares is simply a financial investment and it is prudent to reduce debt repayments.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The Local Board is closest to the community in terms of their activities and should continue to be funded as they were.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Sell Golf Courses for Social Housing....Rather than slashing services.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Gusting the art and culture budget is not the right way to make sure our city is still liveable

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Release capital and spend it on infrastructure

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Must not put all burden on ratepayers. Perhaps refuse your own spending on high salaries and red tape

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: You must do better for the ratepayers. Investment in infrastructure and ensuring no repeat of January floods is a priority

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We should fund shortfalls by selling golf courses and increasing borrowing. These reductions gut our city's soul, impact the most vulnerable and run counter to climate change mitigation.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Privatising key infrastructure will almost certainly result in poorer service delivery as services and workers are compromised to maximise return to shareholders. This is counter to our interests.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: We need to start charging realistic ie higher rates to fund meaningful change and mitigation in our city. Councillors need to step up and start selling this vision.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This won't be the only storm and they will get worse and more frequent unless we fund meaningful litigation measure. Repairing and rebuilding what was there is short sighted and wasteful. We need to pay for new future proofed infrastructure and fund mitigation

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Please place an equity lens over these priorities.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Their impact is universal across our population ie not to the benefit of certain already wealthy areas or groups eg art lovers, sports people, park users.

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What do you think of these proposals? Fees should not be charged to reduce bin size as it discourages waste minimisation. Not sure why pool inspections were ever subsidised. If you have a pool you should pay for it. Food scrap uptake should not be disincentivised given its beneficial environm

7. What else is important to you?

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Rates should be more progressive in relation to property value. A city will never flourish if it tolerates an increasing divide between rich and poor.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I would like to know how it is that the council hikes rates every year, brings on more staff, and still manages deliver nothing except more speed cameras.

Before supporting any further rate rises, borrowing, or spending of any sort, I would like that ans

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: You can start by cutting out the zero carbon vanity projects, so that you can afford the real challenges for the people who have to live here.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: You're coming out hat in hand for money while still "Continuing our climate action ... with our new Climate Activator."

This cannot be serious.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals? You can ditch the pool service red tape root and branch as far as I am concerned. This heavy handed regulation is why the council can't keep the books balanced.

I'd prefer you spent the climate money on tangible environmental problems instead of feel goo

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: cutting any / all of these services or funding does not help Auckland to be a livable vibrant and affordable city to live in.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling the shares in Auckland Airport is a short term gain, once they are sold its done you dont get that revenue over time, Plus then who owns the airport? how do we know they wont make it even shittier then it already is?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:As climate change increases we will need this money to look after Auckland would be silly not to?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: YES! to more libraries and parks / green spaces

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Compromise to retain at least some influence

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: It would be good to know what are the solutions& proposals for storm management. As it is, it is big vague to agree

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I only support the funding the community centres and libraries who I believe important for supporting the community.

Regarding Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported- it is not clear how this is achieved

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cut the highly paid useless middle management. Ridiculous the amount of the staff earning over \$100k in council

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Most important for quality of life

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It seems like the burden is being spread across many services. I would not proceed with the rates and debt rise as this is just shifting pressures into families and delaying the issue down the track.

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Tell us why: Feels like a one-way street if we sell all shares. Nice to split the risk/benefits by only selling some.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Rates increasing roughly in line with inflation makes sense.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It's only going to get more frequent and it's time like this that you are helpless as an individual and rely on the city's help.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We use the parks a lot. And arts programming is what makes our city a good place to live.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please keep finding the arts. Without this, people lose an important release from the everyday. Arts are what elevates our city from banal to thriving, arts encourage inclusion, open mindedness and understanding of each other. The benefits can be tracked

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need better TRANSPORT! Don't reduce, increase. Also save community services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: City needs more money. It must come from the people.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You must not destroy arts, culture and community with these insane cuts!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: People should see value in contributing to the overall well-being of their city

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We must prepare for the climate change that we are now facing

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any of the proposed cuts - so many areas of negative impact to a wide community and visitors to Auckland. Especially abhorrent is cuts to community groups - the value for dollar spend within local community groups greatly outweighs other types of spending.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Our rates have been too low for too long - unless NZ suddenly decides to provide more central funding to its cities, increasing rates is the only realistic alternative. I say this as a home owner - I am willing to pay more for our services, and to retain

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This will be the new normal going forward, best be at least semi prepared.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Without community centers and activities within our communities, life will become gray and depressing. During difficult times these hubs, places and events will become more vital in providing spaces of support, especially to members of our community who a

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: In light of the recent weather events that were exacerbated by climate change, environmental maintenance and sustainability can't really be left to wait. People will need safe, accessible spaces to just exist as a starting point. The local community event

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Extremely disappointed in the draft budget to scrimp in reducing public transit services and cultural and local board grants. Absolutely appalled that they would put forward reductions that affect so much of the community. It seems as though this budget is dedicated to further making it hard to get anywhere in Auckland at the same time as reducing anywhere to go to. F-.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It doesn't make any sense to sell a revenue producing asset for short term gains. That this was put forward at all puts into question the financial acumen of whoever presented this idea to the committee.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The rates increase is below inflation thereby reducing the effective tax take of the council budget - the rates should match inflation. To reduce the impact on lower socio-economic communities rates relief should be available for people earning a higher t

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It has to be done - there is no other way around it. Perhaps if the council wanted to remove their political liability of having this as a rates increase they could lobby the government to put in legislation allowing Auckland Council to put targeted rates

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: All priorities are important to contribute to resilience in future climate events, strengthening community ties and wellbeing as well as physically doing work.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce funding to local boards.

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: All the priorities are important to the community, especially as it has intensified faster than the rest of Auckland, there must be increased support for the local board to support the community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce funding to local boards.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited because it enriches our city!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Important to keep some stake in AIAL. Means that the council will continue to support the airport and with a stake be more involved.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Less use of debt needed

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: So that new investments are delayed

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Events are important for enriching community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Change the Eden PARK residents parking to be able to park on both sides of the street during events

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cuts funding community education and arts funding. This is my livelihood! What do you think got us all through lockdown... the ****ing arts!!!!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Whilst there is inefficiency in any organisation and opportunity for improvement the value provided by Council is largely excellent. We must continuously adjust the mix of services to ensure services are relevant and valued, however the proposal to cut costs to arbitrary amounts is a massive backwards step, naïve and dated in its conception, and the opposite of bold leadership.

You don't cut your way to success - you just shrink your opportunity to lead and influence positive change. Please read and heed the many articles and lessons from the era of austerity. There are plenty of ways to save costs without attacking the softer services that lift the city and its people if you only look to our largest funding sinks.

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Tell us why: Retain some interest in this strategic asset which is a vital connection with the rest of the world for all of NZ. Maintain some exposure to the upside opportunity acknowledging there will be good times and bad.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The price elasticity of rates has not been fully explored. People pay far more for optional goods and services and seldom appreciate the value of good infrastructure and services. Recent flood events have altered that perception dramatically and expect th

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is essential we build back better. The investments we make now need to serve us for the next 50 years and not only help us adapt to the effects of climate change but help us show the way for the rest of the world as we urgently address greenhouse gases

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The sum saved is a minor amount relative to other opex saving opportunities, but it will be most felt by those with the greatest needs - and make Local Boards even more hamstrung to effect change for their local communities. Aim for better value for money

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a poor question. You can't make tradeoffs against these headings - its a meaningless pick list. We need proper value analysis and smart analysis to invest in the right services for the right people in the right locations - not pick random sentence

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What do you think of these proposals? Auckland's charm is fading with every short or delayed investment plan - a dollar too little and a day too late is an unenviable mantra that seems to fit the current regime all too well. Rutherford said "We haven't the money, so we'll have to think" - cut

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Increase rates further to allow for better management in future.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland Transport already provides terrible service. Service reliability and frequency needs to increase to get people using public transport. Reducing spending on community services and events will make Auckland a less interesting place to live and thus reduce interest in migration here.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: I believe the Auckland Airport shares are useful to Auckland Council and offer a long term investment.

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: You should increase rates on businesses particularly.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Also get money from central government.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all important and none should be reduced.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: An increase in rates is needed, these services are essential to a civilised city

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: We don't want foreign and private owners of such a vital facility

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Higher rates plus more debt for major infrastructure

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Clear need for major rebuilding of basic services

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We desperately need more trees and better community facilities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need a healthy safe environment and libraries are fundamental to democracy

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Rates rises should be targeted - wealthy should pay more and better rebates for low income residents

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please don't cut citizen advice bureaus as they are very helpful for aucklanders thanks.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Since the council no longer has control of majority shares reducing to 10% to raise cash while keeping some shares left as assets seems prudent.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The below cuts are associated with funding avenues that our community organisation relies on, and to have these cut or reduced would have a substantial affect on the operation of our services to marginalised communities who rely on us for mental health support:

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Early childhood is a must especially as the economy requires for majority of house holds to have both adults working just to cover primary bills. By removing our cultural , social and youth services children are more likely to be surround by the current negative crowds with the rise of youth crime currently we have a full juvenile detention program and having offenders bailed we need to further outreach and involve our communities to instill those honest and honorable values in our youth. Our public transport needs increasing not maintaining its currently not a viable option for most households as its not reliable to get people where they need to be on time id like to see that looked into should it become more reliable than getting up early to get to work on time it'll reduce cars and congestion .

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Other

Tell us why: Proceed with the partial sale however do not increase rates on the already unstable economy, the services provided by the councils aren't even always consistent or well maintained to increase costs further would be seen as a money grab to fill others pocket

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Why not create a toll for delivering vehicles and trucks that enter the CBD also create a software program that detects cars that pull in put there hazards on and drive off using side walks and blocking roads for temporary parking and issue fines to gener

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: 20 million each year to prepare for something that doesn't happen often isn't justified having people check and ensure and maintain existing storm drains so we don't have a repeat of other companies using or blocking our storm water drains always ensure t

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are huge parts of my everyday life they help maintain my mental well being to lose them would leave a void that has only been closed through having these in my local environment

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing all the proposed funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited could have an affect on revenue received by council. We need tourism. The Zoo, Motat, Art Gallery are attractions that see millions through their doors annually. A small increase in entry fee will help the council budget.

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Tell us why: I think this is crazy and short sighted. I would like to know the returns on the previous 3 years before COVID. Of course we didn't see any returns on investment when the boarder was closed, there were not flights! If we were seeing a return on investm

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Having debt has always scared me. I don't really understand how increasing debt helps but rates are now high and affording a 13% increase would be impossible.

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Tell us why: Flooding is only going to keep happening. We need to be prepared.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: If the PT Chev library is closed now, it won't be missed for another year.

I don't really see in my everyday life how the local board does anything for me. Parks are good but isn't that from the main council budget. Making people feel welcome, whats th

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All reductions. As a member of the Auckland community, I depend on almost all of these services to support our thriving and culturally rich community. I would gladly pay higher rates to uphold these institutions of public service.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: there is a budget hole that needs to be filled and i do not want to see other public services harmed by further funding cuts

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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: these services are crucial to the mental health of our community and support their users to be productive and valuable contributors to the community.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? continue with 3 waters, sell golf courses to land developers.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cultural and arts facilities are a crucial to enriching our communities and should be supported. Our homeless community needs ongoing support, it is unjust do not provide care to those in need. Funded education and childcare is for the betterment of our children, especially those from lower income family, and this should not be jeopardized. Public transportation is the backbone of any city's transit system. People rely on our public transport as their main mode of travel. It should be regular, efficient and affordable. Climate action is more important than ever, and in the wake of recent weather disasters, funding that supports any community group seeking climate action should not be taken away.

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Tell us why: I support these goals, especially the support for our public libraries and climate action. I don't at all understand how reduction of the budget that funds these facilities and initiatives aids in the carryiout of these goal at all. Libraries and communi

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local arts are a huge part of what makes my community vibrant and interesting. The arts should be valued and supported.

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is important for Auckland ratepayers to have maintain some interest in the Airport being the gateway to our city.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: What does community resilience and connection mean? What are paying for that and why does the Council/Board need to be involved? Climate action funds should be spent on future proofing drainage and putting power underground.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I object to the Co Governance of the Auckland Volcanic Cones. The Auckland Council representatives and Tipuna Maunga Authority Chair do not serve the public, preferring to move forward with their own racial agenda of cleansing the manga of all its Europe

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut social services, homelessness services etc. We desperately need these services, we are experiencing a cost of living crisis and you want to cut support for new zealanders? Disgusting.

Do NOT go ahead with this.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: Not sure

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates but cut off services that help people?

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: These affect me & many people I know. Cut fundings to these things would wreak havoc on me and these many people I know.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduced number of public transport services needs to be increased to bring the city economy back to life

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: financial long term sense

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

making auckland a livable city, we need investment in public transport so we can get around. We need as much encouragement as possible to spend in the city while the CRL construction has put such a significant dampner on the feel of the city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Use debt for the time being until interest rates decrease

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: its pretty evident that we cannot stop climate action

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not cut climate funding, we need to be more active in this space now more than ever

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I'd reconsider reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, also not reduce any funding to solving youth issues (ie youth coentres) or homelessness. That just pushes social issues onto others Council should be leading this. Also not seeing any cuts to organisations such as Eke Panuku, which WBrown campaigned on - and I supported him.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: I don't know enough about the implications of not having any influence over AIAL if council not a shareholder.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These services are so important to so many. I completely disagree with limiting culture and educational activities, we need them for a city to thrive. The transport is horrendous at the moment and so detrimental to businesses. A city of this size needs a good public transport system. Raise the taxes rather than deprive people who need these services.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Inflation has happened- raising rates is inevitable.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services - education programmes, Library research services, CAB's - Some regional services could be made more efficient or be partly funded by other means (given time) however, abandoning services that support more needful members of our community is short sighted. Instead more assets could be sold, like tennis courts, golf courses, holiday parks/facilities. Eliminating library in-person research services will have very little impact on savings and be a great loss to the business community, as well as individuals.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling off assets doesn't do anything longterm except reduce long term income

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Home owners already hold most of the wealth un taxed

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Fluffy roles with no results

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|---|
| 3 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 5 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 4 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 1 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 2 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South, Youth programmes, Arts and culture programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Not reduce climate change funding

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Eliminating Citizens Advice Bureaus would seriously handicap those who need support most and, similarly funding for the homeless. We should provide more funding to reduce homeless, not less. This is New Zealand, we shouldn't have people dying at an average age of 45 years.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why: Here you are deliberately misleading us by showing \$87Mn as if this is the amount saved. According to the council's own documents average annual savings after netting dividends forecasted for the period 2024-2031 is only \$20Mn and from 2027, less than \$16

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: You should stop, not pause, the drop in business rates. As someone rightly pointed out, businesses can claim back the 15% GST and company/business tax of 30% on profits. These would be a reduction of around 25% on rates not available to the general ratepayers

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: These costs are only going to increase, a stitch in time...

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support priorities - bullets 2&3. Bullets 1&4 could be dropped with out being noticed.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cut the Tupuna Maunga Funding by 50%

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce costs within the organisation "by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group"

Do not reduce funding to any of the public/community services/facilities listed. Instead increase funding to all of the public/community services/facilities.

If necessary increase rates to fund the additional public/community services/facilities.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Parks planning, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Programmes and activations in community facilities, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The 'train set' CRL should be paused indefinitely. The building of raised crossings and cycle paths should also be paused for 2-3 years. These are both 'nice to have' and it is more important to fix infrastructure.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Reduce Council ownership of Airport shares to 50% of what is currently held. It is extremely shortsighted to do this but is probably necessary.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: It is high time that the Council considered working within its budget! It is a bloated greedy machine, top heavy with overpaid bureaucrats who are not working in the best interests of Rate Payers. We have had enormous increases over the past few years and

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: What makes you think we can afford 1% plus 4.66% increases - Are you not aware of the plight of your Rate Payers?

Ak Council has, for years, built on drained swampland and river floodplains. Additionally, you have refused to dredge rivers or do any real

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: These are 'nice to have' but only in good times, we are not in good times!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: These maintain the integrity of what is already in place for the ratepayers

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals? Anything 'Climate Change' related needs to be paused!

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These services are important, stop trying to run the city like a business

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Tell us why: Stop trying to run the city like a business

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Why would you make Public transport worse??

Why would you cut funding to things that make a city enjoyable to live in?

Why would you cut funding to social services that greatly impact the underprivileged people in society. What do you think happens if they don't get support, that they just disappear. Hope the consequences of such a callous action end up on Wayne browns doorstep.

These reductions are extremely short sighted.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Air travel is on the up again after covid. This is extremely short sighted.

Why sell it off then also cut spending?

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: its rates that lead to better outcomes for the city.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I want to live in Auckland. I want it to be a great place to live. This Budget is depressing and short sighted and will ultimately result in a worse off city. not a fan

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The 25 and 27 buses are full again in the mornings, with huge queues of people along northern Mt Eden Road waiting at bus stops. I would like to see the previous pre-COVID-19 bus timetable reinstated.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: It's a good idea

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: In 2014/5/6/7 we had 10% increases every year so compared to that, this seems much more reasonable

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Tell us why: Seems sensible

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think that people are prioritising the economy of the country over the needs of the citizens. politics sets up the future and you are ensuring that every young person will struggle. you are completely abolishing arts and culture funding, thus creating in environment in which no one can express themselves in a safe space. I guarantee you that if you push people out of their spaces they will be unsafe, especially the lgbtqia+ and maori/pacifica community. Your proposal to cut funding for the environment is also incredibly detrimental to the flora and fauna in new zealand. If you are so concerned with New Zealand and its image then protect what people expect from us. protect the diversity, protect the nature, and protect the people who are actually going to be living in the country. the majority of our parliament is over 40 and they are making policies and budget cuts that help their personal pockets and welfare. well what about the others who couldn't buy houses in the 70s80s90s, what about the gen Z and Millenials whose economy and lives you have absolutely ****ed by being greedy capitalists and ignoring the things we care about. you are cutting things in the budget that are so crucial to the running of our country, yet you think they aren't important because you don't want to lose your second property. You have set every young person up to a life of misery, we can't afford to eat let alone buy a house and you repay us by taking away our livelihoods. How dare you cut funding for education. How dare you ignore the mental health that is rapidly declining in this country. how dare you take away money from the people who have no money. you should be ashamed of yourselves. Civil servants are supposed to serve and protect their country and the people in it and you have failed, miserably. I hope this message at least reaches

some people and makes them think about what greedy disgusting tyrannical pigs they are. Wayne Brown is a joke of a leader and I am heartbroken that this proposal was even released. disgusting, greedy, and irresponsible. If the people can't fight for themselves then that's your job. I honestly cannot express how revolting these proposals are. You are driving the country into the ground and setting awful expectations for the young people of this country. You're killing us. You aren't moving the money to better places, you aren't saving it. you're moving it around to fit into your ancient ideals and shame on you. all of you. i can't believe how ****ed this has made me and so many others feel.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: YOU GUYS ARE ACTUALLY INSANE WHY THE **** ARE YOU REDUCING THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER?????? I honestly think u are all so ****ed for thinking this is a good idea. water is literally the source of life, and the thing that has destroyed half the country in th

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: i support the priorities but it is vague. what community support are providing? who for? don't cut funding for the people. I am in a privileged area so at least direct that 16 million somewhere else. pleaaaasssee this is insane

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: because it's my livelihood you all seem to forget you are in control of people's lives and you're ruining them

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| Changes to other rates | |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not decrease funding of public transport, we need to address climate change properly this means not reducing spend on public transport.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Stop allowing buildings to be built on flood plains or flood prone areas. Stop all development and infill housing in any flood plains or flood prone areas until you have improved the stormwater infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Would rather that you spend the money on upgrading our stormwater infrastructure.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Restoring the environment and pest control are essential services especially given the recent storm events.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

RE Stormwater, please upgrade the stormwater infrastructure in the Albert-Eden local area. We paid over \$10k in development contribution for the upgrade of the stormwater system when we were renovating our house and haven't seen any of the infrastructure

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these things make Auckland a place I want to live. Reducing spend in these areas affect the most vulnerable parts of our community and significantly increase the divide between those that have the means to support themselves and those that don't.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I do t think we should own 18% but I think having some say in the airport which is a key transport link for Auckland is important.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport, community programmes, early childhood education services. These are all essential for a city like Auckland, reducing these will increase costs elsewhere i.e. due to further congestion, roading upkeep, dealing with poor community outcomes. Also just makes it a nice place to live.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This is an important asset to keep for Auckland. Better to keep this for the long term benefits, than sell it for short term gain.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: This is fairly in line with inflation and necessary

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland needs significant improvements in our infrastructure, so this will be a huge benefit if spent well.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks planning, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: '-

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Would like to see some proper improvements in public transport infrastructure and a change in attitude towards such. I.e. prioritizing getting services running, reliable, safe and making these desirable to use over cars.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cut anything which does not add direct, quantifiable and tangible value to Auckland

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: A rates rise is not acceptable

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Households live within their budget, the council must learn to also

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Any budget increase should be funded by cuts in other areas - not by raising rates

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards should run council facilities and parks. Everything else is a distraction

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are core municipal activities. Everything else is not

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What do you think of these proposals? User pays regime is sensible

7. What else is important to you?

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Cost recovery should be implemented eg charging noisy households for noise call-outs and fining dog owners for the cost of testing dog faeces not picked up plus a punitive penalty

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The reduction in public transport severely reduces the efficiency of the city and adds a significant cost to businesses in Auckland.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The goal should be to reduce overall debt levels

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: early childhood education services

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Seems an easy option

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I can afford it

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: This should come from government not council

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Meola Road bike path to be completed

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce total number of Council employees and reduce wages/salaries. Numerous staff appear to be underqualified for roles they hold, and are regularly absent attending training courses.

Council should focus on basic services rather than political whims such as replacing existing roadways with cycle lanes. Also wasting money on endless speed bumps and other "luxuries".

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: Generally short-sighted to sell assets which are required for long-term provision of service to the city.

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Reduce cost of employees - grossly overstaffed and underperforming.

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Need to undertake serious analysis of what is required before committing to any additional replacement work.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Contribute to general community well being and ensure maintenance and proper presentation of public areas.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pool compliance is a total waste of money - leave to personal responsibility.

Climate action is irrelevant on a world scale - more virtue signalling than real impact so cease spending until there are excess funds available.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing the deficit has to be done with a mixture of reducing expenditure, and increasing revenues. There will always be an excess demand for services but the truth is the city needs to manage services better to save money

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Reduce shareholding to 15% for long term benefit and increase rates to make up any deficit if the AIAL "package" is to be looked at as stand alone.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: None of us likes Rate increases, but I am not a fan of debt either - better to take the pain now and pay a wee bit more than keep raising debt and interest costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Increased occurrence of weather events is likely to increase. Funding the response for those who need it, is important and hopefully, this will be sufficient

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Communities are the most important - its people that make them up

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What do you think of these proposals? User pays - so increasing appropriately is fair

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Tupuna Maunga really needs to slow down its program is removal of exotics and replanting of natives. None of the comes should look bare over the transition period, so plantings of natives needs to increase before the exotics are felled. More consultation

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction of services proposed would negatively impact the quality of life for all Aucklanders and would be felt most by communities which at times depend on these services.

Let's invest in Auckland. Increase rates to create a more equitable and resilient city for the future challenges we are facing (especially climate change)

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: You can only sell things once

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Increase debt and rates and invest in the services and infrastructure that Auckland needs

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to reduce emissions as well as mitigation and adaptation for climate change

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support investment in community facilities and services in our area. This includes safer multi modal transport links, libraries, and the change of a golf course to a park, more housing, more trees etc

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Support the work of Tūpuna Maunga Authority to manage the Maunga how they want to

Support further investment in safe cycle infrastructure support investment in public transport to help get people out of their cars

Support spending towards climate action

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland is just coming out of a major covid19 related shock. The city is just starting to come back to life again, and is already struggling to meet demand (for public transport in particular). Cutting services is therefore the last thing we need!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The council's stake in the airport is a crucial asset. The council should maintain its stake so that it can ensure that the airports strategic direction and investments align with Auckland Councils.

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Tell us why: Services should not be cut this financial year. Debt should be used until covid19 disruptions have normalised and the council has a clearer idea on the future value of its assets and revenues.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Climate change action should be a top priority going forward. This means increased focus on public transport, walking & cycling, and CO2 reductions, and expanded tree planting and environmental restoration.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Happy to pay additional rates to maintain public amenities like the zoo and pay for provisions to help homeless people.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Prefer continued local government governance representation at AIAL. Happy to pay additional rates to maintain or increase ownership of critical public infrastructure.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Prefer sustainable council budget that does not rely on debt to fund Opex.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Infrastructure should be upgraded where feasible to withstand weather events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Local boards do not add value to me as a ratepayer and I think they should be disestablished.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Green spaces should be maintained, but should be managed by council and not local boards.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce transport service but increase prices.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Tell us why: Prefer not to go into debt and rather reduce optional services (such as entertainment funding).

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Infrastructure provision is needed but not just for floods. Road and drain maintenance is required.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Making people feel welcome and connected is not necessary when parks go unmaintained to a satisfactory level and there are insufficient safe green spaces. Public events and entertainment are optional extras when average people can afford food. Now is no

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Public spaces are ever more important as density increases and often they are disappointing experiences with rubbish around, unmown grass, and too far from homes. We need more larger parks which communities can be proud of and enjoy spending time in.

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increase public transport services again, as this is important in reducing car use and carbon emissions

Do not reduce regional funding for communities, as this is important funding to address inequities in our society

Do not reduce contestable grants funding, as this saves a relatively small amount of money and is important to allow community and volunteer groups to continue doing social, cultural and environmental work that would otherwise not occur

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an important regional asset that will continue to provide dividends to Council, particularly with recovery in tourism and domestic travel. Selling all shares would be a short term benefit, with the cost of future dividends over time no

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: To improve Council income so that cuts discussed above can be reversed and funded

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to future proof our community infrastructure and to repair damage to parks and community facilities

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Continuing climate action is important to ensure resilience in the future

An alternative physical space should be found for Pt Chevalier library - this could be a leased space rather than a new building. Loss of the community focus of the library has affected

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I value local parks and streams and wish to see maintenance maintained or increased so that the benefits of past improvements/work are retained.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Wayne, you are making our city worse than it already is by maintaining public transport in its current state, and cutting early childhood and community groups.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Not really into selling shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Lower the rates.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to improve infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Speed bumps in Mauranui Avenue, Epsom.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Better budgetting. You do not need to cut Library or Other Services or keep on increasing prices. Instead Manage Your Staff Better.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Once you sell and asset it future profits are lost. Thus be very careful on this, when you could save money in other ways.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: We are already paying too much in our Rates, for which we are getting far less than we did 20 years ago!

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Why are you always wanting to increase the rates, when factors like this should have already been built into the current rate structure for Future Unexpected Events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need people to Staff these buildigs and to mow our lawns/parks etc.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Its time to man up and acknowledge that we simply have to pay more if we want the infrastructure and services we expect

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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You are increasing rates ? but gutters in the streets, certainly in Grey Lynn\ Westmere have weeds a mile high and leaves blocking drains, and berms not done for years outside some places. Its makes us look 3rd world and disgraceful. When will any of this

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Some of the services above are not core for a Council

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Airport is a key strategic asset and when run at capacity should provide a good income stream.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: When you have no money, you get rid of luxury. Council should focus on their own task.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland will have more damages by flood if we don't react quickly to weather change. The current storm water system won't be sufficient to deal with the ever increasing flood issue.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't waste money on intangible things. Council just need to make sensible rules and make sure the rules are obeyed.

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We hope Council use money wisely, efficiently. Council as a big client should get a better than normal price from services providers. It is easy to spend other people's money more sparingly, there should be a mechanism to overwatch the spending, such as te

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3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Reduce expenses, reduce staff, reduce wages/salaries, reduce spending.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Too general to say 'prepare for storms'. Cut all spending across the board, increase efficiencies and then use the surpluses achieved to create a storm fund .

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Allow the community to create and support their local groups, instead taking money from some citizens to fund random other citizen initiatives.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local parks ensure access to beautiful nature to city residents, essential to human happiness, health and mental health.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Culture at Auckland City Council needs to change to give immense respect to the fact that Council staff are spending other people's money. Council staff should work more efficiently and effectively.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Why on earth would it be a good idea to slash public transport, homelessness funding and early childhood education? That's utterly ridiculous. Whoever proposed that is clearly a eugenicist.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's probably not the best idea to sell all shares, but selling some could be beneficial.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Given the flooding and cyclone, increasing the general rates would likely put further strain on already struggling populations. A low general rates increase might be doable, but it should be quite low to recognise the difficulty people are going through.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Clearly a great deal of infrastructure needs to be altered in preparation for future catastrophic weather events. Provisions should be made for good quality medium density housing in non-flood prone areas. We cannot continue building houses that will go u

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: It would be incredibly stupid to decrease funding for community climate change action and sustainability in the wake of two massive climate change related disasters.

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024. It's only right that we engage with tangata whenua on maintaining and restoring our natural taonga.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It makes more business sense to sell maybe 75% of shares and keep the remaining 15% to make money in the future.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Please, please do not increase rates. This is something that could be the difference in making people homeless or kids going to school with a lunch. This is something i would feel very uncomfortable with as an Aucklanders. It would feel very like the council

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: As above. This feels wrong when there is a cost of living crisis. Please use other avenues available. I'm sure if the board all cut their wage to the "living wage" for 2 years, that would put a big dent in the \$20 million needed. This feels like a fairer one

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: This feels fair and reasonable.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel like these are higher priorities and things locals often enjoy.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Important asset for Aucklanders

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing the spend on tourism promotion, arts and culture programmes, regional events and economic developments is a bad idea. We need to rebuild the city's profile and attractiveness to visitors and locals post the restrictions and loss of business imposed by the Covid-19 epidemic. Local business benefits from greater public participation; council-funded activities help boost that participation.

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Tell us why: Selling some shares seems prudent, to take advantage of a cash injection in the short term, while retaining a shareholding that should be profitable in the medium term.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Clearly we need to reduce debt, the proposed figure is reasonable.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We might as well bite the bullet and get it done. Decades overdue.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: Hard to see how these priorities will be addressed with a reduction in funding.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local arts programmes make the city a nicer place to live in, and provide a relief from the difficult conditions we're enduring. Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, and protection and restoration of local waterways are important council

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

TMA is doing a fantastic job of maintaining and improving the maunga. Give them more money to plant puriri and cut down dangerous gum trees (see recent Mt Albert slip)

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The distinct lack of acknowledgement of social investment and return in the context of the budget management being proposed is woeful.

It is unacceptable to consider cuts to numerous social, education, transport and community services listed above because there is no indication as to any cost benefit analysis having been carried out to justify them. A recent ImpactLab (Chairman Sir Bill English) report for Citizens Advice Bureau North Shore Incorporated states the social value of that service to be at \$673,741 and a further calculation of Social Return on Investment to be \$1:\$13.20.

It is perfectly reasonable to expect similar levels of social return on investment figures across many of the services included in the range of 'other reductions'.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Keep all shares until such time as air travel has been curbed to recognise Climate Change impacts and the airport is no longer a monetary investment that benefits Auckland City

My position in the immediate future would be to further increase rates but NOT

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I would agree with a higher general rates increase and making less use of debt IF it saw business rates increased alongside residential rates. ie NO pause for businesses

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: The storm response link above didn't lead to any more information than already supplied above the question.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: "Planning for how our parks need to respond to growth, such as residential developments at Carrington (ex- Unitec site) or in Epsom (Auckland University Epsom campus 'teachers college" Exactly which parks is this priority talking about????

I do not support

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local community events could include the arts and development areas. Climate action must be seen at the community level to support Global and central Government action. It's an imperative. Any action to support library services (in this case opening h

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What do you think of these proposals? Separate inspection services for swimming pools seems like a cost the council should be rationalising.

There is no clear indication about which bus services are funded now by CATR and what the change will be - some, more, many more??? the CATR - it s

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The board walks Maungawhau and Maugnuika and Te Tatia-a-Riukita (places I've been) are super. I can't understand why the Maungawhau Summit (tihi) reconstruction has been so prolonged.

I'm sad at the dissent and community unrest over the reforestat

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't agree with the 13% Rates increase.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Please Stop spending money on stupid things like a model of a boy walking in potters park...A %#@* waste of money.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I can't afford more.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Something needs to be done. We are now paying the cost for the Lack of infrastructure over many years.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't support the huge housing development in Carrington Tech. Get the infrastructure fixed first.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

When is Mt Albert going to have it's footpaths back.I am a frequent walker along St Luke's Rd and the paths are disappearing Fast.I pay rates to have this done.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Investigating plan / policy development to future-proof the development of local assets, Ecological restoration programmes, Construction and demolition waste minimisation programme

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing arts and homelessness funding has got to be the worst idea. Humanity is essential

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: The area has a lot more urgent needs than what has been identified

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cancelling early childhood education services until a review takes place - it is vital that this link to the community and the experiences of young people is preserved if it provides affordable public amenity and enduring development of future citizens

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited should be floated/sold to become its own marketing company partnering/contracting/cooperating with directly benefitting stake holders in the region (including the Council). Pricing at the Zoo is already expensive and being rate payer funded should be made available to all residents at a reduced rate (similar to discount scheme for Rotorua attractions for local residents). Same with the art gallery etc.

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million - work with schools to hand over youth centres rostering senior students for supervision for example. The recent uptown event was (I think) a waste of time and not sure how much was out into funding. Homelessness is a problem brought about by a number of issues and I think to some extent the city has a responsibility to ensure welfare and rehabilitation of vulnerable people even if that is to ensure referral to government or charity channels and follow up to those referrals. Affordable housing is an issue in Auckland.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Debt to be applied and secured to commercial income producing assets only ie the train network and real estate assets being developed with that

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Also make greater use of debt... debt can be offset by future value of assets being built above railway stations etc

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Storm infrastructure - the Council have now identified land that is at risk of flooding etc the rest is buyer beware - for existing properties subject to ongoing issues a solution or buyout is preferable and the cost spread out over priority and costs app

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? Food scrap rates should not be applicable to properties where approved food compost facilities have been put in place with for example Green Gorilla in multiple unit apartment complexes.

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The cuts do not go far enough. Get rid of the consultants and useless subsidiaries. The public transport needs to stay given the guffs at Waka Kotahi have reduced the lanes for vehicles to put in the bus lanes (which you are proposing to leave empty) and the stupid idealistic bike lanes. In fact if you get rid of the guffs at Waka Kotahi that should give us all the savings we need. The library services are an overkill, some of the biggest libraries in the world are not open Sunday yet all of ours are. And get rid of the PR subsidiaries, they aren't worth the paper they are working on. Start focusing on departments that add value to the residents and rate payers.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Only if the money is to go to reducing debt, not spent on more wasteful projects and people.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Don't increase rates and find more savings, there is so much you could be doing. Albeit some may be seen as unpopular but pull the plaster off, much like back in the olden days when you stopped mowing berms.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Why does it take 20 million to be more prepared, there is capacity with the team and resources you already have to achieve this for zero extra outlay! All you need to do is make a plan and have it ready to implement as opposed to doing nothing like you do

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Get on with fixing the streets rather than putting speed bumps on all the roads. To drop my child to school I go over 16 speed bumps (we are in zone). Again, your priorities are all wrong what does community resilience look like, door to door counsellin

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: the rest can go, what a waste of rate payers money.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Get rid of the Water team who have severely mismanaged the subsidiary and the people at Waka Kotahi who are clueless and need to stop trying to slow traffic.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not want any reduction in the social services and supports the Auckland City council provides at the moment which are already too lean. We need to take a long term view, we already have a serious infrastructure deficit due to years of short-term cost-cutting measures for immediate relief. We need to be bold and borrow to provide and support community building to enable a viable future for our children. Individualism kills communities, building individual wealth has created a wealth gap so vast in such a short time. This mayor is not made of the right stuff, he should do the right thing and stand down, the deputy has provided this city with leadership during multiple crises, not the mayor. I'm embarrassed that Aucklanders elected him.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater. We need to keep important assets in public ownership. As we should have with the utilities monopolies.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Under investment in the city’s infrastructure is what got us into the mess we’re in the first place. Higher debt is not bad, it will enable us to catch up quicker with climate change preparedness.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Borrow now to speed up our response so we are better prepared for a chaotic and catastrophic future

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I don’t support a reduction, I believe funding should be increased to help support local initiatives by those who live there and care most

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: Support community engagement to unite the generations in a common cause, to save our home from environmental collapse due to underinvestment, short term thinking, and climate catastrophe.

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What do you think of these proposals? The compulsory food.scrap.bin rate should be voluntary as it will work as a disincentive to people growing their own food and making compost or supporting such benches in their local community hubs. Eccouncil could collect the scraps from those that wish

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Rates cuts and reduced borrowing are last century thinking. We need to act now to prepare for a very uncertain future. We need very much to educate ourselves on consuming less becoming less reliant on money and more self-sufficient, and supporting people

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Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Reduce higher salaries more.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Concentrate on your primary mission - that does not include being a venture investor!

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: More if you can and seek Govt inclusion/sharing of costs.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: I want to see a priority on front line personal welfare services. Less on the fringe nice-to-have and feel good about, and more on really needed!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Practical

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41). | Do not support |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

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1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: reduce 'discretionary' spending on community projects, grants, parks, entertainment. invest in essential infrastructure like storm water, sewage, roads that everyone uses. Discretionary activities should be user pays based.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: reduce 'discretionary' spending on community projects, grants, parks, entertainment. invest in essential infrastructure like storm water, sewage, roads that everyone uses. Discretionary activities should be user pays based.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: reduce 'discretionary' spending on community projects, grants, parks, entertainment. Invest in essential infrastructure like storm water, sewage, roads that everyone uses. Discretionary activities should be user pays based.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Stop stealing others earned funds. Stop playing silly buggers with your useless projects

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Tell us why: The council is incompetent. Too many proposals and not enough solutions happen

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: REFUND ratepayers. The motorways are jam packed with single occupancy cars, train and bus services are often un-reliable. People's lack of faith in AT is similar to people's faith in AKL council.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Infrastructure projects in AKL have been lame over the past 20 years. More private competition should be in place with more onus on the frequent repairs that ensue!

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Because you're inept. You don't take responsibility for previous muck ups and you won't be held to account when your useless proposals wither away

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Get rid of useless council interactions in AKL city.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 5 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 2 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 3 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 4 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 1 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: So many friends and workmates are sure the council wastes money. If councils ventures benefit society then a private company will be held to account and more competition will make the results more affordable and better quality

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? No. Property zoning changes and deficient infrastructure was built in the first place and not kept to a reasonable standard. The council cannot keep on top of basic needs and is always looking at next big (Dick swinging) projects

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Ōrākei Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Do not support

Tell us why:

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Disband the Council.

Help businesses compete better public results. I know a few people that have really varying jobs and they all love that it's a gravy train, paid to do no real work! You employ freeloaders!

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |
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What do you think of these proposals? All friends of mine never have anything good to say about what the council directly works with or the projects that the council oversee. You have no long term morals/values and again, you keep changing the narratives to suit your incompetence

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keep investment in regional services

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Tell us why: Not a strategic investment.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Use some of money/debt freed up from Airport sale to fund capital projects (so is effectively debt) to keep rates increase lower in context of inflationary pressure.

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Tell us why: Cost of doing nothing too great.

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What do you think of these proposals? Pool inspection service seems very inefficient (e.g. 4 inspections a day).

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Never sell the silver.....the cost/value of the shares are not the problem - the problem is overspending on unnecessary

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Tell us why: Manage the expenditure to the income cut unneeded social spending

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: As long as it is spent on infrastructure that actually controls the devastation of weather

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Make sure that cut is on unnecessary spend - too much lovey dove spend to make a 3 year term look good destroys long term Auckland

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: use logic and cut the unnecessary while building up the long-term benefits that lead to a better society

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What do you think of these proposals? too many "extras" that obviously cost more to administrate and really should be all part of the rates - too many band aide fixes to get more rates - the user pays ideologic simply please some negative minds while it actually costs the majority much more i

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Make Auckland a Great City back to the days prior to the Super city administrative shambles, the list of cant does goes on and on the list of should does fall by the wayside - too many Chiefs too many little empires often at war with each other changing f

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Existing shareholding appears to be too small to have any practical influence on AIAL's operations. The Council still has planning/consent tools if it wishes to influence how the airport develops in future.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: after the recent experience with flooding, now is not a good time to reduce the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Targeted Rate

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Tell us why: The magnitude of effects of the recent storm events requires an increase

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Tell us why: It seems a short-term focus. Auckland Airport presumably has not been paying large dividends due to the “covid years”, going forward dividends could be expected to increase. This is a long term asset which will grow more and more valuable over time. Whils

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Tell us why: We can't stop investing in the long term projects (like infrastructure and transport) which make Auckland a great place to live. I'm willing to contribute to this when I believe the money is handled responsibly, with visibility and for the greater good.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: Is it a greater budget you need here? Or is it better decision making around where properties are being built, reducing our impact on climate change etc. I don't understand enough around where and why this extra money is needed to comment.

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Tell us why: We can't do everything, some things are going to have to take a temporary backseat to ensure the best long term outlook for Auckland. Libraries are super important, please keep them open!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: I use the library loads so don't want that service affected, though a slight reduction in hours to save costs would not be a problem for me.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I don't agree with selling long term assets or increased borrowing to solve this issue. Like all budgets, we have to live within our means. Things to consider is are all areas of council running as efficiently as they could be? Reducing the amount of 'nic

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport services, Tataki Auckland, Community and educational services

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Long term investment in our airport and maintain a say in it's growth and development

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Further reduction in council services will impact our everyday living in this city. Already looking dirty and unkempt .

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:Need to deal with storm impact

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: we need these services

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All important for our children

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Tupuna Maunga Authority - budget should be set and capped by council then authority can prioritise what they want done with their funding

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: keep shares in airport and AIRNZ

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: bring in a real cost for services, a poll tax. low income or homeless don't contribute to rates, but are the costliest usage of council services. hitting home owners just passes on cost and is NOT the future solution to provide council service

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: will you do the same at every climate event???, and will you propose similar for welfare, health, economic, world economy etc. choose your battle better

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: disband these "elected" reps. no one knows them nor do they make any difference. save money on voting and appoint reps on achievement merits only. let them establish themselves, or fall on the sword of expectation of result KPI indicators

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: books/reading/ computer and printer access.... enough said.... books are my priority

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What do you think of these proposals? buss services. Climate change subsidies need to end. the climate will always change, will we have to subsidize public transport forever???

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Tūpuna Maunga Authority...what???... very poor construct of survey....why ask me this at the end, instead of the first survey question. my comments are negative on this consultation question, or no comment if you must tick a box.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The reduction of operating costs is vital and we do not need to have the council being involved in a costly airport. Better to be in private hands.

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Tell us why: All big corporations use debt to service their industry. Why not the council

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Tell us why: WE need to halt anything that will impact the living standard of the rate payers. If we can't pay our rates, no one will benefit

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Tell us why: I would support low cost benefits to rate payers. I do not want to see money spent on unnecessary things. In particular sprays that are harmful to citizens where workers could do the weeding by small machine. Sprays are not a good ecological way to help t

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Parks planning, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts are good for people, parks need to be used for people to relax and libraries are also good f ok r the well-being of the future

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support them as I see it as a waste of money which could be used for the well-being of the citizens. Our buses are half full most of the time and I can see many savings could be made there by using more targeted routes.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I do not want to see money being spent on useless things. Any money going to Eden Park should be stopped as that is a business enterprise and as such it must be self funding and not the the responsibility of the rate payers. We need to know that the council

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these reductions would cut our noses off to spite our faces. I favour increasing rates rather than cutting services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Maintaining some control in such a strategic asset is important.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need significant investment in infrastructure to improve our resilience.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Funding reductions will significantly hamper the quality, coverage and resilience of Auckland's social, community, education and sport programmes for years to come. These initiatives and services are key to Auckland being a liveable, quality and desirable city to live in. Reducing spending and social spending in our community will disproportionately affect those most in need and most at risk within Auckland.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling the AIA shares is a short-sighted economic policy that will be regretted for years to come. AIA is already posting profits after the COVID slump and this will only increase in the future, being the largest piece of international infrastructure in

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates in Auckland should rise to meet the increased cost of maintaining and enhancing a liveable prosperous city; not the other way around.

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Tell us why: The Auckland flood events were a catastrophic rainfall event with rainfall well in excess of the ability of any reasonably engineered infrastructure to handle. However, the response to the flooding was clearly lacking in key areas of expertise, leadership

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste management rates should fully cover the cost of providing the service. If the waste management rates don't cover the service, they should be increased to the point at which they do.

Bus service funding should not be reduced.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Don't reduce targeted rates. Why is this not an option on the survey??

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I love living in a city with lots of vibrant community based activities going on. That comes at a cost but I think we all benefit from this spending

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Tell us why: Auckland airport is a commercial venture. I don't think there is any strategic advantage to the council retaining shares ie. no significant intangible value so we just need to make a decision about the best way to use money. The proposal makes sense to me

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I think the cost will be greater than forecast. We need to make the older parts of Auckland more resilient to weather related issues.

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals? Keep the bin size as is. We are a 6 person family and function very well on the red top bin and blue top recycling bin. Keep the bin size small and encourage less waste

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These are basic services that local government should deliver, and are strongly pro-equity. Homeowners that have benefitted from huge increases in house prices should pay more rates to help out everyone in our city.

I would strongly recommend looking at other pricing levers - for instance parking charges are incredibly low and there is far too much free parking around Auckland. This induces traffic and makes congestion worse. If council / AT doesn't put up parking charges, you are effectively saying it's more important to subsidise private citizens storing their private property on council land than it is to undertake these basic functions of local government.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We can't afford to reduce our environmental and water quality spending - these are pressing issues, made only too obvious by the Anniversary day floods. Penny-pinching now is just passing on costs to our kids.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Adaptation and recovery measures are really important, but we need to have the focus on reducing emissions. We wouldn't need to spend anywhere near as much on road maintenance for example, if we transitioned a few parking lanes to protected cycle infrastr

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Tell us why: I'd like to see cycleways and upgraded public transport links as a specific local board priority - it is the most cost-saving and effective climate action we could do, given Auckland's main emissions source is cars. In addition, the New North Road upgrade

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't reduce regional

Services. Especially not to youth children or other vulnerable people

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Assets equal income.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We need to invest more in infrastructure and services. Higher rates for better services is worth it

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Borrow more now and get on with future proofing for our children.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Libraries are a vital part of a community's strength and wealth. We need to invest in community not take these services away.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all

Important

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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I support 3 waters. Central and local infrastructure commitments that span the next 50 years. Get on with it.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do NOT reduce education programmes, arts and culture programmes because it means alot for the Deaf and Disabled mental health community doing great art activities connecting with themselves - the grants are a huge deal for us to apply. Also we need the grants for education programmes on New Zealand Sign Language. There are Deaf people businesses relying on grant applications etc to help educate other people and Māoris Deaf hearing people in regionals to learn our third official language in NZ. I feel the ultra wealthy like the Bay Audiology should be taxed for profiting off making Deaf people wear cochlear implants that has affected the social and Deaf culture amongst many children losing connection with their signed language due to 100 years of forced history of oralism in Nz. So Wayne Brown need to go back to school and see the Deaf and Disabled communities how much they rely on grants -- I am a self employed Deaf artist I associate with Auckland art gallery doing Deaf NZSL tours for Deaf visitors to learn about art history ... we begin doing this last year -- Wayne Brown is being unfair if he really chews off our important source of funding for arts in Auckland..

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: It's up to the government and the public to debate in that - it's too intense for my liking

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why: I am renter I can only afford 370 a week but now it's 420 that makes me struggle - the rates will probably drive up my reason if I am unemployed it's not fair to ask Winz for a raise and finding a part time job isn't easy for my disablement with accessi

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I care about the libraries and climate change in order to repair what's needed

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel greatly concerned that I can't choose more than three ! Give me six !

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What do you think of these proposals? Post me a letter of about that and what others feel I guess it is mutual about the proposal to cut art funding that worries me greatly

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport reduction as this needs to be increased or at least maintained at previous levels to keep pace with existing demand/ encouraging users to use & increase to provide efficiency/ allow to increased demand to public transport this will achieve.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Once those shares are gone, there gone! Keep control of our biggest transport asset, incoming tourist dollar etc. etc. Potential to increase earnings/ share growth/ ease of future public transport hub to airport a must.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why: We need to future-proof our city infrastructure to cope with this.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Art and culture are literally what cities are built on. An extra couple of hundred dollars a year on rates on houses that have doubled in value in the last 8 years is not too much to ask

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Asset sales are a short sighted solution

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Love our local board

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals? Thank you for providing this opportunity

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Child care for working mothers should be maintained

Public transport is a necessity

Public facilities like zoos, stadiums, galleries should be maintained

Bare social services should be maintained to help people in serious but it is not Council's duty to provide social welfare, that is the Government's responsibility.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: NZ has sold off so much of it’s assets. selling off airport shareholding is a short term gain over control of one of Auckland’s greatest assets

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Don't increase rates or borrowing! Auckland must live within its income. There is no end of possible rate increases but our ability to keep paying them is finite. Because I own a house doesn't mean that I have the disposable income to keep paying rate inc

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:We need to future proof the city or ongoing costs will just skyrocket

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: The Council's duty is to see that the city continues to operate as a city.

Infrastructure is falling apart. Leave social issues to central Government!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: We don't have the money for grand social programmes

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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2024



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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Costs are high and us Aucklanders cannot afford them and dont want a rates increase.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Once they are gone that's it, keep them as covid panic is over and the airport will start paying out dividends. Invest in the future keep the shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Give the councillors in akl city a pay cut or cap it so roads and drainage can be sorted and fixed.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: People make a community parks, library services are essential.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Street cleaning truck at night more often, the ewaste service needs to in service, I mean in todays modern world we hold so much ewaste, cords, laptops, old phones, batteries etc we need a collection point. Scrap the food waste bins and have a ewaste serv

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would support continued funding for the amazing education work undertaken by Comet Auckland. Also support the continued and increased funding for the Auckland Museum who provided a vital cultural focus for the city

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tātaki Auckland unlimited is vital the grow engagement and travel to New Zealand. Without a vibrant city of events, without international business engagement without promoting Auckland as a tourist destination - we will have no influx of investment over time.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Why sell airport shares now? There value is increasing with the new runway in development

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Don't cut services - raise rates

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Because the sweeping cuts will cause low community engagement

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Increase rates - look at Wellington

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in arts budget is counterproductive

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The shareholding is not controlling.

A good way to reduce debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Rates are actually low at present

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Parks planning, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing public transport frequency is idiotic and will push more people onto the road, increasing congestion and headaches for everyone. We need public transport to be a viable, reliable option

Closing down ECEs will also hurt a lot of families who need help now more than ever

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: Maybe not \$20mil but some investment is required

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Reduction of funding/staffing of essential community services like libraries and CABs will deal a stronger blow to those already struggling to live, who may depend on these services to live and function. Not great.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Reduction of funding/staffing of essential community services like libraries and CABs will deal a stronger blow to those already struggling to live, who may depend on these services to live and function. Not great.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Funding to tataki Auckland because it's good for tourism industry

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: AC should limit its activities to the core services of a local authority.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: provide resilience for future storms using good efficient civil engineering. Divert spending from traffic control projects such as bike lanes and road speed humps both of which are not necessary.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Bullet points 1 and 4 are not necessary and are outside the core activities of a LA.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: these are the three core activities of those listed.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate action should not be priority, there is no AGW emergency

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

AC services should not be provided to Auckland citizens in accordance with race.

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:]

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's an important resource for the city

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I'm loath to increase debt because it hasn't been well managed in the past. Why is there such a shortfall?

Are rates on rental properties the same as residential, or are they treated as a business? It seems unfair if they have lower rates.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: I agree more needs to be done to make the city more resilient, but again, I am uncertain that this money will be used properly. I recently built a deck and the level of incompetence that I had to deal with getting consent through council was laughable (a

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: please don't stop water quality initiatives. especially the beaches around auckland.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: because anything we can do to reduce climate change/ make ourselves more resilient now will reduce costs in the future.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

What is Tupuna maunga delivering for \$10M per year? What were the operational costs before they took over?

Please don't clear fell the mature exotic trees on mt albert / or any other maunga! implement their replacements, and when they are fully grown,

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Mayor Wayne Brown should resign and step aside, he is not fit for office.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No choice. Bad decisions in the past mean sorting it out now is essential, or the budget deficit will only make longer term costs worse through inefficient expenditure for example interest costs on increased borrowing. However, sensible and planned infrastructure provision and maintenance with associated financial planning is required because acts of god happen and weather events may become more frequent - and can be modeled using statistics and scientific research rather than opinion. Tough choices are needed eg do ratepayers want a mown berm and subsidised aged care housing, or can those be provided by the private sector and or users / interested stakeholders, with funding used for a road.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: It is not ACC's role to make financial investments on behalf of the ratepayers it serves. Investments should be in infrastructure that best serves the public and provides public amenity. Agree that the AIAL shares should already have been sold (quelle su

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Focus on allowing private companies to contract directly with ratepayers to provide services. The adjustable waste options are a good start but more can be done. Roll it out to other council provided services.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It has to be done. However, there should also be an element of user pays introduced. Put temporary tolls on the roads that need to be repaired to support the cost of repairing them by the individuals and business who actually use them. Get smarter abo

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What do you think of these proposals? Allowing flexibility for ratepayers to opt out of council services and pay privately for them if there is another more efficient provider. ACC should stick to its knitting as a provider of public goods and services only and focus on doing what the privat

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cultural and Arts programs - use software and tech advances to find out who actually uses and benefits from amenities such as libraries, art galleries, museums etc and then implement a user pays based fee to heavily subsidize the cost to ACC of providing

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Free up funding for social welfare services by reducing debt. Rational decision.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

DO NOT CUT SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES!!!

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Tell us why: On the fence. Council doesn't need to be in the business of being a shareholder. But do see long term benefits. Nonetheless services should not be cut. Rates should raise at least at inflation

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Tell us why: We have under invested in three waters infrastructure

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What do you think of these proposals? We need to invest more in public transit

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This budget as proposed will set Auckland back and take decades to recover from. As a homeowner and ratepayer, I expect and demand my rates increase to pay for these important services

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: An exception is reduced transport. There is such transport disruption already it needs to improve not decrease if we are to be a well functioning city. There should be higher user pays for people who want to visit things like the zoo or the art gallery. As Auckland is the gateway to tourism across NZ the central Government should do more to enhance Auckland. Central government should fund early childhood education and provide wellbeing programmes as a national priority - regions need to focus on infrastructure, local transport, and local things. Yes sell the airport shares - it's a key asset but the council can't manage/pay for everything. Make the entities like Watercare, the port and others more accountable - they are fiefdoms that need to serve Aucklanders better including financially.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: As long as private enterprise can't hold NZ and the city to ransom. Use protective mechanisms so that in the event of mismanagement, corruption, wars, natural disasters etc Auckland/NZ's interests are protected in exchange for the wonderful opportunity to

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: Business should pay its fair share of rates.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Ensure council entities invest in infrastructure and planning to cope with weather events. Are they efficient? Do they need more money or better and more accountable management within the budgets currently? We rely on the council to know this and ensure w

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Is it the council's job to increase community resilience and connection? Given the pressures and financial realities this is important but how can Auckland Council do this in every area? Perhaps if it sells Auckland Airport shares there will be new fundin

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: We are in a time where perhaps we can do less of these things and people need to pay more to use community venues. Perhaps less can be done/offered and people may need to pay more for these things - community venues for example are ridiculously cheap. May

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport, early childhood education, homelessness funding, youth centres, Sandringham playground funding, Auckland Art Gallery

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: Sandringham Playgroup is cheap and completely changes the lives of those involved. Support it!

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Keep funding cycle lanes. Support Sandringham Playgroud. Keep movies and music in parks. Run as much public transport as possible, as cheaply as possible. Increase the fuel tax is necessary, to encourage people onto active transport and public transport

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: stop the rate increase as time is tough for all Aucklanders,. Council must sacrifice and cut out waste just like any ave Auclander

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:make use of existing resources and make sure they are efficient before asking for more money

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Common sense says sell

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Makes sense

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need clean water

5. Local Boards

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: If Councilors were serious about reduce costs they would immediately abolish CCOs. They suck the ratepayer dry with duplicated Boards, Senior Executives Teams, Call Centres and many other costs. If it means an Act of Parliament to change so be it. Until the whole city management is returned to a single entity huge savings will never be achieved.

Bring all services back under Council control and execution. Contracting out Council services does not save money and it creates a service that "just does the job" for a price. There is absolutely no loyalty from workers to the Community and they have a "why should we care" when we work for the contractor(s) and not the Ratepayers.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell all shares in AIAL but use the funds to pay for infrastructure requirements. Loans can easily be refinanced and paid overtime with future ratepayers contributing to these payments. While Council is selling assets time to ditch the Ports of Auckland.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Sounds like a knee jerk reaction. Need sound investigation into what's required for the future. Where does the proposed \$20M increase in budget come from. where's the business case?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Leave the Boards alone. They do a great job within their communities (more than Council does!)

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: DO NOT reduce funding to Local Boards or Community facilities. Council is about communities. Get rid of CCOs and there will be plenty of money!

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What do you think of these proposals? Council just complicates charges with far too many different fees. Keep it simple. Everything doesn't have to be charged for.

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Just listen to the Community we know Council Officers don't.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Always pay down debt before investing, why does the council have shares? Sell them and reduce debt, or fund a bus or two.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: debt increases the cost of projects

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Yes reduce all of the above and any vanity projects, we desperately need our stormwater systems upgraded for our livelihoods.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: As above we need stormwater infrastructure asap!

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Dont increase rates at all, we are suffering enough, instead look at other ways to reduce wasteful spending.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Our rates are high enough, we need better management of our money.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: This money needs to go towards stormwater infrastructure

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: My kids play at parks

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Im disappointed that there has been no consideration to getting stormwater infrastructure in Mt Eden/Epsom area. Especially areas that were devastated by flooding.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport is a long term investment, despite its current low dividend rate; it represents great long term value and should not be raided to fulfil short term 'austerity' measures.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Traditionally, rates are a reflection of overall house and land value. Property prices have declined and therefore, rates similarly should reflect this reduction in house price - otherwise, there is a complete contradiction of the fundamental principles set out by rates from property ownership.

Reducing the above services increases the need for individual organizations to be more efficient in how they manage funds, rather than simply throwing more money into significantly inefficient organizations.

Home owners have already needed to pay a significant more tax on rental revenue, interest rates are already affecting home-owners and there have already been increases in tax rates in the last fiscal year. The answer cannot simply be to increase tax but there has to be more innovative means of addressing financial limitations

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: As long as the shares are sold to NZ tax holders, and or to NZ based companies rather than off-shores companies - we still reserve our domestic interests in retaining our domestic assets, whilst reducing our debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: As above - simply increasing rates and taxes as the perpetual solution to financial complications only drives our overall economy into further recession and all these increases will simply then flow onto renters prices

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: They aren't particularly important to me to be honest but are more important than the others.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals? I think funding should be targeted at only essential services only

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards

Reducing regional contestable grants

No longer directly providing early childhood education services

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: These shares are a good investment in the long term

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: This is well balanced

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I agree

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support climate actio

Puketāpapa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Water quality of local waterways, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: As above

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41). | Support |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: At this time we need to recognise the need to further enhance our city and continue to grow and develop, as well as continuing to be a great place to live (otherwise people will move away).....we need arts, events and economic development investment alongside roads and rubbish collections if we want to stay a place which is relevant and inviting. Community funds contribute significantly to wellbeing initiatives and allow for local flavour that was promised as part of the super city merger.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Seems wasteful to sell them now at the low point of the market! Hold them to enable us to share in their growth as post covid travel continues to grow

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: A mix of higher rates and some higher debt would be optimal. Rates increases at less than inflation is a nonsense

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals? There is little thought to equity of access and other non financial considerations. There is a completely disproportionate targeting of reductions onto the arts, culture and economic development areas of funding which I do not agree with. This mayor an

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

There is a completely disproportionate targeting of massive reductions onto the arts, culture and economic development areas funding which I do not agree with. This insistence on a one year recovery plan is ludicrous, better to have a managed pathway to

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: We have had a huge 30% increase in our rates last year and we need some reprieve. Please use new consents, migration, commercials to pay for these future increases.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Lets stick to essential services for a few years and focus on core work only.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: We can manage without.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is horrendous right now. Why aren't we improving it to get people to use it?

TAU does an important job and breathes life into the city. We want Auckland to be a destination not a soul less life sucker.

We need to focus on community rather than helping rich people stay rich. It look as though most of the services being cut are all ones that the wealth people don't need but so many in the community rely on.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling off shares now will come back to bite us in the future.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We need to invest in infrastructure at this point in time. We can see the impact poor infrastructure is having with the likes of major weather events. Pollution making our beaches unsafe to swim in. Roading is another big one.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop funding welfare based programmes.

Stop funding community boards that do not contribute to the general rates base.

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: With the recent flood affected households in Auckland, those who have had red or yellow stickered properties clearly had impact and as such using capital valuation to assess rates charging is not equitable, as clearly certain city infrastructure (eg storm water drainage) had not worked for these properties and caused damage. I do not believe the capital valuation process has taken into account of such, and by using capital values as a benchmark to levy rates is totally unfair. A certain weighting to affected homes should be accounted for in rates determination and adjusted for these properties, and if at all levied.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I am never in favor of selling the family silver, but instead using it as a form of financing attraction if it can be done. Assuming the shares are unencumbered, I suggest the council issue a bond with these shares attached as collateral to the bondholder

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: As discussed in the above two questions.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: But as discussed in question 1, regarding the way in which rates are allocated to households, particularly storm affected ones, in which CV is not a good basis for allocation.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We want Auckland to be a quality city to live in and not to go backwards

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Makes good financial sense

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We need funding to be in line with general inflation otherwise we will be hit with even greater increases in the future

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Infrastructure needs to be maintained and increased to serve the city today and tomorrow

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Get on top of tagging its an embarrassment to out city and encourages petty crime

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Prior to the pandemic, I was increasingly loving the direction Auckland was heading as a cultural, social, active city that was beginning to outdo Wellington in terms of locations to be and activities for people of all ages. I have been here since I was 12 and have been immersed in the arts/theater scene, the sports scene, and the event/bar scene. I am now enjoying the amazing resources we have available as a parent of a young baby - particularly the zoo and free library events. It would be to the detriment of the city's appeal to young people and young families as a place to work and settle to not continue to fund and foster these areas.

Public transport here is ridiculously poor and I refuse to believe that anyone thinks continuing to underfund this infrastructure will genuinely improve the city - or is even sustainable. (I've been on the 30 bus line and the 70, and they are pretty good). If the council needs another argument, consider that I had neurological complications during pregnancy that meant I couldn't drive from then until my baby was 7 months. What are people like me supposed to do - Uber our babies places or hide away?

Reducing community and education programmes destroys the community and education of a city. Reducing funds that support youth and the homeless create more problems for youth and the homeless. What sort of city are we trying to

create here? Hopefully one where my daughter grows up getting to regularly engage and learn with other children in safe and stimulating environments (that we've bussted to).

(I am currently trying to get my baby to sleep so have not addressed every bullet point explicitly).

Thanks for your time.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I'm happy to pay higher rates so that myself and others can continue to enjoy and improve this city.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We clearly need better storm water infrastructure to cope with the inevitable impacts of climate change.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environment/climate change issues are critical now.

Important to foster community development and health through events that get people out of the house.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these cuts move away from Auckland being a world-class city. Increase rates instead on rich and wealthy Aucklanders to raise income, instead of cutting services.

You could also instead cut investment in overbuilt roading infrastructure, and replace with cheaper transit, cycling, and walking infrastructure.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an important strategic investment, and deserves to remain in public hands.

Again, increasing income should be your focus, instead of selling strategic assets.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: There is plenty of room to increase rates on expensive to service, high-end suburban and lifestyle properties. The rich can afford to pay more rates. Reducing fixed rates and increasing general rates further will also increase equity.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why:

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I don't know

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Rates are too high even now

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: current facilities given may be sufficient

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These programs and services are essential to the functioning, and livability of the city! The rates increase is well worth it.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Seems like a pretty short term solution.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Paying higher rates is worth it

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Parks planning

Tell us why these are most important to you: They're all important! Raise rates!

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I want to live in a thriving city please don't cut everything that makes it nice to live in!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of of things things are crucial to Auckland and a 10% increase in rates would be much better! The difference in my rates to fund those things is inconsequential.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling off assets is a short term fix. We should be thinking about Auckland in the next 50 to 100+ years. I will still be living in Auckland in 50 years and will bear the consequences of short term policies.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Increasing rates to fund the shortfall seems like a clear solution here. Auckland has a lot to offer and I want to be living here in 50 years. Council should be planning long term and not just looking at the short term. I would be happy for my rates to

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

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6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Would prefer a rate increase of 2.5% to 3% and reduce AT funding even more.

They are totally ineffective under the current leadership and need to be starved of ratepayer funds

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Just carry out the maintenance that is already budgeted for but not delivered by poorly supervised contractors.

Offer all new paving/concreting of areas a substantial rebate for using permeable concrete and reduce amount of stormwater flow.

Offer rebates

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: This is not a time for feel good policies. It is a time for belt tightening at every level and Council should set the example for all the community.

Want to reopen Pt Chev library building? get a sponsor or benefactor and offer to name the building in ret

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Any expenditure for Climate Change must be for immediate projects to benefit the community in this year. Defer all long term spending on Climate Change until China and India resolve their contribution to Climate Change

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Control should come back to the whole community not just a privileged few wielding a taiaha or waving a cloak. Democracy empowers all people.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: AIAL is commercial company and did take a hit in covid. Why should the ratepayer be at risk? AIAL can pay rates like every other commercial company.

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Tell us why: Increasing debt is only sending costs into the future. I dont want rates to rise at all but its better than ever increasing debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is appropriate that the council responds to extreme weather. One factor moving forward is careful consenting in area's of possible flooding.

5. Local Boards

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Core services for councils are roading, water, safety (e.g. street lights) Libraries and community hubs, parks. - I'm happy to pay rates for these.

Core services are not airports, sports stadiums, and fancy redevelopments of the waterfront. Core services

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland.

These venues need funding and if you reduce funding elsewhere u need to maintain these otherwise no one will visit these sites as often.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: This does not make any sense

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: You need more storm water drainage in flood prone areas esp mt Eden!

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: They need to look at the flood risk in mt Eden.... Do something to prevent this happening again... storm water through Shackleton and Peary rd near the mt Eden road end. So many affected properties in a known flood zone however nothing to help mitigate floods

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Flood risks! Climate change help us prevent flooding in the future as we pay very high rates in an area that needs drainage improvements

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

| Waste management rates changes | |
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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41). | I don't know |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Focusing on climate change and preventing natural disasters from affecting properties in the area. Please focus on flood risks in known flood zones - check drainage systems and put in storm water it will help dramatically

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why: Auckland City is finally becoming a bearable city to live in. If you cut these services, you cut the lifeblood

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: It will help us survive the onslaught of big weather events

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Save CAB.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Fundings

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is a balance

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: again a balance

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: reserves will help in future

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? all good

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

efficient Auckland administration and more

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Organisation (if applicable):

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: not to close CAB services as labour cost is volunteers , other venues could host them e.g church halls

christians against poverty could help in part with a co partnering option.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: its good for auckland council to have some control e.g public health and safety with disease control management with public health customs

flooding issues carparking negotiations or suggestions could take on a co partnering option with uber airport or vo

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: re evaluate assets register ,

review bank you use a lot of them offer reduced services and therfor warrent less cost to use.

make website and A.I. more apparent to the general public to solve problems to reduce , reception managing multiple calls and b

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:we need water and storm flood management as a new horizen we are seeing going forward to save money would be counter productive , try and use local drains persons and reduce consultants fees to enable a quick but however earthquake and engineering c

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? the rates rebate scheme is unclear when council years are mid year and tax years are different at March so I cant get a rebate even though i earned

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce Wasteful spend of ratepayers money that is the responsibility of the Labour Party Government

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: AIAL needs a Auckland Council representation at Board Level and Dividends when paid will help reduce rates.

Sell other non productive assets and reduce AC staff to reduce debt and rates

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Cannot afford rate increases

AC must reduce staff costs

Event staff overpaid ie ANZAC day staff employed full time all year on huge salary costs to ratepayers

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Cannot afford rate increases

AC must reduce staff costs

Stop infill housing that cause floods

Charge greedy land developers for floods

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Cannot afford rate increases

AC must reduce staff costs

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Cannot afford rate increases

AC must reduce staff costs

Event staff costs to ratepayers wastful

Rodney Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: We Cannot afford rate increases

AC must reduce staff costs

Stop infull housing that cause floods

Charge greedy land deveopopers for floods and wetlands

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants for community groups / organisations, Community opening events for completed projects and funding for community-led events, Community centres programmes and subsidies for hall users

Tell us why these are most important to you: We Cannot afford rate increases

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals? We Cannot afford any rate increases

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

What a waste of money and time

More Labour Party policy of waste

We Cannot afford rate increases

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Early childhood

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Not council Business , nz government should by given it is national strategic asset

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates are still comparatively low compared to overseas

10 percent increase would be fine . I have seven properties and would not object to that size of rates increase.

Also expand water meters to all Auckland rates payers

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:Should be more increase rates

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This is a tiny reduction in spending (out of \$5 billion in operating costs). The reduction should be much greater.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The council should stick to its core functions and not be investing in an airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: This conspicuously misses out a very obvious alternative option - reduce rates and reduce spending, thereby avoiding any increase in debt. The proposed \$125m spending decrease is only 2.5% of the council's total operating costs.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This is the sort of thing the council should be spending money on - not discretionary/feel-good activities.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I have no idea what 'Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported' even means. It's just gibberish. Stick to your core functions.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't even understand what much of this means.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The proposed \$125m spending decrease is only 2.5% of the council's total operating costs, and as such is just a token. Council spending is still way out of control and should be reviewed and reduced drastically, to cover core functions only. I should no

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: DON'T proceed with any of the proposed reduction.

Every item proposed to be reduced would significantly negatively impact the cultural and social wellbeing of every Aucklanders, both in the immediate and further future.

Further, public transport should be reinstated to former levels, and more debt should be taken on if necessary.

The proposed rates increase is fine.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Active and public transport infrastructure desperately need more funding and attention, and generally reducing Auckland's greenhouse gas emissions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Can we please get rid of Wayne, he's a disgrace.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: PLEASE do not cut the funding that the lower socioeconomic people rely on. They do not deserve to have access to services cut just because they are poor. In fact, a lot of them are poor because they are severely underpaid essential workers and we cannot afford to pay them more. The services they rely on include: - The early childhood education services. Who is going to look after the kids when the parents go to work? We need the parents to go to work especially with labour shortages.

- Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. I do not want parents to not be able to show kids the wonders of the world just because they are poor. - Homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING. THINK ABOUT IT. YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE PROBLEMS WORSE. Do consider cutting the funds of services mainly used by higher socioeconomic people. They are the only ones who can afford to pay a higher entrance fee, for instance.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The shares in Auckland Airport will go higher in the next five or so years. Selling them now, especially when more tourists are coming soon, is not the wisest move.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Your average Aucklanders cannot afford a higher general rates increase. However, that's not all Aucklanders. I believe you can be a lot more targeted regarding who gets the rates increase, especially those whose activities are more damaging to the city (or

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The storms are going to happen far more often now. We may as well prepare.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Make sure Wayne Brown and Co actually listens to the needs of all Aucklanders. He has signed up for this job, and so far has not risen to the occasion. If Auckland requires him to pass buckets around, I want to see him pass buckets around next time.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with reduction option three, cutting regional services such as events, arts and community projects etc. Auckland is an incredibly difficult city to survive in on a medium to low income - the services this proposes to cut are ESSENTIAL to keeping Auckland moving forward as a city for a diverse population to enjoy, not just the wealthy top percentages.

Those who own property in Auckland are at a significant financial advantage to those who do not and a rates increase of this proposed amount will not effect home owners, who have received historically high returns for a long period of time on their property investments anywhere near as much as low to median income earners who rely on these services for income, free learning resources, free support, interactions with art and culture they could otherwise not afford. It is simply unfair to strip these services from the people who are likely paying the highest portion of their weekly expenses directly to rate payers who have financially benefit from the housing crisis for many years. High interest returns are for high volatility investments - it is unfair to pass the losses of this high interest environment onto those who have not and will not gain from the high returns that will undoubtedly return.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Much of my thoughts are covered in my comment above.

Mass financial gain surplus to the expected median interest gain for a property investment has been enjoyed by select Aucklanders who have benefited from the housing crisis. Higher rates are part of vo

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I would like to see the job description for the mayor of Auckland published.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Should reduce OPEX by reducing staff numbers especially where positions in Council departments are vacant and not really needed. Also avoid investing in non-core Council functions that Central Government should (or already) undertake.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The value difference is minimal and does not take into account future capital growth.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: I agree with partial But hopefully the money saved will REDUCED our debt and NOT go into other worthless committees

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Tell us why: On a personal level, I'm sorry but I don't agree with increasing rates AT ALL! It has already been increasing on the last few years! Please consider pensioners. Also when I see unnecessary pathways being built up Mount Eden!

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Tell us why: Rearrange our priority of expenditures please!

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Tell us why: Why do we need to build SOOO MANY PATHWAYS up Mt Eden???

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Don't make unrealistic demands and charges on residents all in the name of climate change. Especially for getting rid of our rubbish, reducing carparks when our transport system is so unreliable.

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Hold rates and reduce expenses

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Reprioritise current spending to cover these costs

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: Reduce expenses further

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Parks planning

Tell us why these are most important to you: Need to stick to funding the basics. Cut council staff numbers by 30%.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Other |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Other |

What do you think of these proposals? Cut expenses to balance the budget without increasing rates

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Get the basic services right. Reduce council staffing numbers, operate a balanced budget

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport needs funding and needs to improve to help support the city. The rest should go ahead

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland needs to hold some shareholding in AIAL

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Focus on safety and accessibility. Not trees being cut down or not. Waste of time and money

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Safety - lighting and other measures

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is already under funded, reducing early childhood education services is terrible - how does this help the falling birth rate?

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The council needs to concentrate on its key services and remove the other parts until they have it back under control

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Don't sell assets reduce your services/staff

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Reduce your spending

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are useful things to do that maintain the important aspects.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Keeping the city livable and not making it too crowded or over built, having places for the kids to run around and play

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: As an Auckland ratepayer, I am very concerned about the proposed reductions in spending across the Auckland Arts and Culture sector, and the impact that this budget would have on our wider community. A flourishing, innovative, connected community needs a strong Arts and Culture community. Libraries, Art Galleries and Community activities all help to bring our city to life. I will happily accept a higher rates bill, provided these communities continue to get sufficient funding to continue to play the valuable role they do in Auckland.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These services are vital for wellbeing of our community as a whole. It is very short sighted to cut funding.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Continue building cycling lanes. Do not stop or pause such projects already underway.

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: The higher the rate increase, the higher the collection costs. We need to give Mayor Wayne Brown the opportunity to deliver before further burdening the ratepayer more.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I support this as long as all arts, culture and other expenditure that is not infrastructure critical is ceased. The council should focus only on Auckland's infrastructure that is roads, transport, public spaces, and water pipes. The council should also

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Surely the recent natural disaster in Auckland has shown that none of these things are critical. Better infrastructure will result in a happier population.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All public spaces should be maintained for people to go out and enjoy them and create their own activities. Its part of maintenance. Do something about the drug users that have taken over Bellvue Park.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Cut the food scraps involvement all together. This is not core council business. Even if food scraps go the landfill, they degrade into the soil naturally. Peoples kitchens are tiny enough without forcing it into every household.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What actually happens to our recycling. What is the return on investment.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The rates are already so high that I think this would have a massive impact on a lot of people.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need our services esp public transport and libraries and art gallery

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Tell us why: Shares will come up again and then will be an asset. It is not a good time to sell shares.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Understand need for higher rates. Don't like it but will accept it and prefer this to loss of services.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Not thrilled but understand the need.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't like all the infill housing in our area Pt Chev. I don't think we have the infrastructure to support it. We don't have the parking spaces. Traffic will be even worse.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Library hours, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parkrun at Western Springs

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What do you think of these proposals? Keep the bus services going please.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please don't take away our rubbish collection including inorganic collection, bus services, library and art gallery.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: ECE services should remain funded, the saving of \$1 million is not worth the resulting outcomes of withdrawing funding from an already struggling critical sector

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please decrease board funding and council management staff costs.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: As long as tax payers are no longer funding Air New Zealand then I am happy.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Why do we need to increase rates if the cost reductions are working? Further reduce overheads to make the organisation competitive, optimal, benchmarked against international standards.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: If the council are not able to generate money with the tax takings they already have, then why should we trust them with more tax takings? Money makes money. Benchmark this organisation and its operating costs against international standards. FOLLOW THE

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Tell us why: I can't see the value of these initiatives. What we need is our verges mowed, good lighting on streets, clean facilities, well maintained grounds and free events i.e. movies in the parks.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

We need to follow the money so that each tax payer can see how their contribution is being used (similar to how you can follow your contribution to a superannuation fund or blue chip investment). This would get the attention of the youth and increase part

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining shares in AIAL seems sensible

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Staff reduction

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Open space low mow / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Open space low mow / no mow areas

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Debt can be paid back once cost of living under control.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cut your costs before your forced tolower your debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The markets will crash soon

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Again reduce the debt, the global economy is in crisis it is likely to collapse its just a matter of when. Its important to act now, rather than later

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cut the CEO wages of the CCO's you pay them way to much

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Changes to spending on community facilities and services and to Some functions of Tataki Auckland. Both of these functions help to make Auckland the great city it is to live in, by attracting investment, promoting Auckland to the world and providing people who live and visit here with a range of activities that would be expected from a big city.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: If we want to see our city and communities thrive and not see a reduction in services the we have to be prepared to pay for them. I for one do not want Auckland going backwards and becoming an unattractive place to live for future generations.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: With climate change unlikely to be reversed we need to build resilience into our communities so that those who are at risk do not suffer the same issues they are currently having to endure.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Axing ece for a paltry 1 mil? Insane. The savings in any of these reductions will be massively offset by the additional costs to other services that will need to pick up the slack.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: There appears to be very little benefit to Auckland in maintaining this relationship

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Look around

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of the initiatives stated are important to addressing inequity and providing better services to communities. I believe increasing rates to tax those that can afford to pay is more equitable. There is a lot of investment needed in our transport in particular and the need to improve wages for bus and train drivers and implement training programmes so that we can get people out of their cars onto public transport. In order to decrease the city's emissions by 50% in the next 7 years strong investment is needed and this should come more from those who are able to afford it without taking away the support of those who can't.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Increasing rates vs debt

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I would prefer than our generation pays for the cost of the need to invest in our communities and infrastructure - the future generations already have high debt from covid plus the need for further adaptation with climate change.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to both mitigate and adapt and improve our resilience to increasing floods and droughts.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to start prioritising restoration of our local areas to increase our resilience to climate. We also need to recognise the link between healthy ecosystems and healthy humans.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? For the bin swap maybe this could be skipped for those who would struggle to pay (as it's good to reduce their costs on an ongoing basis and incentivise sending less to landfill).

I do not support an adjustment to the CATR and want it to be used as it wa

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please don't cut funding to our climate mitigation and adaptation activities. While we are in a cost of living crisis the cost will be far greater for future generations and we need massive investment in our infrastructure to get public transport operati

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Concentrate on core activities and deliver excellence in these areas. Jettison all peripheral activities that are expensive, poorly delivered, and a benefit to a few.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Council should not be involved in private enterprise.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Keep rates increases less than the CPI by reducing indirect operating expenses (administration expenses, regulation overload etc.). Debt should be used for long-term capital projects.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Continual annual cost increases of \$20m are open-ended. Identify the risks and estimate the cost to fix and apportion between capital (new infrastructure) and operational (maintenance),

Use long-term borrowing for the capital cost and rates revenue for

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: The community needs to maintain & increase clean and green outdoor areas in high-density urban environments.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Have no comment on Tupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan as don't believe this Authority should have been created in the first place.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed budget for 2024. While I appreciate the difficult decisions that the council has to make in allocating funds, I am dismayed by the cuts and reductions in services that have been suggested.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Council can cut down some costs related to events and also some middle to senior management teams as there are a lot of them who just can't make good decisions for the public.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Do you think AKL homeowners still not suffering enough? Our property value is decreasing by 20% while your CV wasn't trying to match the market rate and still charging us at the higher value rate. Is that fair? Why just cut down unnecessarily middle to s

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Why just use the rate payer's money properly in the past years, have you guys calculated how much was wasted in the past 3-5 years for those downtown upgrades? Cycle route in the Auckland Harbor bridge? That ugly giant \$260K mirror sculpture in O'Connell

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any reduction. Now more than ever people require support to rebuild their communities, culture and personal lives. Cutting funds to these projects removes the agency of people to reengage with society and will leave them dependent on more expensive and less effective forms of support. We need to increase our social investment in public transportation, as only one example, decreases economic mobility for the most vulnerable populations. Such a simple policy can completely remove people's economic and social contribution. Not only a loss for New Zealand, but incredibly harmful for the council and individual. Incredibly short-sighted policy.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: early childhood education services need to be kept as we can't punish poor people who can't afford the expensive private ECE service and transport cost.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: '- Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

- Early childhood education services

- Regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres.

These services are vital! Cutting funding to them would have a seriously negative impact on our city. The less social and cultural resources people have access to the more disenfranchised they are; the more mentally unwell, financially unstable, violently inclined they become.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: We have seen the results of selling off state-owned assets and it has been terrible. The privatisation of assets has resulted in a handful of companies having control over the cost of services and driving them sky high. We need to retain state-owned asset

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million.

The regional services discussed in Proposal A are key and core Council Services for the benefit of a wide range of ratepayers and should be funded by higher rates increases. Social services and links to the community (such as Citizens Advice Bureau) are key public facing council activities and will result in greater burden on council call centres for information.

Contestable grants should be cut further and be met by philanthropic activities and business sponsorships. All ratepayers should not be subsidising areas that other entities should be funding.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Council has no control or influence (at board level). There is no investment rationale to holding a single asset investment (as opposed to a portfolio) and the council is not in the business of investment. Prudent financial management suggests debt reduction

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Tell us why: If council has costs increasing by CPI it should increase rates by CPI - reduce debt or increase services.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Development contribution fees should increase with the rate of inflation (or more) to reflect the higher future cost of providing the infrastructure for any new development.

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The council should institute a 1% levy on any property transactions within its bounds - and that funding should be

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I support sharing resources across the council group.

I do NOT support the other listed reductions. I support a rates rise to cover these instead. Many of the listed services are what makes Auckland a great place to live and attract people here in spite of the challenges of living in a big city. Maintaining reduced public transport services would be appalling and would fly in the face of all our commitments on climate action and equity.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: Insufficient information has been provided as to what the \$20m in OPEX will pay for, so I can't say if I support it or not.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: In particular my concern surrounds the stated options being considered in the discontinuation of all contestable regional grants across arts, events, community recreation, environment, heritage etc (\$8m in total), and the removal of another \$20m from community and social innovation and economic development programmes, which includes art events programmes.

In the overall scheme of the Council's funding these are relatively small amounts of money, but the many arts, community, environmental and educational programmes and initiatives that would be affected by cuts in funding provide immeasurable benefits and help make a real difference to the quality of Aucklanders' lives.

As an arts practitioner, teacher, historian and citizen of Auckland I strongly oppose any cuts of funding in these areas. The areas under consideration for discontinuation of funding, put simply, all contribute to making Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland a liveable city. Without arts, events, community recreation and heritage preservation our city will become devoid of life and energy, no longer reflecting the lives of its residents.

As has become apparent over the Covid-19 lockdowns when people are robbed of gathering together, being inspired by art, and the simple joy made possible by shared public celebrations, mental health issues arise. By removing the contestable funding for all these types of events and gatherings in Auckland I can imagine an increase in crime and

mental health disease as residents will no longer have access to free or low-cost art and community events. These are the glue that keep societies healthy and cities vibrant.

I am sure that all councillors, and even the Mayor himself, has been uplifted by attending a community festival event such as Divali or the Lantern Festival, hearing music in a local park, laughing at street performance or seeing an artwork in a public space. Please do not vote in favour of these budget cuts. The arts and community events are vital to a city's wellbeing.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: let people choose where they buy/build houses and not expect others to subsidise their decisions

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: serve residents by providing access to power, water, roads, footpaths and public transport. leave the 'feel-good' acts to charities and communities to manage on their own.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: these serve youngsters who don't have the ability to vote or fund these with income

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? open up these services to free market competition. this is the best way for people to understand the real cost of these services and for govt funded agencies to understand if they provide 'value for money'.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

open up public transport to the free market. current monopoly of AT-contracted buses, trains and ferries demonstrates ignorance and arrogance. council should focus on services to residents to be safe and worry-free, rather than waste money on 'pet' proje

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The people suffering from the proposed operating spending reductions are from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Rich people who drive to work every day will not suffer from reduced public transport options. This is one example; the same can be said for most items on this list (e.g. rich people will not suffer from reducing education programmes, homelessness funding etc).

It is our social responsibility as a collective to uplift people who are in a less fortunate situation due to their backgrounds which they can most often not control.

For this reason I believe that we should collectively pay more rates.

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Tell us why: We should be responsible for the debt we are leaving future generations in; hence it is our obligation to pay higher rates.

However, it is not fair on the less fortunate of our society to increase rates too much, as they are already struggling to get by

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why: I am an environmental engineer with experience in the stormwater space and its interaction with rivers, wetlands, flood detention etc.

Please consider that the best way to effectively manage future storms, particularly with climate change increasing the

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Any decision we make needs to consider the impact on the environment. In New Zealand, our greatest asset is our natural environment. Future generations will be able to cope with debt if our environment is pristine and flora and fauna are thriving, as our

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community groups, Library's, Support networks, Art gallery's, museum's, theatre, public transport, alternative (to cars) transport infrastructure. Generally all of the services that are in this proposed cut need to be maintained or improved.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: In my business I finance assets over their operational lifetime. I think most businesses operate in the same way. Why is there a problem applying this to council assets? If the council wants a financial sugar hit why not sell off some of the golf courses.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The rates and debt levels are what they need to be higher debt is not a problem if we are getting a tangible benefit. I'd prefer not to increase the rate burden but this has to cover debt and running costs

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above are essential. Maybe sell a golf course or two

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Bad time to sell. Wait for the shares to improve in value.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Cut costs more dramatically internally. A higher general rate increase only used for infrastructure.

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Tell us why: Time to reduce the costs from these mostly nice to have activities.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

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Cut all non essential internal staff. The council needs no marketing people (it is a monopoly), it needs very few communication staff (limited to emergency communications only), no legal staff or no use of external firms - pick one and a much smaller HR d

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do STRONGLY oppose the way you conduct your survey. I want a person to person public meeting and not a one to one survey as I do NOT trust any council surveys

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and CUT EVERY SECOND AUCKLAND BREAUCRAT.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: get an INDEPENDENT body to evaluate ALL council spending and reduce non core spending by 50%

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms is core spending. NO rates increase needed

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: ONLY the library should be funded

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: To allow only 3 is another manipulation of this survey

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What do you think of these proposals? I pay rates ONLY rates. No targeted rates! I want to pay only for basic services with a reduced bureaucracy. Anything else is robbery.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

More buses

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increase rates. Do Not reduce spend I mean come on.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Sell them. Not a great stock anyway

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Don't stop services for the poor. Higher rates is the way to go mates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Spend it

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Tell us why: Don't stop services

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

You gotta get rid of the muppets who suggested reducing welfare services etc. Tax the high earners more.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don’t yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: Unless the the actual number of bureaucrats is reduced by 30% it will just be pointless

Look at the number of bureaucrats per head of population now compared to 1990 if all the councils were combined and the likes of the council controlled organisations

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Reduce number of bureaucrats by half , get more accountability in for each organisation in council , set and publish kpi's

AT is out of control

They replace footpaths that do not need replacing which i can prove

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Because i do not trust that council will keep it within 20 million and also because probably 5milliin of the 20 million will go on endless meetings , co governance and rituals

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities are based on idiotic woke rubbish , we are in a crisis so stop spending on unessential items such as "making people feel welcome etc"

It is not the bureaucrats in council that will lose their jobs in a downturn caused by council raping the

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The others are pointless

Sports fields are needed as it is proven that people that play sport are better citizens

Pests are out of control and rats in particular

Waterways are all polluted and nz is suppose to be clean and green - dirty waterways send

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What do you think of these proposals? Yes

Swimming pools why is it that the incompetent dept that manages swimming pools does not inspect all the safety fencing in 1 or 2 streets on the same day rather than such as my street they come at all mths of the year

Streamline it to save time on the

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Council becoming more efficient

Publish Kpi's for all ceos

Get rid of all the public relation staff in mayors office and in council , they are not needed

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Programmes and activations in community facilities, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please value our community services and facilities, especially in our vulnerable neighbourhoods. The cyclone has shown how important community is for everyone, but most importantly for those in the non-affluent communities. We need to build and cherish o

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
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| 2 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 1 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 5 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 3 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 4 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Youth programmes, Temporarily or permanently close council venues and facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please value our community services and facilities, especially in our vulnerable neighbourhoods. The cyclone has shown how important community is for everyone, but most importantly for those in the non-affluent communities. We need to build and cherish o

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Better Comunication.

Clean the leaves on the roads, so the storm water drains work.

Be firm on not rebuilding in vumerable sites .

Keep funding commuity facilies and have plans in place with volunteers, so these facilies are prepared and ready for this typ

Manurewa Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Potential closure of local facilities, Community programme delivery, Strategic partnerships and capacity building

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please value our community services and facilities, especially in our vulnerable neighbourhoods. The cyclone has shown how important community is for everyone, but most importantly for those in the non-affluent communities. We need to build and cherish o

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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| 3 | Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods |
| 5 | Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection |
| 2 | Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors |
| 1 | Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I did not vote for the new Mayor and Councillors to absolutely decimate arts, culture and entertainment in Auckland.

To do so would be an embarrassment to the city. How on earth can Tataki Auckland just cut \$27M from Auckland Live, Auckland Art Gallery and Auckland Zoo - let alone not drive major events, tourism and economic development for the city. You should review the recommendations leading to the combination of RFA and ATEED.

The same goes for the regional grants and support for Q Theatre and The Basement - and what about the St James Theatre?

I would happily pay an extra 1% rates increase to support Auckland being a great city to live, work and play in. Only \$0.75 a week!!

Please don't turn Auckland into the most miserable city in world.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Let's Fix Auckland was the promise. Yes, that does take money!

Fixing is more than transport, water and waste.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Increase is fine but don't forget about all the other things needed to make Auckland a great place - including community, culture, sport and recreation.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do support the removal of community grants - what is the point of local boards if they cannot do anything in their community apart from have meetings. Otherwise, just abolish the local boards.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals? I think the food scraps waste collection is a waste of time and money.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Support the light rail network - just look at Melbourne for a good example.

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Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these initiatives are essential for a thriving city. Reducing or removing these services will create long-term pain and disproportionately affect communities and minority groups. We need to find other solutions (like debt) in the short-term and maintain a focus on growing the liveability of our city and motu

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: As long as we maintain a blocking shareholder vote and seat on Board

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Too conservative on projections, would be comfortable with 1.5% rate increase.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These sound like things that are important to the liveability of Auckland. Would be particularly unhappy about cuts to arts and community services for the vulnerable.

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Tell us why: Sales of income producing assets are a terrible way to cut costs and should be a last resort.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: No one likes paying extra rates but better to do that than lump the cost on future generations. (I know that goes against the grain of every previous generation of Aucklanders ever).

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Priorities look good. Am generally keen to see more support for local parks, cycling, pedestrian links. Let's not go gold-plated though. Would rather do more at a middling standard than little with over-engineered designs etc.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Arts and culture funding

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Public infrastructure needs to be in public hands

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: A rates increase is the most equitable way

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Tell us why: The climate is changing

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Tell us why: Because I want to live in a community where people Are safe and supported

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts programs are very meaningful to my family

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Asset sales are a short sighted one-way street.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: If you can't afford it, capital expenditure should be limited like services. There aren't enough workers to do it anyway, so its not needed for economic stimulus.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Get out of your economic hole first.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Rates increase

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Good idea to cut borrowing interest rates

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Use

Money from the petrol tax for roads not bicycle ways and place a charge on EV bikes and scooters

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Roading and the lack of good access on the main routes and not adding more bike lanes and buses as not everyone is able to ride or get to us stops

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Reduction of PT services is insane

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support any of your proposed cuts to services. I particularly do not support cuts to pest control, ecological restoration and other environmental services. A lot of progress has been made, and to stop now will mean we will lose rare species and habitat, and it will cost us a lot more in the future to get the environment back up to the current state. In addition, we need to be moving towards a "sponge city" to help mitigate floods - we need all of the current spending on environmental initiatives to continue.

I do not support cutting funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited - for two reasons - first these are tourist drawcards with financial pay off to local business. The second is for reasons of equity of entry.

I do not support reducing local board funded initiatives. These are critical parts of local democracy and help people become engaged in local government, as well as providing a mechanism to support local initiatives.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell the shares, use some of the money to maintain current services and pay down some debt, and use the time gained to come up with a better plan than the short sighted "slash and burn" approach presented here.

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To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Franklin Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? I don't know

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Kaipātiki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Local business support

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|--|
| 1 | Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers |
| 2 | Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces |
| 3 | Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways |
| 4 | Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents |
| 5 | Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget |

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Stop infill housing, prevent development on overland flow paths, require tree protection and planting - require a 5% increase in tree canopy cover each year in every local board area.

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, environmental education, community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Consider reducing the budget in the mayor's office. Pay counsellors less.

Ōrākei Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Do not support

Tell us why: I do not support any proposal to cut local environmental initiatives (e.g. pest control and ecological restoration). These are essential if we are to mitigate the effects of climate change, and council financial support leverages a vast amount of volunteer

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Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

| Rank | Proposed Priorities |
|------|---|
| 3 | Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods |
| 5 | Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection |
| 2 | Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors |
| 4 | Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use |
| 1 | Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment |

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Water quality of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Rodney Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Ecological restoration programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Try cutting the budget for the office of the mayor.

Whau Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not like to see a decrease to libraries. These are a valuable resource for many members of our community.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: This seems to be a sensible solution with the least impact to other services. Recognising that the airport is of strategic importance to the city, I am sure there can be others to mitigate any threat that might arise from the selling of the shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: I am on a fixed income and my rates rose 20% last year, not just the average increase. If your proposed rates increase results in another increase of that scale I would be forced to sell. Please do not keep talking about the average increase - as in many

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: What other assets are there that could be sold - golf courses?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Given the financial difficulties perhaps we could dispense with bullet 1.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Given recent weather events we must invest in projects which will help mitigate those events. The concept of the spongy city needs to be adopted - difficult so far because so much land is not in council hands. Look to how Auckland can utilise green space

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposed cuts will have a direct impact on community activity and cultural celebrations in Auckland. After such extreme weather incidents, a proposal to operate at a lower AT transport is utterly ridiculous, there has been and should be a major push to up the transport options in the city so fewer people need to drive. The impact on the communities who would feel the cuts are out west and south and those groups striving to make people's lives better and easier would be a massive blow to communities already struggling post the floods and financially. The flood response showed how important community and grass roots organizations are to the city of Auckland, we need to nourish and grow these communities not stunt them just when they are finding momentum.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don’t yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable): Unity Books Auckland

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of the services discussed are already very stretched and are impacting business. Many of our staff have been noticeably late most days due to the transport route changes/cuts this year. Some are already struggling to get childcare so cuts there would mean they have to leave their part-time jobs. Across-the-board cuts like this are not the answer, as Auckland will become unliveable.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Seems a balanced compromise but I would rather not have to see at all.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Homeowners need to pay for the services that we need, but I strongly disagree with Business rate increases being paused...they should be fast-tracked to make it fairer for all.

We should NOT be reducing the NETR and the WQTR it is short-sighted

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why:How can we answer this when we don't know which services will be delayed?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to make positive environmental change a priority

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation programmes including construction waste coordination, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? How can we answer the last question without knowing if changes mean a reduction or what the actual impact would be?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The council needs to reduce debt. With interest rates rising the servicing of this debt is only going to get bigger, so paying some off now makes sense

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

There has to be a plan for the Council Budget to run at a surplus.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: People can pay more rates. It's only greedy rich shits like Wayne Brown who don't want to pay the full value of the services they get, and don't want anybody else to enjoy things they (the rich shit philistines) don't want.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: We don't want to end up like a third world country. Tax/rate the rich shits, a lot of them are property speculators.

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Tell us why: Owning property is a privilege and people should pay for it's true value, including the services that go with it.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

*Put people and community services first.

*There are too many property-holding rate payers who are just speculators; and even if they're not, they make a killing when they sell up eventually.

*Many of these people got wealthy enough to buy property/spec

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It would be a real shame to reduce library and zoo hours and staffing levels

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I really think libraries are important to education and recreation

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe that some reductions are necessary however reducing all the above is not the answer. Funding should be maintained or increased to public transport, social services and childcare. However the others are more reasonable - for example Tataki Auckland Unlimited venues - if pricing were to be reinstated for Aucklanders and it was emphasized as important for Auckland as a whole, I think Aucklanders would be supportive of that.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: If this keeps Auckland in a better economic state and the welfare and satisfaction of travelers are not affected then I think it is a good financial decision.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: I am unsure what these means in the bigger picture

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Redirect any increase to operating budget to enhancing the infrastructure in regions most impacted by the storm.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I also hope that we can get the thoughts of locals in the area to identify any more priorities/more important.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? I support increase in costs to non-essential services like swim/spa pool fencing

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Reducing regional services Reducing local board funded activities Reducing regional contestable grants

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous. Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities. These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell the golf courses. It will give you the same one-off benefits.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: This budget proposes raising council debt to \$75m. The ceiling is \$140m. I strongly urge the council to make greater use of debt. That's why it's there - to get us through the tough times.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Loosing these initiatives will further compound the hurt.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Losing so many services will hurt our community. Local events and the arts will bring us together and help us get through.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Biggest city in New Zealand needs first rate public services

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Tell us why: Climate change...let some other institutions own the main contributor

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: We have to pay for services

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Priorities sound good to me

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think it is vitally important to maintain library and educational resources for the Auckland population. This is tremendously important equity issue and will affect those least able to offset any losses.

I think it is critical to maintain or actually increase services around public amenities and storm water servicing. The council has failed miserably to maintain storm water services across Auckland and many of these regularly fail to cope with the regular rainfall in Auckland. The consequences of this inadequate maintenance were seen recently with the two flooding events and many people have paid a high price for council cost savings on storm water maintenance

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport is a monopoly that is vitally important for the effective functioning of Auckland. The historical rate of return (and increase in value) has far exceeded any equivalent debt servicing costs. The recent hiatus in dividends due to covid should b

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Please charge ratepayers real costs and do not subsidise those with these assets. Use debt to ensure infrastructure is maintained. Fix the pipes: clearly there is still a tremendous amount of work to do in water and roading infrastructure.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: It is vitally important the council maintains community activity. One of the most important is access to public libraries. This is a key equity issue.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: A priority for reducing costs should be the ridiculous expenditure on raised platforms and speed bumps in streets, as the costs of these seriously exceed the benefits, particularly as they adversely affect road safety and urban liveability.

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Tell us why: In most years AIAL has been a significant funding stream for Council, and selling all the shares would accordingly result in higher rates that would be mitigated if a significant portion of the shares were retained.

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Tell us why: We must pay our way somehow. Unfortunately the NZ government has not allowed local government to have a suitably wide range of income streams so is mainly limited to rates. Continue to lobby the government to change this.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Better to limit the increase to \$10m per year. It can be reviewed in the subsequent budget.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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TMA performance has ranged between dubious and atrocious in terms of public relations and environmental outcomes, and contribution to a Maunga environment which best supports liveability in Auckland. In the current circumstances Council must ensure its sc

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Tell us why: It's really important that the council have a stake in the city's airport--to protect the interests of Aucklanders now and in the future. So as much of it as possible, should be in city hands if it can be. And, there is clearly a need for more \$ in the c

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Tell us why: around \$3 a week is totally manageable for me-- not sure about everyone. I think it's very important that the city and all of it's people are properly cared for, resourced, and have what they need for flourishing, especially in these challenging, changin

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Tell us why:we gotta get on top of this stuff now, best we can, and prepare well for the future. that might require some radical stuff, but let's do it and cash up to do it now. Waiting will only be more costly-- money, lives, wellbeing, livelihoods etc.

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Tell us why: please don't make the cuts. continue to support people, parks, communities, libraries etc best way possible. we're going to need to do all this climate change, etc, stuff. together. so connecting people right now is extra important. divided we won't have

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It is the foundation of the public, people need to have the basic support to maintain a daily life, especially in this tough time. the medical services, the school and housing should support us to get through the inflation, not worsening it.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is constant ongoing business , should keep it and earn money from it. cutting it off will only make the income of the govt less.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: it is difficult for everyone these 3 years. do not make it harder.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: climate change is more often. WE should prepare more.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: we need library~

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Arts the gallery plus museum, zoo , stadiums have potential to earn more from tourists visiting Auckland this value should be enhanced and every effort made to increase visitor numbers and visitors experience which will therefore increase revenue. Reduce local board funded activities, Reduce contestable grants, Maintain reduced public transport, Reduce regional programmes

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport shares are a valuable asset for Auckland with tourism growth the value of the shares may well increase. Once they are gone they are gone

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: I would like to see more detail on what is meant by "improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms" This area needs concise detail and begs the question why are you not already prepared?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support points 2 and 3 any funding for the rest should go directly to mitigation for future weather events

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Save the children fund

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: We need all the help we can get at the moment, reducing debt will help us and the next generation coming through, they are going to have their own problems without picking up the pieces and paying for this generations misfortunes.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding for arts and cultural institutions, except, MOTAT. MOTATs annual operational spend and jobs have grown exponentially over the last several years with NO apparent changes in visitor numbers. The annual visitor numbers are fudged as they include benign events that have no relevance to MOTAT actual existence. Review and reduce MOTAT ops and marketing spend, reduce unnecessary senior management team and administrators. Seek a new model of operation based on MOTAT actually being a Museum of TRANSPORT and TECHNOLOGY. AC will save \$5m to \$8m of the annual \$14m spend it take to run the facility. MOTAT needs a complete rethink. Also, a 15% pay cut for all Council staff earning over \$100,000 per annum.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: User pays.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Arts, Libraries, Sports, Education, Culture Programmes, Social Services etc are the backbone of a functioning community

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling off assets is a very short-sighted option, for example, look at the disaster Muldoon created.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The ratepayers of Auckland are not a cash cow that can be milked for the benefit of the council, when was the last time pensions went up and by how much? We don't have any more money.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Re think the places where people can build to negate the damage from these events

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: I think it is appalling that part of a cat one Historic building is being removed for a road to 4,000 apartments, surely there is a better solution, take 25mm off the other roads, pathways and apartments. What is the point of Category one heritage if the

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Not enough answers available for this question

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The best way to save money is to flag the light rail project and replace it with one of the many alternatives.

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keep public transport funding. The city can't function if kids can't get to school, people to work

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: It makes no sense for the council to have these - it's a discretionary investment

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Rates increase is reasonable given the challenge we are in. Sale of Auckland Airport will help lower debt position

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: You can't keep increasing rates. Work within your already HUGE budget

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Cut all of them

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't extend the food scraps services - waste of money

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reductions to library or citizen advice spend, both of these areas are important tools for people to be able to access tools and support when dealing with local and central government and produce access to resources to prevent inequality

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Is this a core function of the council?

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: More to come

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Proceed with the proposed reductions, but it is critical that you also reduce headcount by 30% across the Council and the CCO's (this in turn will reduce other costs/activities that this bloated bureaucracy involves itself in)

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Keeps a strategic shareholding in AIAL and lets us reduce rates/debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Debt should only be used for long term/infrastructure projects, and these must be carefully managed to budget.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: But only if you and future councils warrant that this increase will be used solely for investment in infrastructure, buildings and equipment (NOT Land).

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Cut your cloth to meet your gib. You can't afford to do all of these activities, so don't do them.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: The rest are nice to have.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: CAB service is a vital service to the community that should not have funding reduced so drastically.

Funding for communities services such as Library, Art gallery plays a very important role in our future that reduction in funding cannot be accepted.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The shareholding needs to be significant to have influence, 18% is not strong enough to be a strong influence, might as well use it reduce debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Stop wasting money on spendings, be more efficient on our staffing and operations. Stop paying contractors whose have 5 workers watch 1 worker do all the work. So much waste in your spending, what cannot you look at ways to use funding more effectively,

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: We need a better response than spend more money, instead of asking us to cover the shortfalls, why don't you look to improve your efficiencies instead?

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Be more efficient of the funding instead of asking the rate payer for your ineffectiveness.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of the places where cuts are proposed are the very things which make modern, vibrant cities livable. Surely at the very least rates should be lifted in line with inflation if not higher in order to ensure our city has a vibrant arts scene, usable and accessible public transport, looks out for our most vulnerable residents and ensures that local community groups are able to be involved in creating a unique and livable city.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: As seen with the recent storms we have to urgently put mitigation in places for the inevitable ongoing effects of climate change.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Now is not the time to be cutting spending in key areas. Rates need to be set at a level which allows for ongoing investment in the city we all call home. As a home owner I find it bizarre that we are so resistant to contributing to the smooth running and

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting the proposed services will make Auckland a less liveable city than it already is. You're going to lose residents to more culturally appealing cities and fail to attract new people.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This is a short sighted and ideologically motivated neoliberal privatisation of a piece of infrastructure that needs to be kept in public hands.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Why are parks being looked at for housing when Chamberlain Golf Course is used but a very small amount of people at great cost to everyone else? Golf courses surely don't have any place in the central suburbs

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Wayne Brown should step down, I can't imagine he has the faith of even the people who voted for him anymore

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Proceed with the reduction of expenditure by cutting down all workers's salary in the council by 10% and reduce anyone who earned over \$100,000 in the council by 20% and frozen further salary increase by 3 years. Reduce the number of council employee by increase efficiency and speed of the work.

Do not reduce the services but cutting cost with reduced salary and reduce number of employee would be great.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Privatisation is more efficient than operate by council for sure.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Because the rate is already sky-rocketing, the value of the house is decreasing and a lot of people will lost their homes by increasing rate, Auckland is already the most unaffordable city in the world, it is very bad ideas.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Increased money can be wasted by consultation company, if you use current budget wisely, it should be enough.

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Tell us why: It sounds right and should be more.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: It seems to be right to me to have some local event for society, keep environment clean and tidy. Mowing the parks for sure, do you want our city look like a third world country side slum.

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What do you think of these proposals? You can collect all rubbish fortnightly rather than weekly. If you reduce the size the bin, it should be encouraged and so \$40 charge is a sour taste in mouth. You can do fencing compliance by increasing efficiency.

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Mowing the berm around the city, it is disgrace when international visitors here, all berm is councils land, resident is no right to do anything on it but volunteer to mow it.

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Tell us why: No point in having an asset that is not returning sufficiently to cover debt. Do not re borrow, cut unnecessary spending..

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: You cannot keep borrowing.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Charge new developments for much needed infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, | Do not support |

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Avoid expenditure on items that are not council responsibility. If people want festivals, let them pay for it or raise funds.

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Submitter details

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: How about aligning businesses to the same annual increases ongoing?

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Mismanagement of the billions received by council each year is the key issue. Services should be reduced to core essentials and these focused on for upgrade investment rather than waste even more of ratepayers money. Cut nonessential services.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Support libraries, parks but do not support climate measures and community connection. Both wasteful in current economic situation and climate will change as it always has for billions of years and definitely won't be affected by anything even NZ as a whole

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: More essential services.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Drop all climate related costs.

Allow for developers to apply for resource consent under new intensification rules even if they have qualifying matters by stating a case to council for a fee.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Climate change is going to happen regardless of what we do. This has become a huge economic cost for little to no gain. We should focus our investment on infrastructure so it can handle changes in climate and allow greater intensification as building up i

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce contestable grants for environmental management. This is short sighted in terms of councils freshwater, indigenous biodiversity and highly productive land management.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Aucklanders should maintain an interest in our airport to ensure we have the asset income moving forward.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Prefer to pay higher rates and only reduce wq targeted rate and netr by 1/3. Environmental action protects our assets for the future. We should use the already collected targeted rate money to deliver a small number of actions at scale. Rather than many s

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Stormwater infrastructure and coastal structures management needs larger investment in the near term.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cultural services, incl. libraries, are important in general education; perhaps art galleries - frequented by a minority - could be privately run.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: It's a one-off, substantial alleviation. Henceforth we'd have to pay our way more stringently.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: It's important for what we get, a stretched charge.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It will be needed.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: All of these are important & can be tidied up but must not be cut back to dysfunctional levels.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: If the facilities are there, it's up to the community to find ways of making use of them (arranging sport, running courses)

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't understand how these matters will affect me.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support any reductions in services

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining the airport ensures a source of future income

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I support increase in spending for city assets

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Stormwater infrastructure etc must proceed with consideration of climate change urgently.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not support any reduction in services

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate change issues and infrastructure are too important to be ignored by the proposed budget, we will end up paying regardless in the future

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Those are all incredibly important services. Raise rates.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Raise rates

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change and ecosystems are pretty important

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It's unacceptable to reduce services. Looks unbelievable how you want to cut on NEEDED services (homelessness funding, education, early childhood services). If you cut any of these services, you need to be aware you are the responsible people for making Aucklanders lives worse than ever before. Cutting services to people that need it most implies having more inequity and it will mean having less education, therefore more unsafe communities. It's insane that you want to make people's lives worse during such hard times of uncertainty, anxiety, post-covid, during a climate crisis, where jobs have been lost, houses have been damaged, inflation makes people's lives harder, cost of living in this city is insane and communities became unsafe with theft! Stop thinking with your rich wallet minds and govern to serve people!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Do whatever you need to do to avoid cutting services that are ESSENTIAL to people.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Set higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt. Most cities of Aotearoa (and of the world) have greater taxes. Tax the rich, tax those that have multi million dollar houses, tax those that avoid paying tax at all cost! But don't make poor

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Of course you need to increase operating budget to respond to this. And you should be responding with better climate initiatives and caring for the people of Auckland.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The proposed priorities look good but if you are going to cut all the services you are planning to cut, nothing will make much sense. You are just cutting services to people that need it the most. So then why don't you just create Auckland only for rich p

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above are important. But 1. community development and support is KEY in our communities. Some people in our board area may not feel the need for it because some of them are very wealthy but that does not mean that community development and supp

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What do you think of these proposals? Charge more taxes (and rate the taxes depending the properties and earnings.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

1. The topic about Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan is not clear (even with the supporting information).
2. People lives are important to me. Not your airport shares. You need to keep on giving services to people. Stop cutting services. Stop wa

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Submitter details

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The impacts of cutting this funding will be devastating to the conjunction communities that deserve to thrive. We need arts, community, connection and support more than ever with recent floodings/Cyclone Gabrielle. Covid also had a huge negative impact on the arts sector.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: These storms were devastating and action needs to be taken quickly so we don't lose sight on this tragedy.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration and pest control, Water quality of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of these services you are proposing to cut have huge impacts of people's lives, mental health, community connection and will impact what sort of lives our children will have. I especially advocate against cutting arts and culture funding. It is not just a novelty - it's the way people ground themselves in a community and in their own personal worlds and it affects society, mental health and has flow on impacts to society if cut and people become even more disconnected from society. Not only that but it's an underpaid area anyway that once funded means people who work for it often volunteer a lot of their own hours. So by cutting these roles and organisations you also cut out a lot of unpaid value to the community that goes with it. I'm saying this as someone who worked in the arts for 20 years and has seen the positive impact of this area on people and communities.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: I don't know but see a rate increase like this as better than cutting funding to vulnerable areas like arts/culture and homelessness

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I do think something major needs to be done. It's going to happen again so we need to be prepared.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Regional services that enable those who otherwise wouldn't get to experience arts and cultural activities is important for those in lower tax brackets. Additionally, reducing homelessness funding seems like a bad idea, considering that homeless people already face severe living conditions.

Early childhood education services allow parents who would not otherwise be able to afford childcare to attend learning programmes (such as university) and work to support their family. Reducing this would impact people in lower tax brackets the most, as they may not be able to account for the reduced funding out of their own income.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don’t yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Libraries, parks, and community are all integral to the neighbourhood experience and are accessible to people of all incomes. Combating climate change is incredibly important.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: As stated above climate action and looking after the land we have is incredibly important. Libraries create accessibility to people of all backgrounds and income levels, which is so important for a thriving and knowledgeable community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Get rid of climate activator

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Obvious needs

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate action does not have to be considered at all in regards to public transport. It makes about 0000000.2 of a difference and costs too much

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of these services are vital to many Aucklanders lives. Reducing funding to community and social services is cruel and will cause great damage to Auckland as a city. Reducing tourism promotion and economic development also handicaps the city's ability to earn more revenue, especially as Auckland is such a tourist focused city. Public transport is a shambles at the moment and needs to be fixed

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: '- Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland. Do not agree on reduction. These venues enhance Auckland's livability and tourism economy. Take these away or make them unaffordable then Auckland loses credibility and appeal.

-Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million. Do not agree on reduction. This would harm our communities, communities that are already struggling.

- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million. Without affordable childcare, parents can't return to work, thus prolonging employment benefits, jobs shortages, high unemployment rates. Plus our young citizens are missing out on receiving good education early.

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million. Transport is currently terrible. If you have to keep at a limited capacity for another year, then increase the

communications and organisation to ensure people are kept informed of transport choices. Ferry to Waiheke is so badly run at the moment which will deter tourists.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | I don't know |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: In a high interest rate and high inflation environment rates increases will put significant pressure on households. Internal cost cutting and reducing middle management should be the focus.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Now is the time to sell and before future capital raises.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Refer above.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waiheke Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I also thinking more has to be spent on Roothing in Waiheke.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Quality of roading and reducing speeds on the roads.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keeping arts and community services are critical to maintaining a sense of community in Auckland . They are critical to wellbeing at a time we need it most

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Common sense

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These services are really important for Aucklanders. I see some reductions have been applied and it has a negative impact, especially on kids.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I think it's in City Council interests to keep 10% shareholding, as airport is also part of the city.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community, arts, youth and the homeless need more budget not less. I work as a psychotherapist and see the impact of community funding. It provides much needed oasis's in a time when people feel stressed and face uncertainty. Community activities provide opportunities for connection which assist the healing in difficult times. This proposal also impacts our most vulnerable members of society - the poor and homeless. As Nelson Mandela said you can judge a society by the way they treat their most vulnerable.

A primary responsibility of the council is to build community. If that responsibility is abandoned then all we have is a city with no soul.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Debt needs to be spread over longer term, say 3 generations.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Infrastructure needs to be the highest priority to create an environment people feel safe to live in.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't support the reduction in spending on community as expressed previously.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Don't increase any rates

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Ring-fence libraries. They are so highly used by all sectors of population. I see them being used by people who don't have computers or printers; by school kids who haven't got anywhere to study after school; by little kids being introduced to story telling and reading; Don't reduce opening hours.

I hope you are investing in process re-engineering rather than just slashing costs. I know, from experience, when each year my department had a headcount budget cut, how much easier it was to meet the target if we could rationalise and improve processes.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate action - our ability to impact climate is almost negligible - it requires joint global action to be effective;

Libraries provide much needed services to people without access to computers, printers, photocopiers, books, studying areas etc. Take th

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community events bring everyone together and create a sense of belonging. They have a hugely positive impact on my mental health and that of my family. Stronger communities are also far less likely to experience crime. Please do not reduce funding for CIB, movies in parks, children's activities etc. There is so much research to support the benefits of community based projects. Not providing these mean that they are only available to the rich. This disadvantages children and creates an unequal society with more problems/ trauma. If anything more funding is required.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Totally wrong direction. Start with major environmental concerns and don't cut any cultural initiatives

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Tell us why: The air travel industry has to realise it is environmentally unsustainable

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is going to get worse year by year

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: Total rethink about climate change

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change, Climate change, Climate change...

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals? Much more proactive green and cultural initiatives

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Smash the Ruth right wing climate deniers

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Why reduce services within the community and education. That is stupid.

The most vulnerable needs these services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: To help fix our terrible infrastructure and drainage.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: I don't support the planning how the parks respond to growth. Because the other three are more important to deal with first.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: There are so many on the list that should be in my list. because they are so important to work with out community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals? Rates are already too expensive now

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Yes the inorganic sucks These should increase in size so people can get rid of their unwanted goods. This would stop people throwing stuff out at parks etc.and that would cost the council more money to get rid of them.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Local community events, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do NOT reduce funding to the Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery. They drive tourism to the city.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I strongly disagree with axing regional community services particularly those which are focused on disadvantaged young people such as The Southern Initiative. Poorer areas of Auckland are already much less well resourced.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The money from the sale of the shares is desperately needed now

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Many people have made a lot of money from buying and selling property in the last 30 years often escaping paying any tax on their capital gain. Paying higher rates seems fairer and sensible

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We are going to experience more extreme weather events so of course we must be better prepared and resourced

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Because they are all important

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think the focus should be on preserving the things that best support a sense of community and connection

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41). | I don't know |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland Zoo, public transport or libraries. Please increase rates to cover these costs.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Sell some of the shares, but use that money to continue paying for public transport, libraries and Auckland art gallery instead. Increase rates to cover the shortfall.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Charge higher rates. Aucklanders should be paying higher rates anyway considering the amazing range of council provided services we receive. Add a new rate targeted at landlords.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: I don't understand why Auckland didn't have the operating budget to cover this in the first place.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Protection of natural waterways protects us from future flooding. The library is the heart of my community, I go there every week.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? I didn't understand the description about the CATR. I support raising all rates as much as possible.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Libraries are important to me.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This council wastes so much money in wealthy areas such as recovering perfectly good roads whilst we having a homeless drama, housing restrictions. Not to mention huge mental health issues in many communities

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Going private has never been a good outcome for public services

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | I don't know |
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What do you think of these proposals? Available and affordable public transport. This city is dysfunctional. And does not dupoint the Public to progress or bring self sufficient let alone econical. The option is to drive. Thought there is nowhere to park

7. What else is important to you?

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Transport

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? You are not listening to what aucklander's are asking for.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Give Aucklanders the right to buy the shares first before selling them to others.

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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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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These investments are what makes a city great. If we are not investing in people & their future, they will leave

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Mayor does not understand commercial operations. Airport is a long term asset

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Do not support |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is critical to Auckland and should be efficient but must be available where its required

Institutions like Auckland Zoo and Art Gallery are important services that will not be accessible to local citizens if they are fully user paid.

Regional services are important to communities

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Once sold no Auckland council is ever going to repurchase these assets, in the long run we will be worse off.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Maybe climate change should have been addressed sooner..

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't cut funding to any social services. Especially not CAB

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Save money

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Impacts renters a lot.

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Tell us why: Make AKL more resilient

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Don't close the CAB's and continue maintaining all council maintenance places

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What do you think of these proposals? Continue to more climate resilient

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Please don't close the Citizens Advice Bureaus

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: We are pretty much all in debt, for the average kiwi inflation is destroying our joy, it's tough with a mortgage and a family. The everyday kiwi is struggling, the trickle on effect to business already hit hard with Covid is going to destroy the local eco

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Somewhat sceptical with the non committal wording of what the money will be used for. I've been

Told by council 3 times in the past year prior to 31/01/23 that what happened was "a 1 in 100 year event". Get real, what are you actually going to do, the beg

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We're all poor AF and need these free things to be able to leave the house.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You are taking away/damaging services we all use, including CABs, early childhood education, art and tourism and help for the homeless. Are we really negotiating this?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Raising rates is unfair as a house owner + commercial building owner and landlord

It is obviously a very easy way of increasing revenue council , that has provided a marginal service for years

There is little incentive to continue as a residential

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Who want to live or visit a city without arts and culture? It's idiotic.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Council should retain an ownership of the gate way that connects our city to the rest of the world and our country. Are you stupid?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: How will you be able to follow through on any of these prioritise if there's no funding to execute them?

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? This budget proposes to remove all the heart and magic that makes Auckland special and I'm disgusted it's even gotten this far. Shame on you Wayne Browne and all councillors who supported it.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Stop holding events for drag queens to recruit for lgbt community

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Better in long term

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: The cost is shared by everyone equally

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Member of community doesn't mean they should be a priority, gangs are also members of community so we can't help recruit kids in library and same applies for drag queens

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are my priorities

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Don't invite drag queens to library

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding arts and culture groups, Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Local community events, Parks programme volunteers, Youth programmes

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Transportation is one of the most important infrastructures in society, and cheaper transport is always better. I would like to bear the brunt to pay for it.

Reducing the Tātaki and board funded activities might be the best choice for now (but further consideration might be necessary in case it's a bad choice). Activities is a want that I and possibly many other people can live without, and the public venues budget slashing is fine until New Zealand can recover from its inflation crisis.

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Tell us why: The share value have decreased overtime but air nz wouldn't be allowed to crash due to government intervention. It will be a wise idea to keep some shares and then sell them once Air nz goes up in value in a year or so. But selling parts of it is a good i

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Tell us why: cost of living has caused a strain on everyone. Its hard to pick the right choice if it seems that both sides of rate payers and debt payers will be effected harshly due to the cost of living crisis.

A better idea would just to reduce paying certain infr

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Yes we need that, storm drains and anything that help reduce flooding can help make sure an economy isn't severely damaged for a while. As well as helping and saving people in flood zones.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please help with making sure that flooding is reduced incase it might happen again. The world is changing and anything helps to keep the lives of people still livable in Newzealand.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Rates are already excessive for home owners. Many home owners are currently facing financial challenges with high interest rates following an overpriced market and increasing costs of living. Council should better manage the income already generated f

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Council can work with the income already generated, refine and improve use of expenditure.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: With the number of drownings this summer, swimming lessons and water safety are a community priority. Council should provide and maintain facilities, but they should be user pays.

Parks and recreational areas are vital for community health and wellbeing.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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What do you think of these proposals? Council and individuals should lobby the government to ban plastic production and sale of goods wrapped in plastic. Especially plastic used for packaging of products/food items. The majority of our plastic packaging is not required or an alternative can

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Tell us why: Operating budgets and how they are spent should be analysed. some companies overcharge when its a council or govt job.

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Tell us why: There are parks none need upgrading.. minimal \$'s required. Tree planting whilst nice to do is not as important as feeling safe in our jomes and community

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Nice to haves are community events, community education programs, arts, community centre activities, activities in p

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Best option for now and future generation.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: we should always be prepared for Natural disasters.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not remove anymore non native trees. A tree is a tree and they take many years to grow. Only cull them if they are diseased or at end of life.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parks must be kept up to a good standard as they are free to everyone and parks must not be used for housing expansion. Once they are gone they will never be replaced.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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What do you think of these proposals? What actually happens to the food scraps? If they are recycled as compost good but is it a really viable program? Have a good hard look. I bet most of it still goes to landfill.

7. What else is important to you?

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Streamline as many services you provide as you can to be more efficient. More bodies does not necessarily mean a better outcome.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would prefer to pay more rates and live in a city that brings joy to communities

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres

No longer directly providing early childhood education services

It is important to keep communities connected and providing these services helps the community.

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Tell us why: If owning these shares don't improve the financial situation there seems to be no point in holding them.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We have seen the deviation that the weather has brought. We know that this is likely to happen again and it is important for the long run to prepare for the future.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Shades in parks. To protect our youngest tamariki from the sun and from burns that can be sustained on play equipment due to the sun. The tamariki that frequent park during the day are under 5. This needs to be taken into consideration when planning, main

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Early childhood education will reduce spending long term by making better workers who are less likely to be unhealthy and use public health serv8

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Home owners can afford it, invest less in roads

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Librarys and parks only no need for events and wasting money on leaflets and connection nonsense we have the internet we know about events

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Education and environment are everyone's right

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41). | Do not support |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: With inflation increases it makes sense that pricing for events or activities like zoo, gallery etc would go up. But cutting funding to youth, homeless and other community education seems ridiculous and likely to cost a lot more long term.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport is an amazing asset, it has a monopoly, don't sell it. There's only one airport allowed for the area, there is huge development going on currently and planned for the future, they have a huge plot of land, population and travel will conti

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase the rates paid by businesses so that it is equitable with residential rates, as of this financial year. Set a general rates increase and make some use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Use the extra rates that should be paid by businesses to fund this.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): One Day Party

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Allow parking on Berms

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please retain CABs homelessness funding and environmental initiatives. I am happy to pay to enter the art gallery or museum.

Also please retain as much as possible the youth centre's and other local board community projects

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport has not been paying dividends through the covid years but this is now changing. The dividends are an ongoing source of revenue for the council. Once they are sold this income stream is lost forever

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: It's reasonable

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is needed

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Please continue with all climate action initiatives

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Being in nature is important for emotional wellbeing and parks are important for everybody

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: I agree with the priorities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation programmes including construction waste coordination, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you: It is important on Aotea to minimize waste and to care for our community and environment

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please continue with plans for cycleways and improving our aging storm water system. Please can we have the berms mowed occasionally and all public spaces. Some homeowners do not own lawn mowers because of infill housing and the reduction in lawns

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need to remember the long-term effects of some of these decisions. Tourism is important to keep our local businesses going through a tough time. Community programmes, such as arts and culture, are important to keep our cultural wheels turning and are important to the climate of health that our council gives back to the community for the rates that they pay, especially in these times of hardships caused by covid and cyclones etc. If life is all grind and loss, people despair. The arts, in particular, allow space for empathy and understanding, enlightenment and encouragement. Please keep the light, or some of the light, shining.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I think the Airport is a valuable asset, and I would be sad to see all of it sold. I do think a partial sale would aid the council in the current situation, but if we think of Rogernomics in the 80s and 90s, we don't want to lose all assets that generate

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Clearly we need to be better prepared in future as the problem is not going to go away.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks planning, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Some of the social services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I believe that the Council should have a stake in our most important and local airport. I appreciate that we currently have no voting rights.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I see why we need a rates increase however we need to be mindful of any increase and the impact on homeowners and rentals with current inflation.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Global warming.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities make sense, although I'm unsupportive of the library option.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need a supportive community, be sustainable and ensure we have pest control.

Puketāpapa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: We can't do all our priorities we have to fix the devastation that has happened this year. Some things just have to be dropped.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Parks maintenance, including mowing, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: .

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The regional services funding for homelessness, youth etc should not be cut. These are important social pieces that local government can add value to. They are highly visible and can assist in far reaching ways.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: We need to take action to reduce debt and this seems like the sensible way to do this.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: A 4.66% increase makes sense in the current environment

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need urgent action. If we don't add the extra 1% to rates then the money will need to come from further cuts

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't understand the priority of planning around parks for future development- surely the developers have to plan for parks within their own development. We need to look at how we are approving housing density which is impacting the environment. I would

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are areas that support our ongoing ability to live in this city

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: AC will never get a chance to get back in.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Govt will bail us out

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:No

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Wasting money on these expensive cycle projects - it's crazy

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: No

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? No

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

No

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not increase admission charge to the Zoo or art gallery- this will mean more people are left out of the benefits of these resources (due to affordability). This creating further divide and disparity in our society.

Dont cut: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

Especially don't cut youth centre and homelessness funding

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling Auckland Airport shares - short gain, long term lose

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: We have comparatively low rates to other cities. Happy to pay to keep services in our city so Aucklanders can flourish

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to future proof - extreme weather events are likely to increase

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Would be very sad to see pt chev library closed. Always busy in there. We must not lose our libraries

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport services greatly need improvement. Improving Auckland congestion particularly at peak times is one of the city's greatest needs.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: The money may be put to better use improving the types of Auckland' infrastructure that is beneficial for future generations, such as water infrastructure.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Alongside public transport, the improvement of Auckland's water including stormwater infrastructure is an extremely important issue. The issue of stormwater overflows into the beaches making them unswimmable is extremely poor - this is a pre-storm issue.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? The Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing services by council are over the top and should be reduced. Unsure if these costs are born by the pool owner of the whole community - should be pool owners only. Any necessary cost increase should not be born by the whol

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport and water infrastructure.

School children should be encouraged to take the bus, not be driven by a parent were at all possible. This assists workers to more quickly get into the city and increase productivity.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Regional services are crucial to lower income and vulnerable groups. If anything that funding should be increased, the knock on effects of keeping people off the street will pay for itself with reduced trips to hospital for intensive and expensive emergency care. Not to mention that it will provide a better look for tourism to not have rough sleepers only meters away from where cruise ships dock.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This is a very short sighted policy as the long term these shares should be bringing in revenue. If they aren't how did you **** that up?

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The easiest short term solution seems to be to pause the change to split the rates for a year.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The last month has shown the need for firstly, urgent repairs to infrastructure and then long term planning on how to mitigate future weather related impact on people and property.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel these should be priorities as I think they provide the best return on investment for the community.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

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5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining reduced public transport services discourages Aucklanders from taking public transport because it makes it insufficiently frequent and reliable. This in turn reduces revenue from patrons which leads to further pressure on funding. It's a downward spiral. We will never escape a reliance on cars, urban sprawl, and the cost of roads without committing to a fully functional public transport system. Pre Covid it was fantastic, it's now reached a point where it is like the network of the early 1990s.

Reducing funding for community services is reverse wealth distribution. It takes money away from those who are already at "the bottom of the heap".

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Tell us why: Putting decision-making entirely in the hands of private shareholders takes away an important voice in a critical asset for the city and the country. Auckland needs a voice in the airport as an activist-shareholder.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We need to pay the piper. Maintaining a city is expensive and if we continue to allow urban sprawl we will just have to pay what it takes to support that.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: The library not only provides a valuable traditional book lending service, but is also providing a refuge for those living on the fringes of our communities: the homeless and socially disconnected. They are part of our community and deserve to be looked a

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with some reductions instead be more efficient and redundant unnecessary labor and eliminate the wastage from the government departments.

Do not set the policy purely in order to collect the votes, instead consider more for the future progress and economy.

Also

1. eliminate the funds for refugees. If anyone has a different voice or votes differently, create special rates to collect funds from the voters.
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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Apart from sale AIAL shares, other government department shares can also be put on the market.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The living costs are very high without increasing income, it will put many house owners in financial difficulty.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: If the government can reduce overspending, and eliminate funding unemployed parties, and be more efficient. The saved funds will be more than enough to storm response. Instead of simply passing the burden to normal middle-class workers who work hardest bu

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Tell us why: It is important to have community centers and libraries.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

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What do you think of these proposals? Only hope our voice can be heard and the government stops being selfish by only using this for voting purposes.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Just read that list... Reduce homelessness funding, early childhood education, community services... these are essential to trying to maintain a well balanced society and people who can be involved and included in our communities. Cutting them out to save a quick buck is absolutely ridiculous and shows how little the current council staff can handle the problem solving for Auckland. What are consequences of cutting people out of society, and excluding them from their communities? There's essentially no critical thinking behind these policies and what the long term effects will be on the city.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling state assets to whom? This is blatant corruption. Who is buying these shares? Why would we sell these shares during a global pandemic when their price has dropped dramatically. Even the most basic of investors understand this isn't a good strategy

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Tell us why: Increase the rates more so we don't necessarily have to cut all our social and cultural programmes. I mean you're planning on cutting early childhood programs to save 1 million dollars... how about we don't pave a couple streets and give that money to a mor

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The flooded just happened. Do not rush the planning and expenses planned for this. This will most likely just go to a large corporation that will half arse the job then ask for more funding. Why aren't these companies held accountable for bad jobs and mono

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These are beneficial to the community. I don't understand how you can have the above priorities then at the start of this form speak about how these same types of community efforts are going to be gutted... it doesn't make a lot of sense and makes me thin

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all important to our communities. These are what make our city livable and enjoyable. Are we just going to let western springs or Cornwall park waste away to save a few bucks? Why aren't we asked about private equity spending and procurement spe

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What do you think of these proposals? The management of ongoing services seems to have had very little to no thought put into it and theres basically no mention of accountability for the private sector in this form which to me shows how one sided this current council is towards the people of

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Community, education, the arts and culture are crucial to well balanced healthy society. So seeing essentially all of those programs on the chopping block is absolutely disgusting and shows me the people in charge are not connected to their local communit

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The reductions significantly impact the value offered by Auckland Council to residents. Public transport, community programmes and supporting Local Boards, who directly represent their community's needs and views, are vital for a thriving city. Trying to get marginal savings at the expense of minimizing an already marginalized offer is unacceptable.

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Tell us why: Auckland International Airport is a critical part of infrastructure for Auckland and the Council has to ensure that their interests are appropriately expressed through shareholding. Not getting dividend that covers current borrowing is not an excuse for

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Happy to pay more rates and have additional borrowing if services are improved to public transport, three waters and community assets.

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Tell us why: Increasing budget to a sufficient level to invest in infrastructure upgrades and managed retreat is necessary. If this could be increased through borrowing to fast track worst impacted areas, then this should be explored.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Investment in long-term plans to reduce reliance on vehicles and create a quality compact city that is accessible without needing to own a private motor vehicle.

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Keep the money going to support the lowest on the ladder

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Higher general rates to those owning more than one property.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Climate action, community and care is what we need right now.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Look around at the damage, these need investment.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. | |
| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Tāngata whenua being directly involved with this year's budget, as they are the kaitiaki of the land.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Changes to other rates | |
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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Do not support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Invest in our people and environment by increasing rates. Individuals are short-sighted.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The market is down. Sell when the market is strong and you get a good return.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: As above re: individual short-sightedness

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Educate the people with books. Look after our most important resource: the environment.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | Support |
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: What we need is more public transport not less and the importance of maintaining local arts and community boards and facilities cannot be overstated.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: As we have only a small shareholding and no seat on the board we have little influence on the company. It is a balance between foregoing the dividend but on balance I think that it is better to use the sale revenue in these difficult times.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: There is a huge need for revenue to address the infra structure and other needs in this city

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: These are all really important aims especially the climate action policies

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Funding for community services is a fundamental need - given these hard times. these are the services and events that bring people together and create and strengthen communities -

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I think the council needs to maintain some interest in the airport, to ensure that the needs of the Auckland community are met.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Households do not see the benefit of the high rates they pay in the services they receive so minimal increase best

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland clearly needs some changes in infrastructure and weather proofing as these type of events will most certainly happen again

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: Ensure that as part of priority 1 arts and culture/sporting events are maintained - as history shows us that these are things that lift moral and community cooperation in hard times

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please read comments above and look at research and history on things that are important to get communities through challenging times

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size. | |
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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | I don't know |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not agree to making Auckland Transport cuts permanent. Furthermore, I would like to note AT continues to cut services across Auckland on the quiet. Case in point is bus route 27T which was cut on the quiet 2 weeks ago. Since then, buses arriving on Mt Eden Rd are full or near full. Even if they do stop they can't take every passenger. Notice posted at bus stop by AT encourages us to seek alternative means of transport or travel at different times. Except we can't do that. Schools start at 9 am and workplaces open at 8.30am. This resulted in people pushing and shoving each other to get on a bus. Children get pushed out of the way. Truly third world standards. I do not agree to further degradation of public transport or making it permanent.

I agree with the other spending cuts. I would also like to see more detail on how you are planning to reduce the huge headcount overhead at the council's back offices. It doesn't seem to be part of the plan. This is the very first step a commercial organization would have done.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: There has hardly been any rate payers money spent in Mt Eden area over the last decade. It all seems to go to the outer suburbs since the dreadful Super City disaster took place. Instead of efficiencies and cost reductions we got doubling of expenses and

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | Support |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport and democracy. Majority of the rates should stay in the area that pays them. Introduce infrastructure surcharge for new suburbs being developed which can be paid off over 30 years. Invest in central suburbs. Reinstate unitary plan instead

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of the organisations that will be affected by these cuts already operate on the margin in terms of money and resources. They need support. Everything costs more these days, so rate payers need to pay a bit more to ensure the on-going survival of regional services.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: This is OK if it means the Council gets out of debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: It's clear that we need to pay more to maintain services and upgrade infrastructure. There has been insufficient investment in Auckland for the past 40 years or more - time to pay the bill.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The events of this summer have made it clear what the future holds for us. We need to respond to that.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Not having Pt Chev library means I need to drive to another one - not good for the environment. We need as many green spaces as possible.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Unfair question - it's similar to the Judenrat of the Polish ghettos

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What do you think of these proposals? No

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The things you want to cut funding for are services that make our city a good place to live and support those on low incomes. This is the rainy day, stop saving for one and start treating it like the problem is now, because it is. It's especially important to support things like public transport that can help with climate change mitigation; cutting those kinds of services will cost us more in storm damage down the track.

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Tell us why: Seems like we need some more money from somewhere.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Both increase debt and increase rates, so we can keep funding the things that make Auckland a better place to live.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change is happening, good to admit that climate related damage is both inevitable and expensive.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate action is necessary; we need to do our bit to lessen the impact of climate change. Arts and culture are the most important parts of my community for me as I think they are a bit part of what makes us human, and funding and resources for those will

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What do you think of these proposals? Please don't cut funding for public transport. The worse PT is, the less people use it, and the more people drive, and the more you'll make the "nobody uses it anyway so it's ok to make it worse" argument. Build it and they will come. Break it and everybo

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cutting funding for climate change action because we need to spend money on storm recovery is ridiculous and shows an utter lack of understanding of the world we're living in. Spend more on climate action - of all flavours - and save on storm recovery (an

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce services on public transport or the arts.

An efficient public transport system is the only way a modern city can flourish.

With reduced spending on arts the cities soul will fade away

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a vital link to the outside world and is the doorway to Auckland. It is also a profitable organisation and profits will go back to the city if the city still owns shares in it

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: My annual rates are over 9,500 for a single dwelling in Auckland.....

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Given the flooding in Auckland this year it is obvious that the drainage system needs help in those flood-prone areas

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Very important to keep local green spaces available to everyone - not just sports people. Important to keep the libraries open. A great community asset

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keeping the waterways clear helps prevent flooding.

Arts and libraries are the heartbeat of the community and a so important community life

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Wrong time to sell these shares. We do not need a director on the board. The company has a vested interest in the success of Auckland

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Stop allowing people to build in flood or storm risk areas - this removes most of the future risk.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I've lived in the area for 40 years and never has the community made me feel welcomed, safe or supported. The efforts to date are irrelevant and should not continue to be grown as they have no effect.

Focus only on Epsom & Mt Albert Libraries. Forget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There needs to be funding in these areas to help foster an Auckland where people can enjoy facilities. Remove funding and what has this city got to offer?

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3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I support a new Pt Chevalier library building (rebuild or relocation). I support increasing the safety of the community. I believe there needs to be additional focus on generating a community feel, reducing pests (mice, rats), improving local infrastructure

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I'm willing for my rates to increase if the alternative is threatening homeless centres and social cohesion. Those of us who are comfortable have a duty to help those who are struggling.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I don't feel well informed by this question. What do we lose in this trade?

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates and debt. We must pitch in together and we must invest.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: In nearly every case the cuts will hurt those who need the most support. Discontinue climate action? Might have to OIA about that.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Community climate action and sustainability, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because it's clear communities are fracturing and climate change is real.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community Services. I do not support a reduction in homeless funding

I do not support the reduction in funding of early childhood education services

I would support reduction in library opening hours

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: There seems to be some advantage in maintaining a holding the Auckland Airport

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Wait for the Outcome of the 3 Waters changes and see the effects they will have on future debt

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This seems wise

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Previously supported reduction in Library Hours

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I regard theses as 'must have'

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Funding of community services is core business and should not be reduced. Get rid of incompetent politicians to save money.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport is a dividend returning asset that should not be privatised for short term debt relief, and will provide long term revenue for the Council and people of Auckland.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: There will be long term run down of Council assets and resources with the proposed budget model of decreasing rates and debt, thereby creating further cost in the future.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Central Government is better placed to respond to environmental issues and the future impact of storms. The Mayor's delay and inadequate response to the Auckland storms is indicative of why this will be a waste of money to increase this budget line.

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why: The Council and Mayor should care about hard working families and the value of community funded resources in supporting them and their children.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, Community leasing charges, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: We must continue to value and support all communities and families, and keep community childcare facilities open. The so- called amount to be saved is minimal compared with the value that low to middle income families receive from these community service

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Local community events, Library hours and services, Local business support

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in public transport will have flow-on effects: more traffic congestion, more fuel use, etc. It is a false economy to reduce public transport.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: High priority to maintain pools and saunas for the community

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| Changes to other rates | |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections. | I don't know |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established. | I don't know |

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increase rates, the reduction of these services will have the strongest impact on low income families who are already struggling in the current economic situation.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: This is a tiny rates increase - those who own homes in Auckland are already wealthier than those who don't - the proposed increase isn't even covering inflation. It's a joke. Wellington Council is increasing rates by 12%

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: I also strongly support further funding and development for cycling, especially safe cycle ways in Point Chevalier.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I strongly support reopening the point chevalier library but not sure which category this comes under

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cycle ways in the city and finding for cycling infrastructure. We need to have safe cycle ways in Point Chevalier, Grey Lynn and Posonby (the northwestern cycle route is amazing but more similar developments are needed). We also need a cycle and walking o

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Debt needs to be delt with, and promptly.

However, I see some sort of support for children's welfare and care to be mandatory: they are our future, so I would not cut care support.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: There is no point in owning something while we are in debt elsewhere. Pragmatism rules.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Although I don't like the idea of paying more, and there are some who will be struggling with extra costs, I think rates will raise sooner or later to cover this debt-

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Because I don't fully understand this proposal

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop these community projects that have little value eg drag queen readings at libraries and other pretend cultural events which are really a gravy train for organisers and are a waste of my rate money.

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not reduce funding to arts and culture. In covid times, we relied so heavily on the arts to get us through at home - things to watch, listen to and read. The arts industry was heavily hit by covid and hasn't even had time to get back on its feet before you are looking at taking away their funding. I am a high school drama teacher and the opportunities that these arts and culture events and groups provide for young people and the community is literally life changing. It allows Tāmaki Makaurau to see itself reflected and also challenged and is such an important part of a society. Please do not reduce the funding as we would lose so many opportunities to see diverse work that represents our amazing multicultural city.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Rates aren't rising at inflation levels, so they could be higher.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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I think it is very important to continue funding the build out and maintenance of bike lanes so that we can get more cars off the streets.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Regional Services and Local Board services. Council should equal community. It should support community programmes unless it can successfully attract corporates to pay for these.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It seems a good compromise to hold a blocking stake and \$40m saved on interest is very worthwhile

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Increase rates by 4.66% and debt by \$75M. We can't keep putting maintenance on the back burner especially after Gabrielle.

But make sure extra money is well spent - i.e. NOt more consultants

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: See above

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Yr message is unclear. I support all priorities, but can they happen with a \$16m reduction (across all Boards) ?

I do not support the \$16m reduction. Has the public been asked how they view the quality of the work of the local BoARDS ?

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: tAKE AWAY COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND YOU HAVE NO COMMUNITY

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

TMAOP - Existing trees should NOT be removed unless and until they become dangerous or hard to maintain. At that time they should be replaced with natives where at all possible.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: 50% may be retained

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: to reduce interest burden

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: to have more resources

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Good purpose

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Can have more access to library late evening after office hours and/or after finishing work at home

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Tamil books may be provided in Auckland Central Library

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? You may proceed

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Setup systems to be more efficient with our money!

Stop having 50 road workers standing around doing nothing while one is on a digger. So much wasted tax payer money

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Don't sell our assets, be more efficient with money!

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates/tax for overseas owners not domestic. Plan to be more efficient with the fixes/targets. It should not take this long to fix with sub par quality requiring subsequent updates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Stop allowing builds on dangerous/flood prone areas! Build up not out.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not increase capacity for waste- decrease waste! Our flat of 6 adults does not fill our bins weekly.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I have issues with a few of the reductions but the main issue I have is with reducing services to the community, educational programs, the arts, culture etc. The community is the lifeblood of Auckland and many of these programs that will have resources cut provide so much to the community and to take that away from people also takes away opportunity for education and self expression. Many of these programs provide free services and with out the council's help will no longer be able to do so which creates a disparity between people who can afford these services and those who cant. Many people will never get to experience the arts if they have to pay for it and by reducing the councils help it's taking away people's potential community, passion and learning.

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Proceed with even more cost reductions - roads, rates, rubbish only. CCOs need to be split with regulatory functions split from operational and asset ownership that can be sold and commercialised in a competitive manner or with private capital - with user choice and charges. Sell more assets - Eg Port. Find way to contract out building consent to insurers.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Regulation / zoning should allow more competitive airport services provision across Auckland and on the same campus as the existing AIA. Do not sell an effective monopoly.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Decrease costs a lot more , NO rates increase and NO debt increase. Stop any involvement in Light Rail and get central Govt to remove regional fuel tax.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Sell the rights to own and operate the assets to competitive coys that can charge to use their network. Split the CCOs regulatory and asset owning and operating functions.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Focus should be on a voice on performance of roads, rates and rubbish. Wasted money on other activities that encourage dependence on Govt that crowds out community and private initiatives.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All those activities should stop.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pool - ask private citizens for declarations and follow audit process. Decrease compliance costs and therefore user charges.

Climate change is driven by nature and is not an emergency. No human can affect the outcomes determined by Nature. Ada

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Roads, rates and rubbish only.

Remove Metropolitan Urban limit. Let developers own the roads, 3 waters and assoc assets with "fees to connect".

Watch the city and economy grow as everyone can make their efforts count.

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't cut the CABs - these are an essential service and run by volunteers, once they're gone they would be very expensive and time consuming to start up again, they provide a wonderful service to many people, stopping this would be very short sighted and foolish.

Don't cut youth services - cutting youth services is likely to lead to more bored youth on the streets committing crimes and using drugs/alcohol.

I'd rather pay more rates than have these services cut.

Better still I think the high earning councillors should take a pay cut. There are dozens of council staff earning over \$250K per year. I'm a nurse with over 35 years experience, nurses salaries are between \$50-90K per year. Why is a council worker worth 3-5 times more than a nurse? That makes no sense.

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Tell us why: would be nice to keep these shares, but it's a luxury we cannot afford.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Better to pay a bit more in rates than increase our debt which only kicks the can down the road.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I don't support cutting funding to :

1. Environmental restoration and pest control - this is undoing all the work already done - false economy.
2. water quality initiatives: again this is false economy - water quality is essential for the health of the

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who are entirely self sufficient, don't require funding from the council, they produce organic vegetables and local people support it. They provide employment for garden

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Tell us why: Don't reduce swim lessons. So fundamentally important, particularly given how many drownings there have been in the past year

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There is so much inefficiency in Council and AT. For example, the never ending circular consultation on the inner west cycle improvements. Or the ridiculously drawn out consenting processes. Save money by empowering Council staff to be decisive. Make deci

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