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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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: Wait until the market improves and then sell all of 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
- 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: Set higher rates and make greater use of debt.

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

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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, Parks planning, 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.

Waste management rates changes	
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.	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).

• 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

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
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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with these reductions and reduce wasteful spending elsewhere for instance the legal fees and support for tree felling. Bus services are regularly cancelled for my children to get to school beacuse we cant attract drivers and pay a living wage. This puts alot of pressure on working parents.

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: Cut other non essential services and increase 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:

- 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: Have targeted higher levels of rates for property investors and those that land bank or do not make optimal use of land

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:

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: We are delaying and cutting back regeneration and investment of trees and forests. With intensification this should become a priority aswell as recognition of climate emergency

If funding for local board 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 have underinvested in these areas and we are in a climate emergency

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?

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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: regional services and regional grants plus early childhood education.

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: Not a necessary 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: we all should share in the pain to secure our future.

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 need to build infrastructure to handle future issues

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, Sports and activities in parks, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

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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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.	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): Edmund Hillary Fellowship and the Hillary Institute

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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I represent the Hillary Institute and Edmund Hillary Fellowship which has over 500 global entrepreneurs, venture capital leaders, scientists, creatives and policy specialists, who are creating jobs, investing in new businesses, and connecting to global resources and markets. Our concern is the depth of cuts around economic development, events and tourism and innovation support for the following reasons:

1. Economic development and innovation clustering, supported by events that make this city liveable, are essential to attract and retain leaders who will build businesses, create jobs and share skills that will support Tamaki Makaurau's long term viability. By stripping Auckland back to offering basic services and utilities, we will lose our capacity to attract the talent we need to address climate change, workforce skills shortages, over-dependence on commodities.

2. An independent organisation is needed to drive economic development, if we are to ensure a foundational approach of equity and diversity, and values that matter to this city. If this function was to go to an existing lobby or business organisation, the needs of Tamaki Makaurau and NZ risk being subsumed by specific sector or industry agendas, and will fail to build future innovation opportunities.

3. Auckland is the gateway to NZ: as a city we are competing with Melbourne, Sydney, Singapore and other international cities who are actively courting new talent, innovation and skillsets. We would risk going backwards at a time when we have the greatest opportunity (based on our profile) to move forwards.

We fully appreciate the financial challenges facing the city, and that there are global alternative models for delivering economic development and innovation support. Our support would be for some budget cuts, but aligned to a longer term plan for transition to a more sustainable model.

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: Auckland International Airport has aspects that make it a strategic asset: however as noted, a blocking stake of 10% can be overcome through a scheme of arrangement, and full sale provides financial options to the city that are not otherwise available.

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: Assuming that debt remains within manageable levels, and assuming that strategic options such as public/private partnerships or bonds have been considered and not pursued for good reasons, raising debt to fund critical infrastructure can support the inves

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: This is only the beginning of climate impacts: the more that we can increase urban and infrastructure resilience the better.

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, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: This decade is critical for climate resilience and it is required at a community as well as city/regional level.

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.	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.	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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Organisation (if applicable):

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 <u>not</u> 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? 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? 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? 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, 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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What do you think of these proposals?

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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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'I have the following personal experiences with the above services, and strongly oppose the reduction in any funding:

- I live near a train station and bus stop. My decision to live here was strongly influenced by the access to public transport. In my household of three people, we only have one car. We need access to public transport to get to our jobs, to go shopping, to travel to places we need to go, etc. We use public transport where possible to lower our emissions. Public transport options and their accessibility must be increased, not reduced. Climate change will affect our poorest and most vulnerable first. Poorly serviced routes and increased fare prices means people are less likely to utilise public transport. Meanwhile those that cannot afford a personal vehicle, will face greater financial hardship. Not to mention those of our community who are unable to drive, and rely on an accessible and frequent service to do every day activities like grocery shopping and attending appointments.

- I am a regular patron of the venues managed by Tātaki Auckland Limited. Their portfolio includes some of the most well-known and well-loved cultural and artistic sites. These experience high attendance rates in no small part due to the high-calibre of their offerings, and their accessibility. To reduce funding to these venues would severely impact the vibrancy and cultural and social development of our city. Their venues are vital places for people to not only meet and share experiences but to perform and educate. These are essential services for a city populace. A reduction in funding

and thus services, would mean a poorer offering and reduction in attendance and social impact. Any increase in admissions prices would further restrict many of our community from accessing these valuable services. These services are integral to a vibrant community experience and vital to our city retaining its character. They are also a large part of why I choose to live in Auckland.

- I am actively engaged with, and have utilised many of the regional services within Tāmaki Makarau. I have attended events this past 12 months including but not limited to: EcoFest, International Film Fest, Auckland Art Fest. I work at Matuku Link, and visit Arataki Visitor Centre, Ark in the Park among others. I have numerous family members and friends who have utilised the support of the Citizens Advice Bureau while navigating a difficult tenancy situations and work related issues. Their experiences with CAB were exceptional, and gave them the confidence to stand their ground. The services listed for reduction are the lifeblood of a vibrant and equitable city. It feels absurd to have to point out that a reduction in services such as education programs, and community empowerment and homelessness support is a bad decision. To say these services are vital is an understatement.

- I do not support the reduction in funding to Local Board funded activities. I am a resident of Albert-Eden and work in the Waitākere Ranges, and have benefited from the small projects and activities that these grants have funded. Community led, grass-roots improvements and events are empowering. They also address shortfalls and locally-important issues that might get missed otherwise. Community members are uniquely and best-positioned to drive these types of small projects, and they help strengthen community well-being. Funding these is vital.

- I have likewise benefited from events and shows that have been made possible by regional contestable grants. I am an enormous fan of the shows at the Basement Theatre. Events such as Auckland Pride meanwhile are vital to the support of our rainbow community. I do not support the reduction in staff, and resourcing that enables the planning and implementation of urban revitalisation projects. These make our public spaces desirable places to be, encouraging their utilisation and vibrancy.

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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 do not support the sale of Auckland Council held shares in AIAL. Commentators have pointed out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market. The shares are a valuable asset, and once gone they can no lo

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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: A balance should be found between setting a higher general rates increase than that proposed and by making a greater use of debt. Based on Auckland Council's own assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase investigated (>13%) would f

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 the proposal to increase the operating budget to make improvements to services and infrastructure that would prepare us for the increased likelihood of severe weather events due to climate change. I would also support the continuation of already

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 broadly support the proposed priorities, but do not support the reduction in funding mentioned in the Albert-Eden Local board budget.

I support the proposals to restore plants and take proactive climate action, as well as community resilience and conne

If funding for local board 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:

Waitākere Ranges 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 activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Parks volunteers 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? An Auckland with reduced funding to the services and initiatives described, is a city that lacks vibrancy and is not a desirable place to live. Many of the funding cuts will uniquely affect those that are most in need. A sense of belonging and community e

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: None

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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: Essential infrastructure must stay in public ownership. AIAL will return to profitability, in the long term these shares will generate more income for the council than selling them now.

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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 am happy to pay higher rates to fund the infrastructure 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: This is money well spent to start early to manage the impact of future storms. This will save us money in the long term.

5. Local Boards

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, 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: I don't want the funding cut

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What do you think of these proposals?

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We can support climate action and cultural programmes, targeting already underfunded areas as a place to find money instead of larger corporations and other areas of funding need to be throughly considered

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Tell us why: Its important to keep some shareholding in the main gateway to New Zealand

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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: Proceed but only if every current service is keep open.

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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**?

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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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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

Manurewa 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: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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? Do not reduce any funding

Ōrākei 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: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any funding

Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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: Do not reduce any funding

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
0	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
0	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
0	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
0	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
0	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: Do not reduce any funding

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Waitākere Ranges 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: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Do not reduce any funding

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?**

Tell us why: Do not reduce any 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce any funding

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	
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).	
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.	
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? Do not reduce any funding

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

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing the services listed which are currently funded by the council but not other services or without the council itself specifying exactly how it expects savings would be made and the results to the communities using those services seems an arbitrary, even random and therefore thoughtless way of making savings. Without an exit plan from some of these services, some sections of the community are clearly going to be impacted more severely than others in order to reduce the general rates bill. I see nothing wrong with rates rising to match to at least match inflation rather than this series of selective so called reductions which in fact will clearly lead to the termination of 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: Another option would be to increase our shareholding in the AIAL and or demand a presence on the board to reflect the shareholding. The figures regarding the dividends, the loans and the interest payments will vary from year to year (as the last 3 years

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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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? Other

Tell us why:A more targeted solution would be once the actual cost of the impact of storm is known, a one off levy on ratepayers

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not accept that the local boards must decide which community initiatives need curtailing based on random feedback through a one month submission process. I believe Auckland Council has a greater responsibility to proceed with caution or admit that it

If funding for local board 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: This is a such a leading question it should not even be part of the submission process. It is essentially a green light to slash whatever funding gets the least ticks. What would I like to see cut? The salary of the author of this document.

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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?

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

I do not agree with this budget proposal. I think it is deliberately rushed and will not achieve the outcomes stated. Its impact across the community will be uneven and inevitably impact most on those citizens who can least afford it. It is a thoughtless

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduction in arts and cultural festivals

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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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

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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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? Other

Tell us why: Make greater use of debt as well as general rates increase!

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: The key priorities stated do not match up with the proposed service cuts - in fact they are in direct opposition! Most of the cuts will directly and drastically reduce "community resilience and connection". The cuts proposed make no sense and will not ach

If funding for local board 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: ARTS are crucial to personal and communal health, according to science.

We need all the COMMUNITY EVENTS we can get to maintain societal cohesion and empathy.

Without urgent CLIMATE action, we won't survive.

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? Waste management - all areas should have food waste collection available!

The Climate Action Targeted Rate was established just last year with overwhelming public support and should remain. More cycleways, more encouragement of walking!

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited , because the arts generate revenue for Auckland, apart from the weather its one of its few selling points.

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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: because its selling an asset that generates $$$

$154 increase in rates is very little

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: If youre rich enough to own a house you can afford $154 P.A

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: The council had the resources to deal with it, they just did a terrible job of it.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: its all stuff we need

If funding for local board 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: culture is important as is the environment

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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 thinbk its pretty reprehensible to even consider slashing arts funding to such a degree, its a sector that constantly struggling.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These services are too important to scrap. I am prepared to pay higher 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:

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: Essential work.

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Tell us why: Local board goals are appropriate.

If funding for local board 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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Planning for the future / environmental health is important. But all listed above are important.

Increase rates and borrow more money. Cutting funding to local budgets is short-sighted.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If everyone collectively pays infrastructure and activity can continue otherwise it will be lost and the long term negative effects would be huge. Investing in economic development for the city and public transport is really important.

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: We have to keep the asset, once its gone its gone, there is only a one off benefit if they are sold.

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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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: Putting off rates increases will only make it worse in the long run. Businesses and residential should contribute fairly.

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:

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, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are a huge part in the community and without them so many people lose so much. Climate and Sustainability are a no brainer as I want to leave a better place for my kids. All communities need to be supported and developed.

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.	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.	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?

There are notes to decrease the funding for economic development which as a small business owner will have a huge impact which will then follow on to other areas I work in and my family.

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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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cut middle managers. Leave front line staff.

Leave the libraries and the Arts and CAB alone.

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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 time to 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: People cannot afford more rate increases.

We cannot afford the ongoing council salary bill, need to restructure and let go of overpaid managers especially middle management.

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

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 most priorities

Tell us why: Keep the excellent Waiheke library service intact please

If funding for local board 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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep up the good work ie libraries

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? Bus service from city to Ponsonby Herne Bayto be improved, please

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?

Reduce middle manager head count please

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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 <u>not</u> 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 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? 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 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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with reductions to 1. regional services, 2. Tataki Auckland Unlimited, 3. local board, and 4. regional contestable grants. There are long term costs to these that outweigh any short term savings and would destroy decades of community building. The costs include:

- breakdown in community cohesion leading to increased health costs

- onflow cost to local businesses as many depend on a thriving arts and culture scene (not just retail and hospitality, but also many other businesses such as transport, construction etc)

- drop in tourism

- drop in new businesses and overall business confidence

- Auckland no longer seen as a place people want to visit or live

- Auckland not considered a world class city

- damage to our tertiary education sector including private as many creative degrees are currently offered and this will no longer be seen as a good area to train in

- highly inequitable as the areas most affected by cuts to local facilities are the lower socioeconomic and ethnic communities

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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 tax businesses fairly. Could do differential where local businesses have a lower tax rate than multinationals. They should be taxed more than residential.

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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 should have been put in place years ago as the science and predictions for climate change were all available and clear (despite the Mayor not reading it). Please use the time we have left to mitigate wisely. Please also make sure the other investmen

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: These will protect and help communities thrive in a time when resilience is most needed. These need more investment, not less. Or the overall downstream cost will increase.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Childhood education is already very under funded in NZ compared to other countries. Please do not reduce it even further! From educational research, we know that education services for this age group is vital for a healthy outcome.

Please do things like increase car parking fees instead in Auckland rather than maintain reduced public transport services. Climate change demands this.

Maintain all community services. These are vital for a healthy city with strong community ties.

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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'd rather we kept airport share. This is vital infrastructure. Please sell stuff like gold courses instead of you must sell assets.I am annoyed at the proposal to sell a key piece of infrastructure over a golf course serving mostly a privileged few.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not wish for a $16 reduction. I'd rather pay more rates.for some people, this means three less takeaway coffees to pay their share. We need to get our priorities right to have healthy community. So not cut into community 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: No cuts

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What do you think of these proposals? Please keep all community services and all things that support the environment and support connecting each other and our community. There are other ways to find funds like as mentioned increase in car parking rates and perhaps needing to sell some of or p

7. What else is important to you?

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Please prioritise cycleways public transport and all other things that protect and promote protecting the environment

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not go ahead with the proposed reductions.

Unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates.

Increase borrowing.

Central Government can be approached for more support.

Parking fees could be increased to help with funding.

Living in Auckland offers many opportunities to the diverse population here, for the people to contribute to a vibrant living city having services that can support all the population for example libraries, citizen advice bureaus, clean functional parks, art and cultural centres are vital.

As someone who works with refugees I am able to see how much going to one of our beautiful safe parks, a library with it many specialized services contributes to their well being and developing confidence in an inclusive community.

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Tell us why: The sale is a one-off return only. Once it is transacted there is no going back or having ongoing revenue.

Coordinating services of transport hubs may be more difficult if the airport is privatised.

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Tell us why: A little increase in rates will provide revenue.

Unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rates and the Natural Environment Rate will also generate revenue.

Increasing debt may work as Auckland has an excellent credit rating

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Tell us why: Extreme weather events are likely to increase and having a robust infrastructure to deal with these events is vital.

Recent events demonstrated how quickly and easily devastation occurred and how the need for planned, adequately equipped response is for t

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Tell us why: I believe that most of the projects funded and carried out are important.

I regularly use many facilities.

I would hate to see projects such as "Learn to Swim" not funded.

The same goes for pest control which can easily go backwards if not maintained. T

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above are very important.

Difficult to select only three.

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Investing in a great public transport system, cultural events, the arts, community services especially for people in lower socio economic areas has on going benefits to the city and should help increase revenue but attracting visitors and tourists.

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Arts funding and the rest is also incredibly important for a functioning and beautiful city. No arts = no tourism. Auckland city does not need to become a desolate wasteland of grey concrete and men in suits.

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Tell us why:

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- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

- Reducing regional services,

- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable 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.

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Tell us why: Climate change mitigation policy should be implemented alongside the proposed storm response fund.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not cut any arts funding. It is the social glue of our communities and supports a huge infrastructure of creative workers. Sell golf courses instead.

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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: Acting as an activist shareholder in AIAL is an essential role for Auckland City. The airport is central to Auckland's tourism economy and the city has a strong interest in exerting direction for the airport which could it it wished act contrary to the ci

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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? 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, 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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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? Cost cutting is short sighted. Sell down some golf courses of which council owns many.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please tell the mayor to stop behaving in a reckless Macho way. He should be an ambassador for the city not an embarrassment. Please let the councillors who voted to leave LGNZ that they have weakened the collective voice for local government.

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

Tell us why: council should set a higher rates increase AND make greater use of debt! we cannot risk our environment.

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Tell us why: As a civil engineer, we need more money put into our stormwater systems!

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Tell us why: Absolutely massive hit to funding for Albert-Eden, and absolutely no capital being put into environmental services. Albert-Eden needs to focus its resources into ensuring that we are environmentally centric, and invest in sustainable ideas which directly

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What do you think of these proposals? More rate increases need to be reflective of the work Auckland Council is doing to support our environment and meet sustainability targets.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Increased resources to teach people about the local iwi. more time and effort needs to be spent identifying the culture and history of the Auckland Iwi, teaching the population about who owns and manages iwi land, and how we can effectively volunteer and

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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: Auckland Airport should be owned by Central Government, not Local Government.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Council needs to get back to basics - local councils fund far too much that should be the responsibility of Central Government - if at all.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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 some of 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.

I also particularly do not support maintaining reduced public transport services when as many people as possible should be encouraged to use public transport, walk and cycle to contribute towards reducing carbon emissions which affect climate change. I live on Mt Eden Road and the bus stops city bound are full every morning with many passed by full buses. Public transport services should be increased.

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Tell us why: Don't sell now but sell when the share market improves.

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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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?

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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:

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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?

Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall b

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Your feedback

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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: Because a life with out the arts is no life 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:

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: "Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported" doesn't happen without arts and culture.

It's crazy that you are thinking of cutting funding to the arts post pandemic. It's madness.

If funding for local board 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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I personally am a rate payer and would prefer an increase in rates to maintain funding to all of these proposed reductions.

Venues such as the Zoo or the Art Gallery are important community hubs, as are local board activities, where we can connect with nature, the wider community, and our history.

I want to be able to catch a bus to work instead of adding to congestion and traffic, but am being recommended (by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport) to not catch a bus due to inconsistent timetables and frequently cancelled busses. Instead I have to drive in rush hour traffic twice a day multiple times a week, which is not only bad for traffic and the environment, but provides a stressful experience to start the day with and is a high ongoing personal cost.

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I support these priorities (Increasing community resilience and connection; Ensuring our community centres and libraries meet the changing needs of our community; Continuing our climate action) as they work towards improving our local area and 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?) Community development and support, Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection, there are only a certain number of people who are able to properly compost their own food waste.

More bus services should be funded and invested in. As should more walk and cycle ways.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: ingl support Auckland Council reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport, other Council Controlled Organisations and Ports of Auckland), with implications including staff reductions as they will be detrimental to the quality of life for our city's residents and affect too many 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: As a city we should have learned we become vulnerable and are too much at the whim of others (ie private companies - look at Fullers and our ferry transport) if we give up (sell) our stakes in essential services and have no control over whatever these pr

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Tell us why: I would prefer less budget cuts and more use of debt and potentially also a higher rates increase so that all ratepayers are affected

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Tell us why: Local boards and the impact and interaction they have with residents is actually what life is about and to force them to reduce how each of them 'touch' and 'impact' their residents is really unfair. Everybody in a local community gets affected when they

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I belong to some community groups and sometimes partake in community activities and know how hard it is to do them (run them/operate them) if the costs are too high.

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

I do not support funding cuts to the arts. I do support savings in management at council. I do not support cuts which will impact on our residents lives in a negative way especially when all of our lives are being severely impacted by storms, flooding, cy

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I think it is a terrible time to make any of these reductions in Auckland when people are more in need of these services than ever. It is short sighted and will make Auckland worse. Rates and taxes can be increased as the land owners (especially those who own multiple properties) in Auckland have accumulated huge wealth in property over the recent years. The proposed operating cost reductions will effect the poor more than the rich this is a backwards step.

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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: Shortsighted plan that will negatively effect Auckland future for a quick bit of relief - totally stupid idea I strongly oppose.

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: All short sighted again. And if business rates are lower bring them into line with private rates.

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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: I do not support the reduction in funding of boards. I support the Librarys and would not want one or any to be lost or downsized. With more intensive housing parks are more important than ever and must be protected and well funded. More funding to the en

If funding for local board 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: All of these things are important this council plans to **** the poor and pretend it is helping while the rich don't need to worry because they don't depend on community services.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Auckland is important to me and I strongly oppose the current mayor and his plans I hope all the other councilors listen to their communities and who voted for them and don't go along with supporting the budget just in order to get something done - gettin

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I rely on many of these services

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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The arts are crucial to societal and community wellbeing. Any cuts to the arts are cuts to community 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 <u>not</u> 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" - SERIOUSLY. Bro what the **** is the point in having a council if it doesn't fund and assist the community. I get that you're in a shortfall, but I don't think cutting theses things that are vital to the community and culture are the way to go about it.

Also, WE NEED MORE PUBLIC TRANSPORT. So I don't agree with 'maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services'. You need money? More speed cameras and cameras pinging people when they're driving while on their phone. Happens all the time. Or people driving in bus lanes when they shouldn't. Or people just being straight up dickheads on the road.

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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 think you should increase rates for businesses at the same rate.

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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 well as this, you should fund initiatives to increases the sponginess of tamaki makaurau. MORE TREES, MORE PLANTS, MORE SOIL, LESS CONCRETE.

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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: Because the planet is important and what's the point in reducing spending if all that's going to do is make our climate worse through inaction due to budget 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? 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 would like the government to still have some ownership over the airport so that they have sway over emission reducing choices.

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Tell us why: Climate change is well and truly upon us, meaning extreme weather events will be increasingly common. Those in poverty, those with high needs and all other vulnerable New Zealanders are the most gravely affected by the early stages of climate change, mean

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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: Reduced public transport services: this is a backwards step for auckland. The current reduced services to not meet residents needs and as a result we are seeing people revert to using cars. Our city is growing and we need public transport to grow with it.

Tataki Auckland Unlimited Funding: I am not in favour of the full $27.5m cut. To compete on the world stage, and to help grow Auckland's prosperity, economic development and tourism promotion activities are crucial. This would be seriously detrimental to Auckland's future.

Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants

These services and funded activities are an important part of the fabric of our city, and is what contributes so much to making it a great place to live. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life.

This is NOT a time to be cutting back, this is a time to be investing in Auckland's future.

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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 such a short term view and would mean that Aucklanders would lose their say over the airport and have no future revenue from dividends. This is a critical piece of Auckland's infrastructure that the Council should be invested 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.

Rates

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

Tell us why: I believe that we should be setting a higher general rates increase, but at the same time making a greater use of debt to help keep the rates increase so that it is not too great a burden on this generation, and helping spread the investment in our future

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: It is very important that Auckland has the funding and resources to fund the storm damage and to future proof the region.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they are going to prosper and grown. Losing all these priority initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling post COVID, flooding and cost of living crisis.

If funding for local board 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 maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they are going to prosper and grown. Losing all these priority initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling post COVID, flooding and cost of living crisis.

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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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they are going to prosper and grown. Losing all these priority initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling post COVID, flooding and cost of living crisis.

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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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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Submitter details

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with none of them, the money saved isn't being re-directed anywhere overtly beneficial. Instead you're stripping the cultural heart of the city primarily for the benefit of geriatric golf course enthusiasts.

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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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 development and support, Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts is fundamental and should not be further gutted and overlooked, environmental restoration is crucial, community development is vital

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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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Gomphus Ltd

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 <u>not</u> 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: Selling is as short term solution. AIAL is a strategic asset that will deliver revenue for many years into the future. Risk of foreign ownership and consequent decline in service quality.

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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 general rate by enough to cover not selling AIAL shares. Or, increase debt by the same amount.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, 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?

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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: None of the above. I am in favor of increasing debt. Auckland is a resilient economic powerhouse and will recover in the medium to long term but vital services such as the above will take much longer to reestablish if lost. As a single income household raising children I and my family rely and benefit greatly on every single one of the proposed services above. They provide vital , every day access to affordable transport around the city, provide places to visit for leisure and learning, affordable childcare, access to the arts which provide connection and education and overall sense of community and belonging. Without these my life would be significantly impacted with higher costs and most alarming loss of places to go to feel connection, experience new things, educate my children and gather communally for discourse

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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: Increase debt - do not increase rates. Auckland will continue to grow and will be able to recover in the medium / long term. The airport is a strategic asset that will benefit all Aucklanders in the long term

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

Tell us why: Aucklanders are already struggling with current economic challenges. Increasing debt is a viable medium to long term strategy to take. This is a 'blip' in our development and the economy will recover, Auckland will prosper and continue to grow. Spend mone

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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 only the beginning of climate change, modelling suggest more frequent, severe storms will come our way. We must prepare and build back better.

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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, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the things that we need to do to face the climate change challenge and actively aid in mitigation and resilience

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I fundamentally disagree with reducing funding for community groups and organisations especially in relation to climate action. We are at a point where a 1.5 percent increase in world temperature is set to occur in 6 and a half years, bringing with it, a shift on weather that will result in more disasters, emergencies and true calamity. Now is not the time to retreat from funding projects like Eco Neighbourhoods, Climate Activators, the regional climate fund or any operational funding for council teams whose role it is to support climate mitigation and adaption. Council has a vital role to play in climate outcomes, including supporting community led initatives and social infrastructure such as food forests and community gardens and bike hubs that create localized climate ready neighbourhoods. We desperately need to spend more not less to continue to support our communities to be ready and resilient. On top of that, the things that make this city vibrant and support social cohesion and wellbeing will potentially be devastated by this budget. There has been no cost benefit analysis and it seems likely that cutting community funding will result in negative outcomes which which will end up actually costing more in the long run. I feel this budget is an ideological attack on community. I recommended selling 2 or 3 golf courses or reducing the cost of golf courses uptake instead of these truly abhorrent cuts to local boards and regional funding schemes. I would like the Mayor to address why some of the golf courses are not also on the chopping block.

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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 basically privatization which I fundamentally disagree with. Are we back in neo liberal MZ?

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: I think combining these two questions is deceitful as you can't pick both increase rates and increase debt which I would like to do. It is not ok to combine these two questions as both are as important as the other. Not good engagement. That said obviousl

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:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I most fully support the climate targeted funding. This is vital and we cannot as a board reduce funding or stop activity in this area. The actual planet needs us to act now and fast. This work is utterly essential. I am devastated to think we will stop

If funding for local board 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: I again have to pick the environment if we have to choose. I do believe there is massive value in everything else also so it is a difficult choice. We cannot afford to cease activity in the climate space, we can afford to stop caring for our waterways and

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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? The information on these was not easy for the lay person to understand. I find this engagement so rushed, and badly set out. I actually am so disappointed.

7. What else is important to you?

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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: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited , as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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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 airport shares is short-sighted. Yes, it gets you money now, but at the cost of future dividends and income that is valuable to the Council budget. The messaging from Council on this, has not drawn sufficient attention to this income and what

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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: The need to improve this infrastructure was proven in the January floods, followed by Cyclone Gabrielle. This needs to be addressed on an on-going basis.

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow and worldwide research shows the arts bring

If funding for local board 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? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

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A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As *kaitiaki/guardians,* skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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Tell us why: I think the council should have a say in how the airport is run

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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 the best option

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Tell us why: It needs to be done

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Tell us why: I support all of the projects listed

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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: Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and make greater use of debt (to offset operating spending reductions and retaining some AIAL shares.

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 must be a matter of Council policy. Budgeting for future 'events' is the least of what needs to be a much greater strategic commitment.

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, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: In addition to the comments for Question 1 above, community development and support needs to be locally based, to maintain the vibrancy, diversity and granularity of the city. This includes arts and other community activities and a continuing commitment t

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: Teh arts provide the glue that hold communities together. Moreover, any cuts will largely impact on the poorest of our communities. And yes I am willing to pay higher rates in order to maintain the status quo if not grow the arts sector 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? 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 a monopoly right to set the rate. I am confident that the reduction in debt by selling these assets is a no brainer. No it is not consistent with 'selling the family silver'. If we need to invest in our future as a city those of us who are m

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: Debt is a double-edged sword. Putting off 'til tomorrow what you can pay for today is never a good idea. Property values are a function of a liveable city. Investment in the city is good for property values the increased value of which is not taxed. T

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Tell us why: It will never be cheaper to do so - amongst other things our children should not face a future of having to swim in our sewage every time it rains!

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Tell us why: Community cohesion is best developed at the local level.

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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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support the cutting of regional community services, local board funding, community grants, early childhood education, events, or public transportation. These initiatives provide quantifiable benefits to disabled, low income and marginalised communities who are in need of equitable support. Our rates are considered low as compared to other OECD countries, also Auckland also pays lower rates than all other NZ cities. Low rates come at a cost to the public services that we receive and rely on. Cutting these services at this time will negatively impact communities, adding extra financial burden to those who are already struggling. Supporting our communities is crucial, we rely on this funding, and it is especially important for underserved 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? Other

Tell us why: I suggest selling the shares to central government instead of private investors. The airport should remain as public 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 and make less use of debt

Tell us why: I recommend setting a higher general rate increase and making greater use of debt. The highest proposed rate increase for a household is roughly the price of a cup of coffee per week. I also believe that the benefits of rate increases to maintain critical

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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 investing in long-term climate resilience rather than reactionary solutions. I also emphasise that other climate and community resiliency initiatives funded through the Auckland Council budget cannot be cut. With cuts this would inhibit an Auckl

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I stress that community activities, initiatives and services funded through the Auckland Council budget cannot be cut to my local area. Cuts could mean a permanent end to the services and institutions that help to make my local area a community. Furthermo

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR should remain as established and not paused or stopped as proposed in Question 1. I strongly oppose the cutting of the planned increase in bus frequency funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Wayne brown you suck. Leave. Xox

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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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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Albert-Eden

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The focus on the arts, social services and environmental outcomes across proposal A-C as the areas for savings demonstrates a clear lack of consideration given the current social / environmental challenges that our region faces. These decisions, such as cutting climate funding or the southern initiative may have long term cost implications on our wider economy and perverse outcomes for our most vulnerable communities. All proposed cuts are bad, and will result in furthering inequity in our city.

There are no proposed alternate options that target other savings that can be made within the organization. There is no apparent options / cost-benefit analysis that considers alternative saving a avenues. For example, selling assets such as council-owned golf courses, which benefit the few, often wealthier, residents. At the very least we should be leasing these at a much higher rate, or even sell to enable brownfield development and achieve multiple outcomes. Further consideration could be given to development more broadly. Large scale infrastructure investments to enable ongoing growth at the edge of the city in greenfield locations does not make sense. It costs billions and results in increases in GHG emissions (contrary to all of our commitments). Significant savings could be made by removing projects that enable this growth. This will have little to no impact on housing capacity and will largely only impact the few large scale property developers who have been land banking.

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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- 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:

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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?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Hawke Sea Scouts

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: Hawke Sea Scouts leases a small portion of reserve land. The building located on the land is owned by Hawke Sea Scouts. Hawke Sea Scouts is a community group providing scouting programs to local youth. The grounds and building are fully maintained to a high standard by the group. We oppose any proposed increase in fees, given that the Council incurs no direct costs related to our occupation. Moreover, any added expenses would directly impact the Hawke Sea Scouts' ability to provide member programs and maintain the building.

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

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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

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

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

Tell us why: The Council has not made it easy to construct another budget by imposing a very short

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Organisation (if applicable): Basement Theatre Trust Governance Team

Your local board: Albert-Eden

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This submission has been lodged on behalf of the Basement Theatre Trust Governance Board. While we are very concerned about the sweeping operational cuts that have been suggested in this Council budget and what that suggests about the way Local Government is viewed by the Mayor and some of the elected representatives, for the scope of this submission we are particularly focused on those cuts which affect Auckland's arts sector and Basement Theatre in particular. Namely, the cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Let's start with the Regional Services budget: currently, Basement is the recipient of a Strategic Partnership Regional Grant of $65k from the Council. This grant contributes to everything we do. It's a multi-year operational grant that isn't specifically tagged to one project and instead helps us deliver our portfolio of activities. Our receipt of this grant is in jeopardy, and if cut, Basement Theatre's offering would have to downsize. Along with this downsizing would come an inevitable reduction in alternative funding sources. Why? Because much of our alternative funding is based on meeting a range of criteria that would be compromised with a reduction in grants like the Council's one.

For example, such a downsizing in our offer would stifle the voices of the city's most alive, exciting and forward thinking communities - those who call the theatre their home, including POC, LGBTQ+, women, NZ artists, Māori and Pasifika and youth. It would also stifle development of expertise and craft at Basement and put the chance to develop careers in

mainstream theatres here in Auckland, around the country and also globally, under pressure. With the loss of the Strategic Partnership Regional Grant from Council our city risks missing out on producing another Rose Matafeo, Ana Scotney or Chris Parker. Central Government funding is often contingent on us being able to demonstrate how we are supporting our local communities. In other words, cutting the Strategic Partnership Regional Grant will mean we have to downsize the opportunities we offer, thus creating problems for us when we apply for other forms of funding.

Under normal circumstances it has always been tough for New Zealand's artistic community to procure funding from Central Government. The Arts funding system is in need of repair and these budgetary cuts are worsening an already fragile situation. Since Covid the success rate for individual artists applying to CNZ as part of the general fund has gone from 1 in 3 or 4 pre-pandemic to 1 in 5 post-pandemic. The competition for funds is tough and with the withdrawal of support from our city for these artists, Auckland will be robbed of so many artistic voices. We could and should be a city that leads and guides artists nationally, showing them how arts can be the medium through which we find our cultural expression.

And it's not only the creators and their creations that will be 'downsized'.

Our city is also a beneficiary of the skills, expertise and knowledge of the individuals in the operational teams that bring these creations to life. Removing or reducing the Regional Services Budget means downsizing of 17 other incredibly productive, community-driven organisations (among them: The Comedy Festival, Te Pou Theatre, NZ Trio, Silo Theatre, Manukau Symphony, ArtSpace and Arts Access Aotearoa). All these organisations and more besides - including the Basement's near neighbours - Indian Ink, Q Theatre, Auckland Live and The Classic Comedy Bar - have a bevvy of producers, logistics managers, marketers, spokespeople, hospitality experts, managers of all kinds, arts and business leaders, thinkers and entrepreneurs who contribute their skills and expertise to all sorts of areas of our civic life.

Basement Theatre, for example, has in the past provided development programmes for producers. Skilled marketers and programmers employed by Basement also mentor and develop less skilled marketers and programmers who come onto the Basement team. The same goes for our technicians. At the Governance level we have a Youth Advisor who sits on the Board and advises and receives mentoring for a year. Past employees of Basement have gone on to offer their skills to the city in spheres other than the arts - think sports, business conferences and expos. These sorts of offerings will be severely jeopardised with the loss of the Strategic Partnership Regional Grant - and they shouldn't be.

The six members of the Governance Board at Basement, its 25 core staff, and its 1000+ theatre community are a relatively small but integral part of a complex and important Auckland Arts ecosystem, an ecosystem which nourishes and sustains around 30,000 Aucklanders who consume the over 700 experiences offered up to them on an annual basis. This community is made up of some top quality Aucklanders: citizens who make this city a great place to live and patrons and sponsors who place high value on the experiences they share as part of this ecosystem. Our theatre alone has entertained and been the beneficiary of patrons such as Jacinda Ardern, Carmel Sepuloni and Chelsea Winstanley to name a few. And we've also produced work by the city's most vulnerable groups including a troupe which formed out of the Auckland City Mission.

Auckland needs to continue to offer up experiences for people of all stripes. We want all our citizens to feel good about living, loving, working and playing in this city.

The significant major events and visitor attraction work carried out by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, right down to the smaller, one-off funds from Local Boards all feed into this arts ecosystem. So, now let's look at the cuts suggested to this major entity and to our Local Governance teams. Over the decades in Auckland, there have been performances and performers who have started their careers with a Local Board grant and become recipients of major events funding as their work has been showcased on stages for the Rugby World Cup and/or America's Cup or on the silver screen.

Local Boards offer grants that support artists and other community groups to provide for people in their communities. When the recipients receive the grants they are encouraged to work effectively, responsibly and with prudence. The results produced go a long way to fulfilling the legal requirement of Local Government spelled out in the Local Government Act 2002:

to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and

to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

And, it's this type of work that gets the heartiest, most pleasurable response when it is experienced by the audiences of this city, on the small stages like ours or at the huge outdoor venues like the Rugby World Cup Fanzone stage on Queen's Wharf, the wharf itself (our multi-talented street performers, community dancers, marching girls, clowns etc) and on Viaduct Harbour or Waiheke Island for other major Auckland events.

In sum, we urge you not to reduce operational spending in any areas but instead to think again about alternatives to these widespread, shocking and drastic cuts. We encourage you to act with ambition and drive when it comes to arts in

our city and to look for different ways the budget can help Aucklanders make and engage with artistic cultural experiences.

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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: N/A

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? Other

Tell us why: Council set a higher rates increase, makes greater use of debt and, if necessary, slows the expenditure on the Major Developments in 2034/24.

Auckland Council can increase rates and take on more debt (as is clearly outlined in the Better Budget Auckland

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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?** Other

Tell us why: While we have selected Waitematā Local Board for this section, our interest in Local Board priorities cuts across all the Boards as a good majority of them have indicated that they will be cutting their grants programmes in order to meet the budgetary re

If funding for local board 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, 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?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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? I don't know

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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Tell us why:

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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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:

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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the reduction in regional services, and would instead opt for another 1% on my rates bill. Reason being that I'm assuming most of these services are run on a shoestring and this funding is critical to their survival. Secondly the arts in particular brings joy to a lot of people at a time when there's not a lot of that in the world.

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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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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Do not reduce:

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Regional Services

Local board fubnded activities

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I used to work in the arts as an independant producer. Covid interrupted my buisiness and I was unable to continue. The sector is hurt but it can continue and re-grow. It must be supported. I am now a corporate events producer and enjoy attending the arts

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport services need to be increased, not limited to the current level, to assist with climate change goals. CABs provide valuable services to less well-off people and need to be protected.

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: This is not a good time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council. Selling Council's shares in this monopoly asset would be both i

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? Other

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Cuts to services are irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is e

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 important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure especially in light of recent extreme weather events. We've seen the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure and it's time we start investing in making Auckland mor

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: The proposed funding cut is unnecessary when rates and borrowing can be raised. Austerity will not fix our city and we cannot afford to cut the programmes and services that matter most to Aucklanders.

In particular, I support the Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek

If funding for local board 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 have climate and biodiversity emergencies. Cutting these activities is irresponsible and shortsighted.

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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways. The Council is planning to plunder the Climate Action Targeted Rate fund to reduce costs to Auckland Transport instead of using it to improve and increase services.

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?

I urge the Council to protect plans relating to climate action, including public transport, walking and cycling, and community work to safeguard biodiversty/pest control/ecological restoration. I also strongly object to reductions in CAB funding.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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

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? Other

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make better use of debt.

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?

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?)

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.	
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? Support changes to waste charging and emphasising that all areas should have food waste collection available in the open comments.

Support the swimming pool compliance targeted rate changes.

Oppose the Climate Action Targeted Rate changes.

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).

• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Support for disability support services

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Organisation (if applicable):

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Important to put money into youth and homelessness, keep Auckland unlimited funded for our arts in our thriving 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? 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: Would be stupid to sell all shares, tourism very important sector- short sighted!

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?

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?

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.	
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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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• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Look after our parks, our culture , our kids and homeless, make our city vibrant and safe and a place People continue to want to visit!

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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: Because we need community spending. Stop putting spend bumps everywhere and use that 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? I don't know

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? 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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, 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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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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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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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: Have you tried to catch a bus recently? They're absolutely slammed. Our city is facing rapid pressures from events at a scale not often seen, from pandemics to climate change. We desperately need strong community services. With rapid inflation, community supported projects are the most efficient way to provide a high quality of life for Auckland's residents. Please don't eliminate what makes Auckland a great place to live.

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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: Essential infrastructure should always be owned by the community which relies on it. Auckland Airport is a core part of Auckland's transport system, and should be used first and foremost for the strategic advancement of Auckland.

Particularly in a climate

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: Set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt. Auckland can easily afford to take on more debt, and a higher rates increase will ensure paying down that debt is sustainable.

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: Albert-Eden desperately needs investment in our roading network to make it safe for people cycling and significantly improve public transport. A principal objective of AE Local Board should be to advocate to Auckland Transport, Auckland Council and Waka K

If funding for local board 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: What kind of "Sophie's Choice" is this? Terrible 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.	
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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
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? We have been mislead on the Climate Action Targeted Rate. Due to an inability of Auckland Transport to deliver basic transport outcomes, the promised investment which was consulted on cannot be delivered.

Defund Auckland Transport and put the money toward

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?

Sell golf courses or require higher green fees, put up general rates, rate more on land value than improvements, charge a higher rate for special character areas which are crippling our ability to operate a fiscally sustainable region, charge more for par

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Art and culture is at the heart of what has made Auckland one of the most desirable cities in the world to live. Much of the infrastructure which supports this community is already under threat by the increase in property prices over recent years. It's time for those who have reaped the benefits of the housing market to contribute back to the community. Raise the rates!

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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

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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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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?) Community development and support, 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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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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding for public transport - the buses are already full and there is more demand than can be met with current services

Reducing regional services creates costs elsewhere and makes Ak a less pleasant place to live.

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? 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: Air transport is not a local council responsibility and has high GHG emissions.

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? 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: Climate impact preparations reduce cost in the longer 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?) Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The local environment is most important for creating both climate resilience and 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?

No more money should be directed towards clearing of trees, exotic or otherwise, on the Maunga. This has proved to be a terrible waste of resources and the outcomes have been of low or no value to the affected communities

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because reducing any of these things will result in catastrophic consequences for the people who actually work and live in Auckland, while simply propping up those already living well.

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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: Because selling Airport shares while the market is so low is a terrible business decision. Either wait until the market is in a better state to sell shares, or invest in the airport more. It is one of the things that keeps our tourism industry afloat, aft

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 think Auckland could benefit from BOTH increasing our debt threshold and setting higher general rates. We do need more money to help with the climate crisis, cost of living crisis, housing crisis, and all the other crises that us regular Aucklanders hav

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Tell us why: These storms were horrific in many aspects, but the scariest part was how unprepared we were. The thought of money not being put into assisting with the rebuilding/rehabilitation process makes me very angry.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Do NOT reduce funding for local boards. New Zealand is built on communities, and defunding these communities is a very good way to put the local boards in an extremely hard position, where they must stop doing the good work that they do because the counci

If funding for local board 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: The climate crisis is here. We are doing damage control for it already. If those things are cut, we will likely all be dead by 2050.

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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? Regarding waste management, we need more bins in ALL public areas, many times I need to throw something away in the city, I will have to walk between 50-100metres to be able to not litter.

Increasing rates to help fund this is a good idea.

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 is extremely important to me, I rely on it for day to day transport, as do tens of thousands of other Aucklanders. Transport price hikes and less buses at the same time is one of the most ludicrous proposals I've heard come from this coun

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support proceeding with:

- Reducing regional contestable grants
- Reducing regional services
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

I also do not support ongoing reductions in public transport services.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. A reduction of this funding will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run - impacting the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of our people and our region.

These proposed cuts will have a significant impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and on our youth and community programmes and services.

Our social and cultural infrastructure – including our arts, culture and creative sector – is needed more than ever as our communities try to move on from three years of COVID-19 disruption.

Our arts events, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services improve social cohesion, make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry, boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Our arts, culture and creative sector jobs, organisations and facilities are not nice-to-haves they are an essential part of what makes a city a vibrant, liveable place.

Such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. Jobs will be lost, some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shut, and some facilities will struggle to survive.

Cutting this funding will have negative flow-on effects, for instance negatively impacting the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue as well as the many other suppliers and small businesses/SMEs that support the arts, events and creative sectors. It will also negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

Some of the community services facing cuts are also ones that help our lowest income and most vulnerable people. Services that help youth into employment, address homelessness, support inclusion for refugee and migrant communities, and help people access information and vital services.

The cuts will affect (among other things) cultural events that are important to promote diversity and inclusion (such as the Pride Festival and CulturalFest), library services (that are well used by children and families, our older residents and those on low incomes), services that support community safety, Māori and Pasifika employment (through reduced support of The Southern Initiative and The Western Initiative), Early Childhood Education services, and organisations like the Citizens Advice Bureau that help people understand their rights and access vital services. Events and organisations may disappear due to the cuts. In a cost-of-living crisis these services are needed more than ever.

Some of these services facing cuts are ones that make our communities resilient and connected - exactly what we need in the face of the kinds of emergencies and events that have occurred in recent times.

The proposed cuts will have irreversible long-term impacts. The axing of operational spending could mean a permanent end to the services, activities, community groups and institutions that help to make Auckland a community and a great place to live - a place where our communities thrive and prosper.

I also do not support reductions in public transport services.

Public transport is a fundamental enabler for participation and inclusion, enabling people to get around, connect with each other and get to their places of work and play. At a time of climate crisis reducing public transport services is a backward step. It is absolutely critical that we are reducing our emissions and not forcing people back into their cars because the public transport system is not regular and reliable.

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: A partial sale of shares will save annual interest costs of $40m that could be used to help pay for the arts and community services that are proposed to be cut.

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: I support increasing general rates AND/OR making greater use of debt.

The council should consider raising general rates beyond the 4.66% (or an average of around $3 per household per week). This amount is below inflation, which means that in real terms

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: This spending is necessary to help keep us safe from the effects of future storms and flooding.

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 the proposal to cut funding to local board as this will result in cuts in local grants and cuts to important local community programmes - including across arts, community development, youth, community events, environmental 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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these things are important - I do not want to see any of them cut!

I do not support the proposal to cut funding to the local board as this will result in cuts in local grants and cuts to important local community programmes - including across art

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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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 <u>not</u> 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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Rates increases should be the main funding mechanisms for the budget shortfall. Climate action, active transport (e.g. cycling and walking), public transport (buses & trains) and the environment are essential and spending should not be cut, but should be increased. Revenue should also be increased by increasing parking charges and greater enforcement of illegal parking, dumping etc.

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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:

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: Increasing general rates is a minor difference in costs per household but can cumulatively have significant positive impacts for all Aucklanders

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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 safe transport options, including cycleways, public transport and walkways.

If funding for local board 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: Important for the future generations living in Auckland.

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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million. You threaten to undermine and erode the good work sports clubs do to give children and youth somewhere safe to play sport or recreate. If this becomes rundown, social degradation and crime will prliferate and you, Council, will be picking up another bill a generation down the line. Conveniently, the decisonmakers of today will be gone but we will be left with a worse issue! Politicians will be judged for generations to come on how they handle this matter. Don't think about *your* legacy, think about a legacy for our children and youth.

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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 Auckland Council has fallen hopelessly into debt then it makes total sense for the Council to sell its shares and repay the debt it has accrued instead of making the rest of the ratepayers pay for the sloppy administration of its politicians. This move

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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: Just get it done! I went out to Muriwai and saw the devastation there. Get money invested now instead of waiting for the next disaster before acting. Think intergenerationally!

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities match my remarks elsewhere in this survey.

If funding for local board 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), Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Re: Auckland Council Annual Budget Consultation

Monday 27 March 2023

Auckland City Football Club is committed to ensuring that Auckland Council, through their Annual Budget, continue to focus on and invest in communities being physically active and the development of hauora through being active.

Auckland City Football Club has existed since 2004 and served football in the Central Auckland area for 20 years producing athletes who have represented New Zealand at FIFA World Cups and produced athletes who have gone from amateur football to become fully professional.

As our club has evolved, we have run Academy, Holiday Programme and Skill Centres for grassroots, children and youth players, serving thousands of parents and children in our catchment area – we believe part of our reason for existing is to play a key role in the holistic development of our children and youth, to make better, smarter, healthier people.

We as a Football Club are opposed in principle to the proposed changes to Recreational Sport and Recreation Programme Grant and Regional Recreation Facilities Operating Grants, and the Local Board Operational Funding cut, as outlined in the Auckland Council Annual Budget Consultation.

We believe if the cuts are implemented in our area of the city that children and youth will be unable to participate in organised sport and gain access to the social lessions, cohesion and community spirit that physical activity provides.

The value of sport and active recreation is deomonstrated through the many contributions that it makes to individuals, whānau, communities, and Tāmaki Makaurau as a whole:

- Underpins good health and supports good mental health
- Teaches basic and more advanced physical skills, and essential life skills
- Promotes connection, social cohesion and a sense of belonging
- Delivers personal financial and wider economic benefits
- Provides a platform for achievement, which helps build confidence

A reduction in funding has the potential to affect the income generated by local business that support community sport and recreation. The suggested cuts will also adversely affect participants by:

- Reducing access to Academy programmes that will have to charge more in an area that is already predominantly low decile
- Our budget depends on the support of local government because sponsorship is already difficult to come by – we may as well close the doors with increased costs
- Less members means less sponsorship opportunity and less local business involvement
- Less members means more teenage delinquancy, increased crime, poor health & fitness for youth

Given these potential affects, we strongly recommend that Auckland Council reconsider the following proposed cuts for the health and wellbeing of all of Tāmaki Makaurau

1. Regional Sport and Recreation Programme Grants
2. Regional Recreation Facilities Operating Grant
3. Pragmatic approach to increases in building maintenance and lease administration fees
4. Local Board Operational Funding in the areas of
    - Field maintenance and mowing
    - Local community grants e.g. Sport and Recreation Events
    - Parks planning
    - Sport and Recreation Facility Planning
    - Parks activations

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Our concerns about these cuts is the negative impact it will have on the community in the long term. Taking sport away from grassroots children and youth raises health issues, social issues such as crime and delinquency, and also threatens the very existence of not only our club, but rival clubs in our sporting code, which drives down living standards across society. The bill you seek to pay now will only become a bill you need to pay twofold in the near future when the children and youth we sever from organised sport today become the young adults of the future.

Your sincerely,

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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?
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 funding to Taataki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board funded activities, regional contestable grants. These funding areas are crucial for the livelihood of the multi-cultural events, whether they be cultural gatherings, art, galleries, theatre, music, the museum etc etc. We are choosing to invest in a central Auckland property so that we can continue to enjoy all that the Auckland cultural scene has to offer, both to locals and visitors, from NZ and overseas.

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: This is a good balance between keeping an interest and reducing debt interest.

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: These are crucial activities to keep our community thriving.

If funding for local board 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, 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.

Waste management rates changes	
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.	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).

• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

We are very impressed with the work and planting to protect and enhance Maungawhau and so fully support this programme.

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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 <u>not</u> 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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- 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.

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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: Whilst I agree with planting more trees, I do not agree that climate change is a particular threat to humanity or that Auckland Council should be implementing "climate change" 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, 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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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.	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.	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 agree with Wayne Brown's commitment to cutting funding to the arts etc. I think that the level of funding provided to the arts is a luxury that we cannot afford in the current economic climate. I am lucky enough that a rates rise will not impact my da

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Jawline Dance Collective

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 luxuries that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of 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.

As a contemporary freelancer trying to make a living in Aotearoa, these cuts will directly affect our already struggling industry and more directly my dance collective - Jawline Dance Co and it's ability to survive. The industry is almost entirely reliant on funding bodies and government funding, meaning it is already in danger as there is absolutely no stability of pay. These cuts will drive artists out of Auckland and with no life, colour, or art to see, as a society we become less social and more likely to suffer from mental health issues, we lose tourists as no one will want to come to auckland to do nothing, and we lose the diversity of our industry in that so many smaller artists will no longer be able to provide art for their respective communities or get a chance to climb the ladder and become fully paid artists. Everyone is sick, tired and angry as is.

Lastly, one of the things we valued most and appreciated most during our time in lockdown was our ability to escape through art whether that be watching TV, listening to music, making tik tok dances, watching shows online remotely, the list goes on. The effects covid had on our mental health as a country was in part because we couldn't socialise and struggled to gain any new, life changing experiences - art does both of those things, and by making these cuts we risk further mental health issues as well as a loss of income from multiple industries.

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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 feel I have the information on the effects this will have in order to answer the question. I suspect this will make leaving the country more expensive and drive away tourists.

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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: By increasing rates we make it harder for lower income earning individuals to pay rent/ their morgage and makes the poverty gap bigger. If we continue this way we risk more homelessness, more poverty, more angry individuals and once again this will only a

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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 believe this is important to undo the damages the storms have done but more importantly than rebuilding which again is a quick fix, we should be focusing on what we can do to preserve our environment as these storms are obviously effects of climate chan

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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

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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?

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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?

Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall b

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- Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland an enjoyable place to live and to visit. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, and bring Auckland communities together.
    - *In 2022 the dance collective I co-founded got funding and put on a show at the Basement Theatre. The show was a great success with every night of the season being sold out. The show was two half an hour dance works, one choreographed by me and one by my co-founder, Carla Harre. Putting on a show is no small feat and even in a theatre like Basement, we had over 20 people working closely with us to put the show on, the amount of people who did one off jobs for us or helped out in some kind of way brings that number up to close to 50. The piece I choreographed was about my experiences as woman in the queer community living in Aotearoa. I have never really felt as if I have had a queer community to turn to for support here, and I found them through making this show. Feedback included "After watching that I feel the most seen I ever have, I've never seen a work made by a queer person for queer people, I felt understood." and "It's so exciting seeing queer work on the main stage, it uplifts our whole community." Lastly, "I didn't know I could relate to something so closely, it felt like it was made for me, and that made me cry. I really hope I get to see more inclusive art in the future. Lesbians have been excluded from serious conversations about the queer community and I'm tired of being sexualised. Thank you for reminding me of what I am truly about."*
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- The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tataki Auckland, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector.
    - *Jawline Dance Co - my dance collective, is currently in development for a show to be performed in November. Jawline has done their fair share of working unfunded and providing small amounts of profit share to their dancers and other collaborators and there is only so many times you can ask people to work for free or next to nothing. Thankfully we got some creative communities funding, enabling us to give workshops and classes back to our community for free as well as being able to sustain the dancers by paying them fairly for their work. This means rehearsals can be held during the day time when people are more energised rather than trying to work outside of a persons day job hours where not only are they working twice as hard as they are then working to support themselves and working for free leading to burn out, but also means talented practitioners miss out on dance work as they can't support themselves and do the shows. This lowers the quality of our work. Due to the funding we've received, we get two weeks in a studio to flesh out the beginnings of a dance work and everyone involved will be giving 100% as they aren't burnt out from their day job. It also means we get to work with the right dancers and collaborators for our work as we can pay them*

fairly so they don't need to worry about working hard and not receiving any income.

- The arts, culture and creative sector was hard hit by COVID-19. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy.
    - *In September of 2021, our dance collective had planned to perform a show we had been working on for over 6 months, due to lockdowns, this show had to be postponed. If we make these cuts to arts, we risk ending back up in 2020, morality will be low, our collective mental health will be worse than ever and massive amounts of people will lose their jobs.*

- Central government COVID-19 funding reduced the impact from 2020 to 2022. That funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is getting back on its feet. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are coming back to our city.
    - *I am really looking forward to seeing more shows and going to festivals, and to attend 'Tunneling Wormholes' at the Basement Theatre this week. It finally feels as if we are somewhere vibrant, the city feels like it did before COVID, reducing this funding, again, risks putting us mentally back in 2020.*

key points and the action I want to see:

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- This is a time to invest, not a time to cut.
- We ask Auckland Council not to proceed with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.
- Feel free to contact me for more information

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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?) Arts e.g. Pah Homestead art gallery, Mt Roskill Library hours, Water quality of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Given the Council has AA credit rating, and is the leader with low debt in NZ and elsewhere, I understand, borrow the $295 million and work through cutting costs. The $125m cuts above affect low income families and communities the most. Auckland is the leading city - Wellington is 'dying' and the proposed cuts will send us down the same road.

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Tell us why: Selling the family silver has left ordinary NZer's paying more for power for example. It is the wealthy who buy shares and increase their wealth by selling when the price rises.

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Tell us why: Just has to be done. Climate change .

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Tell us why: Quality of community services after covid and the storms is absolutely necessary. Borrow to fund.

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Tell us why: Council does not manage to have sufficient oversight of AIAL and what it does to control or direct its activities. AIAL is now proposing to carry out development works and they may request that Council as a shareholder to contribute more funds or dilute

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Tell us why: The impact of future storms or other infrastructure requirements need to be catered for now and funding built up for those instead of waiting for a 'disaster' to happen. We need to be 'proactive' instead of 'reactive' in managing such matters

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Tell us why: It may not be doing well now as we recover from covid, but these are valuable shares in a good business and it will recover.

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Tell us why: Essential work.

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Tell us why: These are the things that make auckland a great place to live.

If funding for local board 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

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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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Organisation (if applicable):

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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Not taking away any communication and education programs. These are essential to children, teens, young adults and adults in the community. For some this is their most desired/beneficial source of education/safety and value.

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: I am not too sure what this would mean for the public and or business, reducing by half would seem the most logical move to make rather than selling all of 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.

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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 seems to be the best option short and long term, and for the people as well as businesses and operations.

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 think this has been grossly underestimated for a long time and now we are feeling the impact of it. A much needed fund.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I think most priorities should be supported and funded especially focusing on increasing community support and connection. The general maintenince/climate change/park evolving does need to be monitored but i dont think much action is needed as what has be

If funding for local board 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: Its important to maintain/intergrate community programs especially for those in need and for further connection and family like community. By maintaining climate change action this also creates a sense of unity while being more communal based and helping

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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 thing that is the most important to me is community connection/kindness/safety and support. As long as we can maintain/adapt/provide for this neccesary source, i think we will be on the right track.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport, cycling and walking are essential to tackling climate change, reducing congestion and enabling all people to get around the city. Do not cut funds to public transport, cycleways, community or cultural activities.

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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

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

Tell us why: We should have a higher rates increase and make greater use of debt in order to provide the essential services our city needs - particularly public transport, cycleways, community and cultural activities.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to the following: community development and support; sports and activities in parks; parks maintenance; environmental restoration; community climate action and sustainability; water quality initiatives; closing council venues; commu

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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? The Climate Action Targeted Rate was established last year with overwhelming public support. I do not agree with using this fund to reduce costs to Auckland Transport, rather than using it to improve and increase public transport services. I support 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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a limited budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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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, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: RE: Local Boards cuts, which will affect the arts in our communities.

I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our communiti

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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 do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

7. What else is important to you?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
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A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,

Working member, Coastal Signs. Artist Liaison, RM Gallery and Project Space.

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Tell us why: You have to get money from somewhere so the arts can be saved

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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 want rates to increase. More and more people do not own their own homes and therefore don't pay rates yet use services.

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: Hard to ring fence spends on single item responses. Likely not but the storm in January may be an isolated event.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards are the heart of our communities. We have only recently elected members and they have not had the chance to embed initiatives they campaigned on.

If funding for local board 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, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: Communities need to lease buildings that are set fairly without profit to private stake holders.

Library services are beyond just borrowing books. JP services, safe spaces for people to gather, rhyme time. I could continue for a very long time ...

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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?

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The lack of respect that Mayor Wayne Brown generally demonstrates in the way he represents our wonderful city.

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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 continue to provide certainty for Arts funding. 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.

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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 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 like Auckland to be better prepared for storms

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts and community events

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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: Bad time to sell

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

Tell us why: Higher rates and use of debt

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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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I agree with all so do not want any cut.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Many of the Councils proposals hit the poorest people in this

city....ie the cuts to education/community 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares in an asset that is a monopoly is not sound economics

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Tell us why: increase business rates.....if your making money from your premises your ability to pay more is enhanced

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Tell us why: Borrow for this....its a generational issue

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Tell us why: not funding learn to swim classes in low decile schools sort of says it all.....these cuts will hit the people most in need

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: without community activities there is no community....without local climate change initiatives.....there is no planet

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

keep trying to get people out of cars by investing in public transport and cycleways.....taking services away from our most vulnerable citizens is an awful way to cut spending...target those who CAN pay ie put up charges in the cities marina's

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not cut arts funding.

As Mayor Brown looks at avenues to cut spending, he would do well to explore his final statement in the Herald article 'Axe hovers over Auckland's arts', in which he observed that a third of the nation's population receives a quarter of Creative NZ funding.

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Wellington, with a quarter of our population, gets a free ride, while we pay for our institutions out of our rates, and for their's out of our taxes!

The 'national' tags that supposedly justify the inequities are questionable, with our museum every bit as good as their's, and the APO plays 44 concerts in Auckland this year while the NZSO plays 8 here, 12 in Wellington, 6 in Christchurch, 3 in Hamilton, 4 in Dunedin and 3 in Tauranga.

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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

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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: This is short term thinking. Hold the shares as the holding in AIAL will rise over time

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow and worldwide research shows the arts bring

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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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 was born at Castor Bay, almost fifty years ago, and I've lived in Tāmaki Makaurau my whole life. This city is me, and I am this city, along with the other over a million wonderful Aucklanders that share it with me.

I'm shocked and saddened that our Mayor, and those Councillors that support him, have threatened us with this hideous budget proposal. He and those Councillors should know that I, and many others, will do all we can to fight back against their attack on our city, our communities and our public services; and we will also do all we can to ensure that they don't have the numbers to do any such thing ever again. This is what democracy looks like.

I don't believe that we are in a financial crisis as portrayed by the Mayor and his supporters. Rather, I can see that the Mayor, and those on the Council that support him, are ideologically opposed to supporting all the valuable aspects of our city and communities. They care most, perhaps only, for those who are most privileged and have accrued the most wealth. They appear to have a distrust of government itself, and of public service and public services.

The Mayor seems not to understand the value of anything, while he's obsessed with the cost of everything. Those that work in public service for Council are generally doing a great job and delivering fantastic public services, and the funding that is provided to support arts, sports, and other community services of all kinds, is vital and generally well-spent. There

is no crisis. Of course rates will have to AT LEAST keep up with inflation, and likely more than that, and if we also have to borrow some more, so be it.

The figure of “13.13 per cent or $433 a year ($8.30 a week)” is far preferable than any of the cuts that have been proposed. We receive incredible value for our rates, and public infrastructure has been deliberately underfunded for at least the last forty years. We have to get real and invest properly in what we all deserve.

We don't want your austerity budget. Don't implement it. Maintain our vital services.

I am a regular user of public transport. I have been extremely proud of the improvements that have been made to public transport in Tāmaki Makaurau in recent years, and I want to see these improvements continue. Don't cut bus services! We cannot just build more roads to reduce traffic; it is a failed strategy. Invest in public transport. More! The biggest threat to us all is the climate crisis, as too many Aucklanders have experienced in recent months, and public transport is literally one of the best ways for us to reduce emissions.

I chose not to have kids, but it matters to me that our city has great services for children and parents. Don't gut the funding for early childhood education. Don't increase the costs for groups to use our public halls and facilities. For example, a few days ago I went to an event at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall and there were kids leaving a taekwondo class as we arrived. I don't know these kids, and I have no interest in martial arts, but I value the fact that this is available for them in my community. The people that run this are able to do it at low cost to the kids' families because the public venue is available at a reasonable cost. This makes for a better community for us all.

Don’t reduce or cut funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABs). I’ve never needed their services, but that’s hardly surprising! I’m a straight, white, cis-male in my late forties, with a tertiary education, who grew up on the North Shore and went to a freakin’ private school! I’m not likely to need these services, as I have enough support already. But if the CABs close, lots of people with a lot less privilege than me will not get the support that they need. We all have a responsbility to assist these people.

Don’t reduce Local Board discretionary spending. Our Local Boards do a great job of working with local community groups, to deliver great work in our communities.

These proposed cuts are a political choice, and not a necessity. These cuts will, as usual, have a much worse outcome for poorer, and/or browner people in our city, and those that are largely excluded from the political process; including from this submissions process! Making this submission hasn’t been easy for me, really, and I’m got a freakin’ degree and do this kind of thing in my work all the time; how do we expect most of our community members to properly participate in this process? I’m prepared to bet plenty that you’ll hear way more from richer, whiter, older people in these submissions, and that’s not good enough. You need to get out and hear from all others, including the ones that either didn’t vote for our current Mayor or who didn’t vote at all. They are citizens of this city, and they should be heard, and the Council should listen.

How much should rates go up by? Well, it seems to me that 13% should be properly considered, given the needs we have, and the current inflation rate. I understand that Wellington is proposing this. Certainly at least a 10% increase is needed.

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Tell us why: Don’t change the policy. Keep our shares, and increase rates and/or debt.

This isn’t a great time to sell these shares. It’s a shame that we don’t have more control over the airport, but we certainly shouldn’t have any less.

Use the voice we have, to spea

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

Tell us why: The current proposal just isn't good enough. Our city, communities and neighbourhoods are built with collective, public investment that is funded by rates, taxes, and fees. Debt can also be used to spread the costs of investment that will have future bene

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Tell us why: Given recent events, it's unbelievable that Councillors would even consider doing less on this! We've had decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure and these chickens are coming home to roost. Today is later than we should have worked on t

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Tell us why: All four priorities are great, especially the climate one, and I think the Board should be supported to all of these and continue all of the other excellent work that it does with our communities.

I highly value the work of my Local Board, and all the oth

If funding for local board 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: At a recent Local Board event about this appalling proposed budget, I refused to choose which local services I valued the most, as this implies that I want other services to be cut. I am angry that our Mayor and those that support him, have created an env

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What do you think of these proposals? Last year, the Climate Action Targeted Rate was established, with overwhelming public support. The Council should NOT now plunder it, it should be used to improve and increase public transport services.

I want more investment in public transport, more inv

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I will note something that I agree with; the pausing of the move to bring commercial rates down toward residential rates. The pause is a good idea. However, it should be permanent, and then, the Council should move the commercial rate back up to where it

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Maintain or increase the grants and funding going directly into the pockets of people who do work, including tradespeople, artists, and screen sector employees.

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Tēnā koe,

Thursday, 23 March 2023

TĀMAKI MAKAURAU SCREEN SECTOR RESPONSE TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24

Screen Production is good business for Auckland.

Screen Auckland's 2022 Data Overview shows that:

- Screen (including production, post-production, and visual effects) is worth $1.523 billion to the Auckland economy.
- The sector directly employs 8405 people in Auckland, up from 7500 in 2021.
- There are 2322 screen business units located here, 48% of the national screen sector.

Of the $800+ million spend on production in the Auckland region 60% of that, almost half a billion dollars, was spent with Auckland businesses – hotels and restaurants, vehicle and equipment hire businesses, all of which did it tough during the Covid-19 restrictions.

In a recent economic impact report of screen production activity in New Zealand[1] less than 40% of spend on a film or TV show is screen-industry. Attracting and servicing screen production in Auckland makes very good financial sense, for those who work on productions, but even more so for the city as a whole.

We support the Auckland Plan 2050's aim that 'Auckland is prosperous with many opportunities and delivers a better standard of living for everyone'. Auckland Council has an economic development plan for the region – the most recent of these for 2021-2024 has the objectives of:

- Attracting people and investment
- Enabling thriving local economies
- Supporting quality jobs and skill development
- Preparing businesses for Auckland's future
- Infrastructure than enables economic development
- Regulations that enable economic development

Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Continuing to support screen directly through Tātaki Auckland Unlimited in turn supports the local economy, the hospitality sector, tourism, and retail to generate much needed revenue. A thriving city improves social cohesion, wellbeing, and our quality of life. It makes a city more inclusive and welcoming. Helps to attract and retain new residents and industry. A thriving city also boosts the local economy, creates jobs, and makes for a more prosperous city.

QUESTIONS

1. What economic analysis has been done by Council on the impacts these cuts will have on Auckland's economy and employment, over the short, medium, and long term?
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Screen production is a dynamic and complex ecosystem, and a change of this magnitude will have long term impacts. We are very concerned that the Budget proposals have been prepared without due diligence, and the potential negative impact on the future of the screen sector in Auckland has not been properly considered and understood.

[1] Olsberg Report: https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/resources/olsberg-spi-report-economic-impact-new-zealand-screen-production-sector

ALTERNATIVE

We recommend the Auckland City Council continue to invest in its economic development programmes, and to increase borrowing and/or raise rates for residential and business ratepayers to cover that cost.

Other Councils, such as in Wellington, have decided to confront reality with a proposed 13% rates rise to fill the shortfall and make the necessary investment in a thriving and resilient city.

CONCLUSION

The interconnectedness of the screen sector ecosystem is equivalent to the Auckland City Council's ecosystem. What may look like a small change in one area can have unexpected consequences or impact. The screen sector also knows how hard it is to make budgets go the distance. Budgets are always tight and are getting tighter by the day. We believe that continuing to invest in story, in people, in culture, in what connects with people's hearts and minds, is the key to success both now and in the future. We believe it will also be the key to the Auckland City Council's continued success – invest, grow, and prosper.

The signatories of this letter, the representative bodies of the individual screen practitioners and businesses, call on you to consider the economic, social and wellbeing impacts of these budget cuts, specifically to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Yours Sincerely,

Co-Authors

Film Auckland Inc and SPADA

Signatories

Directors and Editors Guild of Aotearoa New Zealand
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New Zealand Cinematographers Society
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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)

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Tell us why: Investing in increasing resilience will lead to lower net losses in the event of future extreme weather events (which WILL happen).

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Tell us why: Increasing community resilience and connection is essential for a healthy, functioning society.

Ensuring our community centres and libraries meet the changing needs of our community is great provided this does not equate to wholesale closures.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control - bind communities, protect our fragile (and very limited) remaining habitat patches and help to build resilience against the impacts of climate change.

Community climate action and sustainability - i

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Protection and restoration of local waterways is important for providing biodiversity corridors, flood mitigation and green space for people to escape the pressures of city life.

Environmental restoration and pest control - bind communities, protect our f

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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? 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 the asset withing the council for the future - you would not be able to pourchase it back

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 seems a small amount - if we all paid to keep the 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:

We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why: The community cannot survive or the projects without the funding - all the work to date would be gone and impossible to replace

If funding for local board 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 assessments

Tell us why these are most important to you: Very small community - community led with passion, but no means of funding without council

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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?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Library opening hours, Local community grants fund

Tell us why these are most important to you: all impt for community and not wishing our neighbourhood to look unkept

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?) Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme), Community leasing charges

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? some of the above could be privatised

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Tell us why: short term pain for long term gain - hold onto our assets for increased return and value over time

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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: As with the whole of NZ, we need to make substantial increases in infrastructure investment - making greater use of debt alongside rates increases looks like the necessary way to go

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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:given the way we are tracking with climate change, the problems are only going to get worse - if increasing the operating budget is the best way for us to prepare and respond, we should definitely do it

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Tell us why: these are all important to this 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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I've heard about cuts to bus services and I am vehemently opposed to this - as a user of public transport and a citizen concerned about climate change - this is the LAST thing we should be doing. We need to improve public transport services, increase serv

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Tell us why: '- Rates should reflect the cost of maintaining infrastructure. Single family low density housing should be priced to reflect what it costs the city to maintain. Raise rates on all properties, but with a greater increase on single family homes.

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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 these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the Council owned Golf courses - These large lands can be used for making more high density houses which is severely needed.

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More funding for community events and services including transport. Increase the budget for those services. This will encourage to go out more, increase their spending on local businesses in their areas. This will also improve Auckland as a city for every

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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: This could allow council to earn money in the short term, but may lose out when travel returns to pre-Covid levels.

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? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates should reflect the cost of maintaining infrastructure. Single family low density housing should be priced to reflect what it costs the city to maintain. Raise rates on all properties, but with a greater increase on single family homes.

This will in

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: Recent events have shown us why we need this, and with climate change, this is going to get worse.

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 maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

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? Sell golf courses - these should be privately owned, not by council.

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.	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?

More funding for events and things to do, and convenient public transport which allows people to get to these events. It's nice to live in a city with fun events, and which is easy to commute in. If people are out and about, they will, in turn, spend more

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting funding to the arts and culture will significantly degrade the quality of our city. Not only will it detract from residents enjoyment of the city, but it will diminish our international standing and appeal. This will ultimately flow through to international tourism and business impacting not just Auckland but all of NZ. We should ride out short term financial stress through debt and rates. That achieve best long-term benefit for the city and country.

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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

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: Climate change is a reality. We need to plan for it. We need to invest in infrastructure faster. We also need to be clever and targeted in the way we do this. A lot can be learned from international examples. We don't need bespoke NZ solutions.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We should focus funding efforts on things that enhance the community - this is ultimately what is most important. Maybe there are clever opportunities to re-wild some park areas - allow them to revert to wetlands thereby providing space for flooding and r

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't cut funding to the arts or cultural sector!

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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:

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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?

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?

Don’t cut funding to arts or cultural 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: The suggested reductions are shortsighted and abandons a commitment to our environment and our communities at a time of significant need. It will hurt our most vulnerable communities, especially cuts that will impact libraries and CABs where although these are not revenue-generating for council, they provide some of the only truly equitable services for all community members. With a cost of living crisis and the climate difficulties we have already been experiencing, we need to commit to an invest in Auckland's people and bringing them together now more than ever. The suggested cuts will hurt our most vunerable people. It is regrettable to increase debt and rates, but preferable to the suggested gutting of essential community funding.

If you continue to devalue bus services, you will continue to see less uptake of public transport services due to inaccessibility and unreliability. It is essential that we maximize the robustness of public transport; we have run out of time to put off reducing our emissions.

Consider increasing revenue through increases in street parking costs, raising rates to at least align with inflation, and

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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: If sold, use this to invest back into community programmes and services, NOT to pay down debt

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: Utilize higher general rates as well as greater use of debt. I do not support cuts to the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, which is particularly irresponsible given the recent damage to our local 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: This is a sensible suggestion as our current stormwater infrastructure is not fit for purpose, and the impacts of climate change will continue to be felt in increasing severity in upcoming years.

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Tell us why: Please prioritize library and CAB funding, as well as funding for environment restoration/protection and climate action.

If funding for local board 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

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

I oppose cuts to the arts and strategic relationship funding including our theatres (TAPAC, Basement Theatre, Te Pou Theatre). I would like to see a budget that supports and invests in Auckland's recovery, community wellbeing and climate action.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing public transport - Auckland needs this to get people out of their cars.

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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 the release debt and have cash for more urgent things

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: People can't afford any rates increase

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why: Libraries, CAB must be kept open

Parks are important to those living in the new shoebox apartments

If funding for local board 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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of reducing the level of funding would be major damage to Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits from a vibrant arts community. It is important to me that the City is seen to be supporting all the initiatives that make up the Arts.

Music in The parks, Libraries, Citizens advice Bureaus are all examples of events or organisations that contribute to our citizens mental health, enjoyment of the city and connectivity within the community. These services directly improve social cohesion, well being and our quality of life.

Having a strong Arts scene in my opinion makes Akl a more attractive destination to visit and to be part of - which also has financial benefits for the hospo sector.

We have just endured 3 yrs of Covid lockdowns - we need to be investing in the Arts for the future of our City - to make the place more accessible and welcoming to visitors and locals.

Cutting costs thru 'taking a haircut' is not the way forward. It will create a drab city that resembles an Eastern European gulag. Who will want to live in or visit that? Citizens shuffling fwd onto their breadline ques with their grey onepiece coveralls on - good grief.

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Tell us why: I have seen Govts and Councils sell off 'family silver' repeatedly over my life time (Telecom was famously sold to Warren Buffets crew - they then recouped the purchase price within a couple of yrs thru the dividends that Telecom was generating as a mono

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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 think that to be a Super City and to be able to maintain local body infrastructure, community boards and the arts - that rates need to increase to at least 10%. Borrowing money is risky in times of higher interest rates - so I do not think we should 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: It makes sense to me that money be put aside for the likely impact of future storm events.

I would have liked more information on what 'prepare and respond to future storms ' actually means - or would look like.

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling. I love going to my Local Library - I do not want this

If funding for local board 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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local Arts and Park events encourage creativity and participation within the community. This is so very important after all of the stress of the Covid yrs and then also the recent cyclone storm damage. Being at one of our beautiful local parks for an eve

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What do you think of these proposals? I already have a compost bin at home. I think that the food scraps targeted rate should be voluntary. I will not be using the service given I already compost all our food scraps.

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

Do not cut funding to the Arts. Increase rate to > than 10%. We have a great city - we need to realise that we all have to pay our share. We need to encourage the Arts - not stifle the arts which will create a drab boring place THAT NO ONE WILL BE PRO

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't reduce the funding to Tātaki Ak Ltd! It would be like taking the HEART our of our city! Arts and cultural programmes demonstrate the face of our city - who we are as a Aucklanders- our identity. They show that we value Te Tiriti and the multicultural nature of what makes our city special. They are inclusive, supportive and positive. They give EVERYONE an opportunity to participate, no matter who they are or how rich or poor people are, how old or young they are. Festivals , performances, exhibitions, concerts etc bring our city together and give us opportunities for learning and developing. It would be so foolish to cut funding to these in a time when so many people are struggling and haven't many fun things to be involved in.

Libraries and services such as the CAB also need to not have funding cut, Instead they should be given even more funding than what they are getting now. They are the community information hubs which provide services that support everyone in our communities in so, so many ways.

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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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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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- 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There are proposals to permanently cancel hundreds of buses a day as well as increasing the cost of catching them. Public transport investment is absolutely essential to Auckland's development and funding needs to be increased, not cut. Proposals to cut funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services must not go ahead. These events are vital to the culture and community of our city. Many of these things are free and we need to keep them accessible. Without arts and culture there is no city. Plans to gut early childhood and Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs) will affect some of the most at need in our city. These services are vital and must be able to continue.

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: This is not a good time to do this. Once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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: Set a higher general rates increase make greater use of debt to help pay to fix long term underinvestment.

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: Our street floods consistently during heavy rain, as the drains can no longer handle the volume of water. Our neighbours have still not been able to move back into their flood damaged homes after the January floods. We lost the family car to flood waters.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I'm horrified to read about the proposed cuts. All of these events and initiatives are essential to the well - being of many groups across the community. Our family regularly participates in a number of these events and activities. It would be very sad to

If funding for local board 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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: We regularly attend the library, Epsom Community Centre programmes and local arts and community events. We would be extremely disappointed and saddened to see them cut.

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'm happy to pay for proper waste management. We should not reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted Rate. All initiatives must support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

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?

All initiatives must support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways - getting Aucklanders out of their cars which are choking the city. Cultural and community events must continue to be funded for the well- being of the community.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't cut any costs, use the money to make them better and more affordable for the public

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? 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:

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: These priorities are important, we shouldn't cut the budget for anyq of these.

If funding for local board 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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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? Do not make cuts to things that directly benefit the community, such as environmental initiatives, community development or public transport and health. We need these more then ever.

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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Climate action is the number one priority for me, followed by community development and public services.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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? 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? 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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1. Do not sell Auckland Airport shares as long term keeping shares will be profitable as tourism/travel increases.

2. Do not reduce regional services as libraries and community centres are the heart of the community and a city without community would be dysfunctional.

3. Maintain transport fund, accessibility is the bare minimum for any large city and transport is already very poor as it is. Cutting funding would worsen things not only for the average Aucklander but also for visitors.

4. Keep finding early childhood services. Children are the future and these services are invaluable.

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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: Long term it's better to keep the shares than sell and it's the only major airport in the country and but can concede that some sacrifice is required as well as an increase in rates.

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 cost of living has increased and often middle income earners suffer as costs increase but under current government thresholds they do not qualify for assistance. In the short term make use of debt and then increase rates in a few years once inflation

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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: Focus on infrastructure as storms are less likely to affect day to day living compared to the cost of living.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Focus on community and climate change are more key than further development of the Pt Chev library or park development.

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are safe spaces for a lot of people. Parks as well, they provide respite from the home and a third free communal space fosters community. Environment should always be a priority as it will affect future generations.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Annual Budget 2023/2024

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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: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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

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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.

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 have a vision of how to change the way we live rather than just change things to manage the "new normal"

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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: Everything is important, but the arts and community reflect who we are and nurture oursense of self.

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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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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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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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:

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:

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't reduce public transport services, funding to tataki Auckland unlimited, regional services or childhood education as these are important to a functioning society.

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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:

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 events are only going to become more regular and if we're not prepared then there will be more costs in the future

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport cuts are crippling our city and making it unlivable. If we increase prices for arts and cultural venues, they will become the exclusive privilege of the upper middle class and not serve our 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 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 no choice.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: I would like to see more focus on community services that help struggling whānau.

If funding for local board 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

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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?

Cuts to arts and community services are short sighted and detrimental to both Aucklanders and tourism/visitors to the city.

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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: Community education, arts and culture, ECE and homelessness support should not be reduced. We need these more than ever - I don't want to see my neighbours lives get more difficult, and deal with the rising crime that these cuts would likely incur.

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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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:

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, 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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please retain community, cultural and social services. The health and welfare of Aucklanders depend on these and people are the most important thing in the 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? 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? Other

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates and make greater use of debt

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Pt Chev library a wonderful community resource, worth its weight in gold, please restore this valuable asset to 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?) Local community events, 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Poverty in Auckland needs to be a concern for Auckland Council using budget to support community health and well being

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Spending needs to be increased, not decreased. Auckland's landowners have received enormous capital gains in recent years. It is fair for them to pay much higher rates.

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Tell us why:

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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

Rates are not high enough. Auckland Council is chronically underfunded because undemocratic local "elections" favour the interests of landowners and especially landlords resulting in rates

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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: Close Chamberlain Park golf course and convert it to park space and public housing (either council owned or Kāinga Ora)

If funding for local board 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: I oppose reducing funding for local board activities

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What do you think of these proposals? It would be better for Council to increase general rates to pay for necessities like waste collection instead of a neoliberal user-pays model. However if this is the only way that Council is willing to raise revenue then I support it over not raising tha

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 all decisions and plans of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

I support increasing general rates to increase total rates revenue to several times its current level.

I support switching from a capital value rating system to land value rating.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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Tell us why:

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: ALL OF THEM!

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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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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: Leave the libraries alone.

If funding for local board 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: I do not agree with only being able to choose three, they are all SO IMPORTANT.

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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?

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These proposed cuts are all rubbish.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services, reducing funding to Tataki Auckland unlimited, reducing local board funded activities, reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. Local economy, small businesses, and importantly Auckland's creative and arts sector will all be negatively impacted by this. Arts and culture are huge in this city, and are one of the more important sectors we have for tourism, national identity, social cohesion and well-being. These are not "nice to haves"… these are things that since the dawn of human civilisation we have valued and prioritised, and have time and again been the touchstone to what makes us human. I am a high school teacher and everyday see the impact of short-term finance-focused decisions from local and national government. When focus is narrowed in the way this proposal is suggesting, we see apathy, disconnection, lack of empathy and anti-social behaviour. I want our city to move forward in the way it has been, and in the ways that have been planned by previous councils. This proposal will send our city backwards and the ramifications will be felt for generations… from a knee-jerk reaction by a new council looking to draw a line in the sand rather than do what's best for our 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: We've seen throughout NZ political history that selling shares to cover debt etc is always looked upon with the benefit of hindsight as a poor decision.

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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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 to invest in our communities. This is the wrong path to take.

If funding for local board 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: They're all important. Choosing three is pretty cynical.

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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 providing the ECE centres. These centres are in areas where private, for profit, ECE centres will not thrive. This is a significant community need.

Protect the quality of Auckland's cultural venues by funding them correctly. Please continue to subsidise the cost for Aucklanders to enter the Zoo. This is a key family experience and we want our low-income families to be encouraged to bring their children to the zoo. Let's keep Auckland a world-class city to live in as well as visit.

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Tell us why: This is dangerously short-sighted. An international airport should not be run as a private, for-profit enterprise. This is key infrastructure. I believe the council should own MORE of it.

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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: Better management of administration costs and council expenses around travel and meals etc would be fine, but cutting services and getting rid of cultural and community groups, grants and projects is terrible. It is offensive to force survey respondents c

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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: There really isn't a choice here. Either spend the extra $20 million each year on prevention or pay the $20 million in repair and compensation later.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: Needed. Necessary. Will cost more in the end if not prioritised 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?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are ALL important. We cut them at our peril. FALSE ECONOMY to save money now, but watch our community decline. Council needs to do better.

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

Reliable, safe, cheap public transport.

Community services such as full library hours and citzen's advice centres.

Arts, culture, and sport programmes to keep these affordable for everyone.

Maintaining parks to a high standard to keep this a good place

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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?) Local arts programmes, 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?

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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 <u>not</u> 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It doesn't seem a particularly astute time to be selling shares when it appears we are at a low point in the market.

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: The council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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 important for the council to continue to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to any of these activities.

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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 debt as a means of preserving social and educational services. This will contribute to a healthier, happier city in the long run which will in turn save money. Reducing early childhood education will cost a lot more than 1m in the future if Aucklanders do not have the skills and education to provide for themselves.

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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 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: Preparing for storms should also include climate action as this contributes to extreme weather reductions both in Auckland and globally.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The Point Chevalier library is a central hub and an essential resource for the neighborhood. Reopening this library should be a 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?) 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 is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting Social services should not be an option as the council should deliver on the benefit of amalgamation started in 2010 as you can't keep increasing rates with no improvement or changes in your overall structures and big spending in consultancy etc

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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: supposed it best time of selling AKL city shares

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: not many options proposed as overall operating costs that appears to be growing with no consequence ..just increase the rate instead of operating like a business!!

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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:will 20 millions enough to get on top of lack of focus in our infrastructure that has been going on for years

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Tell us why: Quite hard to see what would be the impact of the proposed cut

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What do you think of these proposals? looks like another tax increase .. issue with bin is that peoples are dumping their excess rubbish early morning or late at night so we only putting our small bin close to the rubbish truck arrival in our street!!

7. What else is important to you?

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hope you you will give consideration to our view / feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe the council should not proceed with any reductions and should instead increase borrowing and maintain the general rates package. The current council initiative cut costs by subletting unwanted office space is a good start. Reducing the number of highly paid staff and consultants would also be very helpful.

The proposed cuts would be very damaging - funding for the arts, the Art gallery, the very well-patronised libraries, community events, homelessness initiatives and the Citizens Advice Bureau is vital for the well-being of the citizens 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? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The sale of shares like this would ensure a one-off return only and all future revenue from dividends would be lost along with a share in the airport land holdings.

We need co-ordinated transport hubs and this is much harder if the airport is privatised.

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

Tell us why: Increasing debt should be a serious consideration to take advantage of Auckland Council's excellent credit rating.

I understand that the Council is not facing a debt crisis and that debt to revenue ratios have been trending down.

Other rate changes coul

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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: Investment in stormwater infrastructure and other infrastructure is necessary to avoid future human, financial and ecological costs and manage the impact of future extreme weather events.

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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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I believe that all of the above are important and find it extremely hard to nominate only three as the most important.

Community development and support for community events, arts programmes and activities is vital to our well-being as a city.

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Other

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

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27 March 2023

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The purpose of this statement is to express support for Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki and the important role it plays in the success of our city.

One of Heart of the City's roles is to promote the city centre and we know from our research that arts and culture is an important component of our offer, which drives repeat visitation.

The Auckland Art Gallery generally attracts 400-500,000 visitors per annum, and it has the fourth largest visitation for a cultural institution in New Zealand. The opening of the Frida & Diego exhibition this year saw the highest visitor attendance on record for a ticketed exhibition since the building reopened in 2011. There are flow on effects in spending on accommodation, hospitality and retail.

The redeveloped Gallery is a jewel in the heart of Auckland city centre, which contributed over $26 billion to GDP in 2022. Internationally the value of arts and culture was shown throughout covid, and the Gallery's Toi Tū Toi Ora exhibition illustrated this by attracting 140,000 visitors. As we emerge from the significant impacts of covid in Auckland, the arts are an important component to attract people and build vibrancy.

When the Auckland Art Gallery was redeveloped, Aucklanders were asked what kind of gallery they wanted and their responses helped to shape the design. They wanted a world-class public art gallery that valued its architectural heritage, its unique site and New Zealand's cultural heritage.

This vision has been achieved with spectacular success. The connection with Albert Park; the magnificent roof design crafted from kauri; and the restoration of the historically significant 1887 building, linking seamlessly with the new gallery complex have created a significant attraction for the city.

The value of the Gallery is also that it is a space for all to visit, it is inclusive and much of the programming that is offered to Aucklanders is free of charge.

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As the city centre develops in the coming years, its offering must continue to expand to meet the promise of a unique and successful world-class destination. It is also important to ensure that the treasures we already have continue to be notable attractions on an international stage, and that all Aucklanders regardless of income have access to these experiences.

Aucklanders asked for outstanding art experiences and the quality of exhibitions and programmes at the Art Gallery, the standards of service and maintenance, along with the ability to appeal to an increasingly diverse audience, must remain a priority. Our experience is that major exhibitions, like the recent Frida and Diego exhibition, attract interest and visitation from around New Zealand.

This is a defining time for the city. With many challenges to address, it is important that our city centre has the foundations it needs to flourish. This includes an appropriately funded Art Gallery that is accessible for all Aucklanders and a memorable attractor for visitors.

Viv Beck
Chief Executive

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Tell us why: Ban carbon emissions

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Tell us why: We need to invest in storm waters

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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: these initiatives are "nice to haves" and should be shelved till we as a city are more storm ready, have sustainable, environmentally friendly public transport and less debt load.

If funding for local board 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)

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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? 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)

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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 maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I think Climate action is evidently an urgent priority. I think community arts and events are so important and create a really great sense of community. Encouraging creativity is very important to me.

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The proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural we

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Auckland Council

Re. Proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 ("Budget")

Date: 27.3.23

From:

Kia ora koutou

I am a DJ, songwriter and music producer and am writing, as part of the music sector, to voice my deep concern at Auckland Council's recently proposed Budget.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people are still recovering from the lasting impacts of COVID restrictions and recent severe flood and cyclone damage - including many people like me working in our music, arts & cultural sectors who have suffered through two years of job losses and cancelled events.

Now is not the time to undo the hard work of our sector and Auckland Council's previous investment by taking away the things that give 'colour' and joy to the city, and which keep people wanting to work, learn and visit here, and thereby keep our economy pumping.

Submission

I submit that Auckland Council's proposed Budget poses an immense and imminent risk to prosperity and opportunities for Aucklanders and their businesses, which will have a consequent economic effect nationally, and on the talent pipeline and international reputation of Aotearoa.

The proposed cuts to arts & culture funding would stifle the music ecosystem and the benefits that music provides; and threaten the cultural well-being of our communities and the overall liveability, vibrancy, social cohesion and identity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Of particular concern to me are:

- **the reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited**;
- **the reduction to Regional Services** such as music programmes, community development groups, regional events, social services and local board funding and to Eke Panuku Development Auckland Limited; and
- **the negative impacts this will have on under-represented groups** such as Māori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant and rainbow communities who benefit greatly from the Regional Services' cultural initiatives which will suffer from the proposed cuts.

These proposed cuts will inevitably result in:

- **Fewer music events**.
- **Job and income loss**.
- **Reduced Tourism**.
- **Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being**.

Response to Auckland Council's Request for proposed solutions

I understand and appreciate the enormity of the task Council faces. However, it is difficult to propose detailed solutions/options to overcome the Budget shortfall due to the lack of detailed financial information, and especially economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed cuts on Auckland's economy and employment prospects in the Consultation Documents.

When faced with making difficult decisions – either in expenditure or in policy – it is my understanding that best practice is to start with an evidence base. I don't see an evidence base for the proposed budget and am very concerned that the Budget has been prepared without due diligence, and the impact on current and future generations of Aucklanders has not been properly considered and understood.

Request of Council

We urge Councillors to:

- **Reject this current Budget proposal** – specifically, the cuts proposed to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Regional Services, Eke Panuku, Local Board Initiatives and Contestable Grants.
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A city is more than its infrastructure – and now is the time to invest in the recovery, and future resilience and prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people.

As is reflected in Council's own *Toi Whīkiti - Auckland's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan* - 88% of Aucklanders believe that the arts are good for you, 86% agree the arts help to improve society and 90% agree that they learn about different cultures through the arts. Music is the most accessible of all artforms, able to be enjoyed almost anywhere by anyone at any time - and it plays a vital part in nearly all arts & cultural events and initiatives.

- **Music Boosts the local economy**.
- **Music Supports education and creativity.**
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Music helps make a city live, and be liveable.

Yours sincerely

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Tell us why: Instead of focusing on re-election make some tough calls to solve the problems facing Auckland.

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Tell us why: It states community connection and resilience is a priority while most community events look like they will lose funding.

Happy for less maintenance work on parks - stop mowing everything. Not necessary.

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Cost cutting is a failure of imagination.

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Tell us why: Clearly we need to provide restorative services to those effected by the recent storm events, as well as to work towards mitigating the effects of future storms and weather events created by climate change.

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Tell us why: I completely support all the priorities as I believe that they provide a realistic response to the needs of the local community. I am sure that there is more that could be done, but these priorities are a good start.

If funding for local board 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: I am not prepared to choose just 3 of the above. Many of them are really important to me, my whanau and the local community in which I live, so to randomly select a top 3 is an impossible thing to do. I suggest that by asking us to choose only three you

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I am a single parent, now with two adult children. I am also a social worker. As a single parent raising children in Tamaki Makarau I was incredibly grateful for the amenities and services provided in Auckland that allowed myself and my children to acce

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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

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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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local community events, Environment volunteer 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? Yes

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed freezes to the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates are absurd at a time when our awa and moana are being overwhelmed every year with stormwater. The council should be lobbying hard for increased central government fundung. The council has an excellent debt rating and would far prefer an increase in borrowing to not only cover the current services but expand those to help with the ongoing cost of living crisis. When inflation has dropped, the public will be able to better afford rates increases, particularly if the council has provided appropriate services and improvements to infrastructure.

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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: Incredibly short sighted to consider selling off a publicly owned asset. This inevitably leads to increased costs and reduced service for citizens, and in this case we will get only a one-off return instead of an ongoing income stream.

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

Tell us why: Instead of freezing some rates and raising others by less-than-inflation we should raise rates by at least inflation in line with other costs. We also have so much leeway when it comes to the debt that the council has. This is precisely the time to take

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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 was on the ground supporting residents in the Wesley area of Mt Roskill and it was clear that we have not adequately prepared for the changes that a warming climate bring, nor has the council adequately communicated to the community the causes and effec

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The above priorities form just a part of what the local board should be focusing on. Provision for public civic spaces (parks etc), education and community centres (libraries), and effective climate action are absolutely vital responsibilities.

If funding for local board 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: Climate action, and public services, are essentially the things that individual choice and the market are incapable of providing.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Investigate other incomes streams, particularly from tourism. Entry rates at the port and airport for non-residents. The post-covid and post-storms recovery should not be funded by cutting the services that the poorest aucklanders rely 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reductions proposed directly influence the funds spent on community efforts which have a marked impact on the cohesion, development and most importantly, crime rates in Auckland. In the midst of a cost of living crisis and on the cusp of a recession, it is fundamentally poor judgement to no longer provide early childhood education services and reduce public transport services (decreasing the ability for people to attain work).

I would strongly expect that council spending in the midst of a recession to increase, if this council was operating on an evidence-based approach to minimise the impact of a recession on this community. For clarity and to this end, I would hope that either rates would increase and/or debt would increase rather than the cost of living for our lowest socio-economic communities would increase disproportionately to those who can afford, for example, to drive to work.

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Tell us why: It is incredibly narrow sighted to reduce a lucrative revenue stream because the entity is experiencing a dip over a short term period.

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

Tell us why: Instead consider increasing rates for homes that are occupied in Auckland city for less than 186 days in a set 12 month period by 10%, encouraging sale of houses that are not used regularly to house people and are instead used as a luxury e.g. a bach.

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Tell us why: Use debt rather than rates to fund the approach to storms in the future and encourage use of public transport (by not reducing funding) to support the global position of reducing carbon emissions.

The issue that I see with the current storm approach is t

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

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Tell us why:

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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?

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?

If Brown wants the librarians to be volunteers then he should be a volunteer as well.

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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: Maybe reduce the contestible grants, but the other proposed cuts would make an already dismal city worse. Public transport here is appalling. The arts and culture is what makes this city livable. But I suppose if you cut those, there's no reason to go anywhere anyway.

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: Our debt levels are perfectly reasonable for a city this size. All this rubbish about our debt is scaremongering to push a neoliberalism agenda.

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: I'm happy to pay more for a better city and our debt levels aren't a real issue. They have been overstated to scare people who don't realise that a city does not operate like a household. This city does not have a finite working life during which it must

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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: What else are you going to do? Tell people to move to somewhere less floody?

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: What do you mean 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 hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are vital services.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting any of these services is shortsighted financial thinking, and will decimate our region for year after Wayne Brown is voted out of office.

Public transport is already underfunded, and the private contractors who clip the ticket are not helping.

Tātaki is a hugely important asset for our UNESCO city of Music amongst other arts areas. Associated industries such as hospitality rely heavily on the entertainment and nightlife that comes from the arts. The follow on effects to our economy are so much more expensive than when costed in a vacuum.

Reducing the regional services listed will be hugely detrimental to our most vulnerable people. These so called cost savings will further reduce the livelihoods of the people who need them the most, who in some cases may resort to crime to make ends meet. Nobody wins from removing these services.

Local boards are the community voice. Reducing their events budgets means more events end up following the money into the City Center and other congested hubs.

We should INCREASE the early childhood services provided publicly. A small number of companies are taking over ever larger shares of the ECE industry for profit. Children are our future, and should not carry the burden of the previous generations.

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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 Council must retain influence in a nationally strategic assets. I would not support a complete sale, but appreciated the comparison drawn between debt repayments and dividends.

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: The city will always cost money to run. Higher take from those who live in it will be required to both address debt and afford the future.

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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: I trust my local board to understand what our community needs and to address those issues on a micro level.

If funding for local board 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: This is like the trolly problem

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

I would like to feedback Wayne Brown not running next election. He should just retire back to his apartment and sit on the balcony yelling at the clouds like the self-important troglodyte he is.

Our city can be great, but never with him in-charge.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland or reduce local board funded activity, including community programmes, and arts and culture programming. The Zoo and Auckland Art Gallery should also remain accessible and affordable for Aucklanders to visit. I do not support any cuts that would impact entry costs to the Zoo and 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? I don't know

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: I support the use of debt and rates increases if needed

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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.

(If you can think of any specific ways this will impact you or your organisation, please include those as well.)

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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: Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher 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: It's important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme 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 support most priorities

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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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 maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I believe in the importance of arts, community and places for the community to gather for the health and well being of the people.

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?

Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget

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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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. To proceed with the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

Given the effects on Aucklanders over the last three years of the pandemic, lockdowns, increasing interest rates, and the storms as a result of the changing climate, now seems like a timely opportunity to increase investment in futureproofing, and working together as a community to ensure the most at-risk residents are taken care of. This budget proposal does the opposite, with only short-term monetary savings and negative effects on the population that will be felt for decades to come.

As a public transport user, I am already feeling the impact of the reduced bus services. Myself and my team at work regularly need to change plans for our days working in the office, as multiple cancellations can mean you need to resort to turning around and going home to work. Therefore having wasted nearly 2 hours in the morning just from trying to get to work, and then having to spend time rescheduling meetings. This happens every couple of weeks to some of my colleagues. Due to the lack of reliability of public transport, many more commuters now choose to drive to work. This has the effect of increasing traffic and commuting time every day, which has a negative impact on people who choose to drive, or need to drive, not just for people who use public transport.

As a user of Citizens Advice Bureaus and an avid believer in their huge importance to the community, I am wary of another blow to people who need a helping hand. The CABs provide such an important information channel, and have been of great use to me when dealing with some rental challenges.

As someone who frequently uses parks, and who already notices problems with the frequency of rubbish bins being cleared, I am very concerned about the proposed reductions in bins. It is already evidently worse in lower socio economic areas, and I strongly hope that, if the reduction in bin numbers goes ahead, that it is not a 1 in 3 evenly distributed across the city, but based on need. A reduction in bins will very clearly though, lead to more littering (I recall an Auckland University/Auckland Council study from a few years ago which drew the conclusion that people's behaviour is strongly influenced by the availability of rubbish and recycling bins. If there was no visible bin nearby, a significant number of people would simply leave their rubbish in the open).

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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: The sale of shares like this ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporations who are likely to buy these

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. These are unprecedented times, and Auckland Council has very good debt ratings. It would be entirely appropriate to take this opportunity to increase debt to maintain the wellbeing of our c

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 recent storms in Auckland clearly demonstrated the need for further investment. The frequency of storms like this is only going to increase, and I think it is important to not delay this.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not agree generally with the proposed cuts.

If funding for local board 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: In this times I think it is vital that a sense of community is preserved.

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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Social and community resources - such as our world-class public library system - are investments, not costs, and should be preserved. Maintaining a reduced public transport service after the climate-change impacts New Zealand has endured over the last couple of months is quite frankly dumb to the point of incomprehensibility.

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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: I have no idea why the council owns airport shares.

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? I don't know

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

Make building owners/managers responsible for speedy removal of graffiti around the city - it's getting worse and is a blight which needs a zero-tolerance approach.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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?) 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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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?) Local arts programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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 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?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Local community events, Environmental education activities

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

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.	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).

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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 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 <u>not</u> 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
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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: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt

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 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, 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.	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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- 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 <u>not</u> 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? 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? 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 community events, Parks planning, 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.	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

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: Discontinuing the funding from the above entities would devastate the future of the arts in Auckland & NZ. The repercussions of this defunding will in time provoke larger costs for local & national government in the future, which completely counteracts your stated reasoning for these cuts to begin with. How this will devastate our community aside, it is in your best interests to not cut the funding, looking to the long term effects of this fiercely unconsidered decision.

Taking away the funding would not only destroy an already fragile arts sector still trying to recover from COVID, cause 1,000s of people to lose their jobs & make competition for work higher - but this in turn will create a stronger pressure & fragility elsewhere. Social welfare, cost of living & the mental health sector to name few. Now is not the time to cut costs, it's the time to invest in the future & the arts sector is at the epicentre of that mahi. Now is not the time to digress to a 20th century zeitgeist.

Over the years, many arts spaces & venues have been shut down or replaced. The ones that still remain hold on by a thread. Defunding the arts is also a direct assault to the existing lack of infrastructure. This decision will contribute to the erasure of art in this city. It means things get pushed to the fringes & anything pushed to the fringes is the perfect eco-system for uprising & further inflamed political discourse & conflict.

I think about the rangatahi, who come to this city, like myself to participate in the arts industry, and how more and more there is not really an industry to participate in. This incentivises young people to go on the dole, or leave the country because of the lack of opportunities, which only adds interest to their student loan in turn providing more debt. Art incentivises young people to participate in political discussion, it is in these spaces people can access robust politics discussion and involvement. That is how I'm here. My community sharing this council budget with me. This decision in turn, is taking my community away from me.

This decision fails to recognise the role the arts industry plays in surrounding industries that construct the backbone of this country. The arts are a service.

It is not exclusive to entertainment, it is the underground network that communicates with all other industries that have a foundation that relies on critical thinking, ingenuity, innovation and collaboration. The arts incubate these skills and promote them in our young people.

Please do not prescribe us with adversity. Yes it is true that this decision will be devastating, but we will survive. Art will always survive. What is upsetting, is that the art in this country has to come from a place of adversity - out of survival, when it could be strengthened with allyship & actually benefit the political landscape of Aotearoa.

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: Our council needs to keep shares in our airport. Infrastructure should be up there with our main priorities. The airport being one of them

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:

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 100% need to invest in this area to safe proof our future in this city. It is inevitable that an event like Cyclone Gabrielle will occur again & money needs to be invested to radically improve our infrastructure to be ready for it when it comes. Fo

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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: '-Community, development & support as a baseline. If this area has stronger support it means members of the community can facilitate to meet their own needs. If people are given resource, agency & autonomy for their own goals & initiative for

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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? In regard to waste management, increasing rates etc a great idea that should be considered is for all new builds, every house should have their own tank that collects rain water. Seeming there is only going to be more and more rain - why not turn it into

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Central United Football Club

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million. We believe that sport has a strong role to play in our economic recovery giving people relief from their financial challenges. These cutbacks affect sport and culture, things that provide mental and physical health and well-being. If you pile this on top of the cost-of-living crisis, you will only succeed in transferring the social cost to someone else and at a later date with more damage to repair.

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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: Auckland City Council got itself into debt and should pay its own way out by selling off its shares. This should be done well before ratepayers are passed on the debt burden.

3. Managing rates and debt

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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 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.

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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 here to stay. prepare for it! Don't wait until all our systems are broken.

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, Parks maintenance (including mowing), 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.	
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What do you think of these proposals?

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Re: Auckland Council Annual Budget Consultation

Monday 27 March 2023

Central United Football Club is committed to ensuring that Auckland Council, through their Annual Budget, continue to focus on and invest in communities being physically active and the development of hauora through being active.

Central United Football Club has existed since 1962 and served generations of grassroots, youth, senior men's and women's footballers with unstinting perseverance throughout its history. Central United FC is a hub not only for the community to enjoy the sport of football it is also a place that is open, welcome and friendly to people from a range of different religions, genders, ethnicities, political beliefs and cultures. It is the fibre that binds the club's sense of community internally and it is also how we orientate ourselves with relation to our rival clubs nearby, a list that includes Mount Albert Ponsonby AFC, Metro FC, Auckland City FC and many others besides.

The value of sport and active recreation is deomonstrated through the many contributions that it makes to individuals, whānau, communities, and Tāmaki Makaurau as a whole:

- Underpins good health and supports good mental health
- Teaches basic and more advanced physical skills, and essential life skills
- Promotes connection, social cohesion and a sense of belonging
- Delivers personal financial and wider economic benefits
- Provides a platform for achievement, which helps build confidence

A reduction in funding has the potential to affect the income generated by local business that support community sport and recreation. The suggested cuts will also adversely affect participants by:

- We at Central United FC recognise the need for financial prudence during a cost-of-living crisis but we also recognise the dangers of deprioritising the needs of our children and youth. We believe cuts to funding for sport will carry a negative impact for generations to come and lead to an increase in crime not only in central Auckland but throughout the city.
- With less clubs able to continue to operate due to scarce resources combined with the cost-of-living crsis, our ability to deliver sport, specifically football, to the people of our community becomes less viable. Without a community hub to pursue holistic benefits that sport brings, there are no apparent alternatives implied anywhere in the Council's proposals.
- As a football club, Central United FC has always held an intergenerational vision within its planning, a vision that means the current generation must strategise carefully to ensure our club is handed over safely to those of the upcoming generation, so the benefits of playing football are passed down to our children and beyond. The cuts to funding proposed by the Council are a direct threat to that objective – living for today without care for what is to come is negilgent in our view and we question Council to give us answers to our questions not only about bottom line financial matters but how much deep thought has been given to the social cost of these policies.
- Given these potential affects, we strongly recommend that Auckland Council reconsider the following proposed cuts for the health and wellbeing of all of Tāmaki Makaurau

1. Regional Sport and Recreation Programme Grants
2. Regional Recreation Facilities Operating Grant
3. Pragmatic approach to increases in building maintenance and lease administration fees
4. Local Board Operational Funding in the areas of
    - Field maintenance and mowing
    - Local community grants e.g. Sport and Recreation Events
    - Parks planning
    - Sport and Recreation Facility Planning
    - Parks activations

Auckland City Council has a responsibility to deliver a safe city for its citizens and ratepayers to live and recreate in. We at Central United FC believe the current proposals are short-sighted and threaten to exacerbate an already intense strain on families who struggle to make ends meet by taking away a resource that helps grow stronger, better, confident, mental and physical wellness in our people, both young and old, and everywhere in between.

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Your sincerely,

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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
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree with reducing essential social services that benefit the general population . Council should lobby Central Govt to assist with funding social services such as Citizens Advice Centres and Community Housing to name just two . These services are provided to NZ Citizens not just ratepayers and therefore should be funded by taxpayers through central governmental .

I also favour a partial sell down of AIAL shares to offset the cost of funding these shares with debt.

It is not clear to me whether the shortfall is for the current year only and is due to a budget blowout which was not covered by the previous year's rates or will be an ongoing shortfall if not addressed.

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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 we now understand that AC is funding the ownership of this shareholding through debt then unless AC is assured of receiving an annual dividend from it's shareholding it is better to have the money invested. However I prefer a partial selldown that ret

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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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: Whilst I agree with provisioning for future responses Council should be just as focused on mitigating the impact of future weather events ie pre-emptive policies.

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, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

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?) Contestable local community grant rounds, Environmental restoration 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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: The rates for flood affected properties should be decreased.

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 lack of infrastructure upgrades is causing a lot of pain for flood affected home owners.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Waste management. Households producing more waste should pay extra charges. Households should be incentivised to produce less waste.

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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: Just be more creative and realistic with this shortfall. If it's rates that fill the shortfall, raise them. Tax the bloody helicopter pads in Waiheke, that'll help! This city needs to become a cultural powerhouse, not the muppet show. By all means cut through the waste! and Raise the rates if you have to, tax the bloody rich ffs, but leave the arts and social services alone ! You think taking away the funding for youth centres is a smart idea? while said youth are stealing cars and ploughing them into concenience stores to steal cigarettes and machete our hard working dairy owners to death ??! Wake up.

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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 you need the money and the shares are going to provide it then sell them.

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Tell us why: You know why. It's a nightmare in action ! And while you're at it, any proposals to cut environmental services and actionable items pertaining to sorting out climate change are short sighted and hopeless ! What we need is to become a green city, now !

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: How can you honestly think cutting monies to local boards, which will cut services and impact activities, is a smart idea for ANY of our local communities ?! Who is in charge here, oh wait ~ it's Stadtler and Waldorf 🤔 _ and reopen the Pt. Chevalier libr

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They're all important !!! Honestly, get a grip !

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Sack the mayor. He's a hack.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Simple cost accounting techniques have the potential to significantly damage businesses functionality - this simplistic method may be suitable for relatively unsophisticated business operations, but when applied to a complex social enterprise they can have long term negative effects. We have to suck on a lemon but let it be a 'debt and increase rates' lemon rather than a 'goodbye functioning society' lemon.

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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: As above - Auckland Airport is a reasonably well functioning business with the ability to pay off debt over time - which it has proven to do. Why would you sell off an performing asset.

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Tell us why: Given the country's and cities reasonable credit rating our ability to borrow at reasonable rates achievable.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: This is a bloody good board - no more idiot representatives - even the right wing reps are communicable and looking to invest in community projects that are not just personal projects

If funding for local board 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: These are all important components of civil society - and choosing three is tricky given many are interlinked eg comm devel and support/ community climate action and sus - are very similar

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Some key issues for me include changing the mindset of simplistic cost management (which has not been successful across complex organistions and is widely credited for disastrous impacts of austerity reforms in countries such as Britain and the US, leadin

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Tell us why: Useful to retain shares in airport: once sold it is unlikely they would ever return to public ownership.

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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 improve our abilikty to respond to future storms.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Kia Ora, I am an Aucklander who values the arts, culture and community.

I am focused on the cuts affecting the arts sector these will be the cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tataki Auckland Unlimited. I disagree with the proposed cuts.

Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland an enjoyable place to live and to visit. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, and bring Auckland communities together.

The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tataki Auckland, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector.

The arts, culture and creative sector was hard hit by COVID-19. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy. For instance, a group workshop targeted toward uplifting young women identifying students from tertiary schools has been postponed for the last three years due to covid-19.

Central government COVID-19 funding reduced the impact from 2020 to 2022. That funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is getting back on its feet. However cuts have been made to long term investment organisations which is already having a strong impact throughout the industry and it's ability to bounce back. Multiple organisations have taken breaks, reduced their output or even cancelled, which has a strong downstream impact on venues, restaurants, jobs, and the vibrancy of our city. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are slowly coming back to our city and this is not the time to cut their ability to regrow.

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Council's support for arts infrastructure, such as our theatres, is essential to our recovery.

This is a time to invest, not a time to cut. I ask Auckland Council not to proceed with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Regards, Robyn Cory-Wright

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing arts, community education funding etc will have direct negative effects on the Auckland community, why hit us when we are already down

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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 must retain control of our Airport or sell the shares only to one local entity with Auckland's best interests at heart

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: I would be happy to pay higher rates to keep community and arts 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: We need to fix this problem, relocate people who live in flood plains, the weather isn't going to get any better

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support your priorities but I don't support other areas missing out on funding. I don't believe we can step backwards to move forward

If funding for local board 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: How can I just pick three. We must address climate change, we must maintain parks and sports areas and local community events and libraries, this is all part of what makes Auckland great, once you start crossing things off the list, it's all downhill from

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What do you think of these proposals? The money spent on administration and inspections of pool fencing is a joke. Can we as adults be responsible for our children staying alive?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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Tell us why: It's not a good time to sell shares. Once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. We have a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is especially irresponsible in the wake of subs

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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 climate crisis has landed on our doorstep, and we've experienced the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure. It's high time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme we

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services. Supporting healthy caring communities through the delivery of services and activities should be a priority for council.

If funding for local board 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, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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What do you think of these proposals? I believe every area should have food scrap collection available especially as intensification of housing stock will mean more dwellings with our gardens and or potential for individual composting.

I have concerns with Council reprioritising the Climate A

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because everyone needs equal access to services, arts and culture, education etc. Sell golf courses instead.

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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: I'd prefer money is saved this way than by cutting public services funding

3. Managing rates and 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: Climate resilience and community support are essential

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities and reducing regional contestable grants. I do no support these reductions which I believe will have a severely negative impact on our local economy and culture. I am an artist and teacher living in Auckland with a history of working in hospitality. I know for a fact that these reductions will have a negative impact on my experience of Auckland as a vibrant and diverse place. For many of my students these services support them in their experience of our city and offer them avenues to contribute to our wider culture. Through my time working in hospitality the liveliness and prosperity of the bars and restaurants I have worked in was connected to events and services. Reduction in these areas will have a significant impact upon on hospitality industry as well as disastrous impacts upon the lives of everyone in this city and their experience of living in a diverse and culturally alive place for years to come. Additionally maintained reductions in public transport will further congest our roads and prolong the currently absurd waiting times for buses and trains. I believe these reductions will ultimately have a negative impact on our city and no longer make this place a desirable place to live.

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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 a fundamental element of living in a city and everyone expects to pay these. I believe an increase of rates to maintain current council services is the responsible and expected outcome.

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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 believe an increase in rates to accomodate better protection for future storms to be the responsible thing to do. Clearly we are seeing changes and shifts to our climate and we need to alter our current infrastructure to protect our collective future. R

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe these priorities invest in our community and environment which need to be nurtured if we hope for this city to grow in a way that accommodates a quality of life that all residents deserve.

If funding for local board 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: Ideally we would invest across all these services still. I would prioritise development and support services, events that bring people together (including the arts) and place emphasis on responsible climate action as a collective and council obligation.

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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 is Absolutely mad to try and cut out public transport funding. It is unreliable at best in a lot of places & keeping fares low will encourage more people to take public transport which is better for the environment!

Slashing funding for exciting arts and community focused programs will slice through a main artery of this city's heart. After all the pain of Covid this city needs it's artists and creatives paid! Healing should be a focus and for a country that has such high mental health distress, this is one of the best ways to foster togetherness and long term happiness in this city.

Watch as all the young professionals keep slipping away to escape this hell hole and our poor become poorer.

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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:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Whau 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, Library opening hours, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Invest more in activating oral Have your say events in hard to reach communities.

Give people more time to understand the drastic changes you are proposing in such a short time.

Have a long hard look at tennis courts and golf course expenditures. The

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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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe that instead of cutting services we should look to unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, consider increase borrowing, and maintain if not increase the general rates.

The savings proposed do not match the unmeasured social cohension costs of defunding across the community sector and arts.

Consider selling or defunding the expenses related to the upkeep of golf courses instead.

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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: Our Auckland Airport shares are a valuable asset for future revenue. It would be a short sighted decision to sell. We need to maintain all the revenue generating assets.

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

Tell us why: I think this is not an either or but an and and. Set a higher general rating and take on more debt asrequired to maintain services currently proposed to be defunded such as the CAB, Research and Heritage Services through Libraries, Arts and Community Gran

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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 critical spend. There have been decades of neglect in the infrastructural spend on storm water.

Also, as an aside, I support Auckland Council's participation in the Three Waters legislative proposal by Central Government as a way forward to m

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Tell us why: These are well considered priorities. Taking action that supports housing development and sustainable environmental practices and green space, plus community facilities is a wise 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?) Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: I am unclear is artificial turf fields are the most sustainable way forward. It may be better to invest in sand drained grass fields that have more sustainable features.

If funding for local board 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 culture facilities and events, Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Programms that maintain social cohesion, education around sustainable practice and practical solutions to both!

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

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I feel strongly that this proposal has been poorly considered and in light of the upcoming Long Term Annual Planning process it would be considered undemocratic to push through with such a radical budget as proposed. It would be better to take more time t

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Many of those cuts disproportionately impact lower income people and could result in social harm out of proportion with the value.

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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 shares are a significant asset and other alternative asset sales do not appear to have been considered (for example golf courses).

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: These are all aims with a long term pay off and positive impact on people with need of 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?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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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 want to increase support to bus services

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: Most if not all of these proposed reductions will result in a massive loss of jobs for people in those sectors and defeats the purpose of saving money for - many people this will claim to help will be out of work and/or having to spend more on the services provided by these sectors due to the reduced funding.

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 Council being the largest current shareholder of the airport maintains local owndership as well as local information/feedback as to how the airport functions and affects the community.

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: Do not support the cuts to the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds as this is especially irresponsible in the wake of substantial damage to our local environments and waterways caused by recent flooding. Auckland Council can

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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: Investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events is extremely important not only for recovery but also safeguarding for future events. Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impact

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The reduced/discontinued funding for multiple services and organisations is extremely contradicting of the key priority of increasing community resilience, connection, safety and support. Reducing this funding will prove to take power and voice from membe

If funding for local board 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: Reduction to sports and activities would directly affect vulnerable people in our community. The budget for Learn to Swim programmes in low decile schools must be maintained and/or increased; As a swim instructor I know how important it is that all childr

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate. It should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

I support a food waste collection service roll out to more areas in t

7. What else is important to you?

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

Council should adopt an alternative budget which invests in Auckland's recovery, community well-being and climate action; it is clear that these are extremely important to the wellbeing of the community especially in our current economic and actual enviro

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrow limits, and review the general rates package to increase general rates, have target rates. Parking rates and congestion charges should also be investigated

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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 is a one time short sighted soltion and Auckland City would lose control of a major infrastructure capacity.

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

Tell us why: set a higher greater rates increase - Auckland rates are generally lower than national average, and make greater use of debt - our debt to revenue rates are lower than previous years

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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:some of the issues raised by the storm are the result of under investment in the past and a poor immediate emergency response . appropriate readiness requires ongoing investment

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?

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Auckland City increased public transport and private car alternatives spending, funded by increased rates and borrowing.

This document should be considered https://betterbudgetauckland.co.nz/A-Better-Budget-For-Auckland.pdf

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am not at all happy with the proposed reduction to community services such as libraries, the Art Gallery, the zoo or reduction to early childhood services. To my mind these services are an essential part of Council functions. Spend less on consultants instead. Council should be encouraging use of public transport not rising prices and discouraging it.

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Tell us why: While over the Covid pandemic there was no return on the shares that is changing as NZ opens up to tourists again. Leave the shares along.

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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: I think the priories are well thought out and essential to the community.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Why only three - some of these overlap and it is appalling that you cannot choose more.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It would be a disgrace to go through with any of these reductions. We need a city we can get around in different ways that are climate friendly, we need community events to enjoy, children need to be cared for, communities should be empowered.

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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 support increasing rates and debt rather than the sale of shares, however, if a partial sale does go ahead support the proceeds being invested in our cultural, community and transport assets and services so that they do not need to be cut.

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

Tell us why: Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres.

I support making greater use of the opportunities to raise revenue from parking changes in

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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: Support the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring all

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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: I want to live in a resilient, enjoyable and vibrant city that will stand strong into the future

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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is not the time to react to financial challenges with austerity! As we recover from challenges largely created by decreased revenue during Covid-19, our city needs community connection and resilience more than ever. There will be people more knowledgable than me who are able to point out the ways that these programmes, AT, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, local boards etc. provide economic benefits to our city. But as well as this, they are a vital part of what makes Auckland a great place to live.

As a person who works in the arts sector, specifically in galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAM) I have seen first hand how Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board funding, and regional contestible grants bring value to our communities. These programmes constute a large portion of funding for many arts organisations in Auckland and enable us to provide fantastic services which are accessible to our communities and often free of charge. The arts programmes whicha are enabled by these sources of funding are playing and must continue to play a vital role in Auckland's wellbeing. It is well-known that accessible arts programmes foster community resilience, connectedness, and improved wellbeing.

Without a thriving and well-funded arts sector, many of my peers as well as myself will fear for our livelihoods. But more importantly, we fear that we will no longer be able to help our communities. We will be forced to reduce our services or increase costs which will prevent many people from using them. Already, in my own work, I have seen how the rising

cost of venue hire has impacted many vital community groups who work to support many of the most marginalised Aucklanders. If these cuts take place, I fear that we will lose more of these groups. The flow on effects of these cuts are likely to be unmanageable for many community groups. And, I think it is important to note, that the groups most impacted will be those who are already most vulnerable and in need of community support: Māori and Pasifika, young people, students, the poor, migrants, refugees and disabled people. This is unacceptable!

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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 council should remain a shareholder in AIAL. AIAL should not be passed further into the hands of oversaes investors.

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: I support an increase to rates in line with current inflation of 8-9%. I would be happy for this rate increase to impact the cost of my rent if it allowed Auckland Council to provide services that make Auckland a great place to live.

I do not support an

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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: These key priorities have almost no relation to the actual policies suggested in the budget. How are increasing community resilience and connection, ensuring community centres and libraries meet changing needs of our community, planning for how our parks

If funding for local board 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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts and culture funding cuts

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Arts and culture is an imperative part of a great city - is there a point of profitability if the city is unliveable and dead?

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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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Tell us why: Climate crisis

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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, Community leasing charges

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Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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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: Firstly, on the note of public transport: I am a member of the community who cannot drive, but still wishes to be an active and productive member of the community. With currently reduced bus services, I have had to pay for Ubers to be on time to job interviews; be on time to work; to support my whānau when they had illness. Auckland is not a walkable city, and making public transport less accessible through reduced timetabling and higher fares only affects the most vulnerable of our communities - the young, poor and disabled. It is, in effect, taxing the poor to sustain the rich.

To cut funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services, again takes these services away only from those who already cannot afford them. The wealthy and able-bodied will still have access to arts, culture, and services such as early childcare and advice - because they can pay for them.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Set higher rates and make greater use of debt.

Cuts to services are far from an inevitability; they're irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is espe

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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: Storm water has, as many disasters do, affected our most vulnerable in the worst ways. I work at a school with whānau from difficult circumstances, and many families were unable to live in their homes after the storm. We must be better prepared to help th

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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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? in regards to waste management, all areas should have food waste collection available

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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? 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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need more public transport services to support less carbon emissions and road users. The arts and culture are essential for the wellbeing of people's mental health and providing community connection that is affordable. I work in mental health services and social services especially helping the homeless is the communities duty of care. I would not cut any area as suggested as they are essential for the wellbeing of the communities we live in.

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Tell us why: The airport is a useful asset and is the international gate way to the country and a critical piece of transport infrastructure. It should not be privatised as this will limit development opportunities in 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: I think the NETR and WQTR is still essential services and should go ahead as planned in the future. I think an increase in rates at 13% will give continuity for services already planned.

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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 that we have a budget that supports infrastructure to reduce flooding. Our neighbours house was flooded as well as our garage. It has been incredibly stressful for the people who have been displaced from their homes as discussed with six p

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Tell us why: Feeling safe and connected in a community is essential for the fabric of a healthy society. Integral to this is the environment we live in with access to trees and parks, access to libraries and community centres. Climate Action is more essential than eve

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: The community centres provide useful and affordable activities for the community supporting physical and mental wellbeing. Taking care of our parks and creating more green spaces is essential for addressing flooding. I think climate change action and prom

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support the following proposed operating spending reductions because they will have a drastic and adverse impact on the arts and culture sectors in Tāmaki Makaurau:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities, and
- Reducing regional contestable grants.

There is other Council expenditure that should be cut, such as selling golf courses, that should be pursued before arts and culture funding is reduced.

To be a liveable and vibrant city, Auckland needs a thriving arts and culture sector. Arts and culture are key components of quality of life, and important contributors to Tāmaki Makaurau's economy because they:

- attract talented and creative people to our city, that contribute directly to the knowledge economy.

- connect and educate our communities, improving social cohesion.
- create jobs for artists, as well as the administrators, and suppliers that support the sectors.
- enhance their citizen's mental health and well-being, which is especially critical in the aftermath of COVID and severe weather events and during the cost of living crisis.
- make Auckland a vibrant city that tourists want to visit and people want to live.
- offer flow-on economic benefits to other sectors such as hospitality and local retail precincts.
- provide opportunities to our rangitahi to be exposed to new career pathways and/or to be engaged in their community, and to access safe spaces (e.g. community libraries).

I urge Councillors to understand that the funding cuts proposed for the 2023/24 budget will not just have a one-year impact—they will have a major, long-term impact on the arts and culture sector in Tāmaki for two main reasons:

(1) The arts and culture sector was severely financially impacted by COVID restrictions (events were cancelled, audiences have been hesitant, revenue was lost, sponsorship arrangements were terminated, yet costs remained) and are still recovering. To now hit the sector with significant Council funding cuts will be the final blow for many institutions and events—they will be rendered unviable, not due to mismanagement or lack of demand for what they offer, but simply because they lack the cashflow and resources to complete their recovery post-pandemic. In addition, many arts practitioners who are already struggling with the cost of living crisis will lose their jobs and leave the city.

Once creative institutions and events have shuttered and our creative people (including our valued community librarians) have relocated to places that value them, it will take years for Tāmaki Makaurau to rebuild our creative sector.

(2) Alternative funding sources are not readily available. The economic downturn means corporate sponsorship of the arts has fallen, and the public has less discretionary income to make up the difference. Central Government's COVID funding support for the arts is coming to an end. The funding environment is extremely strained, and the impact of the Council's proposed funding cuts at this time will have a drastic impact on a large number of our people, events, and institutions.

The negative impacts of cutting funding to the sector is expected to harm the most vulnerable of our citizens who most often struggle to be effectively represented — Māori, Pacific peoples, the rainbow and LGBTQI+ communities, migrant communities, young people, and people with disabilities.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. Conversely, when our arts and culture sector is threatened, the negative flow-on effects across the city will be immense.

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Tell us why: You can sell some of the golf courses without raising debt or rates, and maintain this strategic, income-generating investment in AIAL.

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

Tell us why: I the Council sells some/all of its golf courses, then it should be able to reduce the amount of debt and rates increases.

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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 key infrastructure and the ability to respond to cumulate events. Prioritise selling golf courses before cutting other spending or increasing rate/debt.

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Tell us why: Community libraries and green space are essential. I'm not sure what 'Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported' means - it sounds woolly. Invest in tangible things and you will achieve more than well-

If funding for local board 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: I understand that Local Boards have competing priorities and that spending trade-offs are necessary.

Climate change is key to address, but not at the local board level. Initiatives on that small scale are well-meaning but achieve nothing if central gove

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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 an experienced corporate lawyer and currently graduate student in the University of Auckland's Masters of Creative Writing programme. I am a parent of three children, and grew up in this city. Auckland's my home. I am an active supporter of a range o

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of the areas proposed for reduction should not be proceeded with. Instead, unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

I highly disagree with proposals to reduce contestable grant funding, and funding to arts and culture programmes. Whoever came up with these plans... not a fan... Artists and arts organisations have long been underfunded, and post-Covid budgets have not supported them. With reduced funding from central government and shrinking funding pools from Creative NZ being competed for by a growing number of artists, now is not the time to decrease local grants too. The impact on the arts sector in Tāmaki Makaurau would be devestating. I want to live in a city where artists and the arts are valued, where artists are able to live with dignity and attain financial stability.

I want to tautoko the contribution of a collective of Tāmaki Makaurau arts organisations and their letter below:

"Tēnā koutou Mayor Brown and Councillors of Tāmaki Makaurau,

In solidarity with arts organisations, venues, companies, collectives, and artists across the region, we write to you to ensure that the voices of our artists, local communities and audiences are heard in the ongoing consultation of the Auckland Council Annual Budget of 2023/2024.

We know that arts are part of the fabric that binds our communities together. They unite, they bring purpose, they tell our stories, and they represent the value of the city and what we can create together. Even just recently, events like Polyfest, Te Matatini, Pasifika Festival, Auckland Pride - not to mention the hundreds of events happening otherwise - demonstrate the immense value added to our collective culture: bringing people together, and even enabling the moving of pūtea for our hospitality, accommodation, and tourism sectors.

We're calling for you to reconsider the balance sheet for the Annual Budget. Cutting local board community grants, programmes for regional events, and social services available to our artists and audiences creates conditions where artists lose incomes. This isn't a necessity and will undermine the conditions for artists to create, survive and live in this wonderful city.

Rather, we ask Auckland Council to consider the submission of A Better Budget For Auckland, which describes a variety of other ways the books can be balanced: increasing borrowing, the existing proposed rates increase, unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, possible further rates increases or new targeted rates, and requesting further support from central government in the context of the recent floods and cyclone are all still on the table.

Our sector has had it hard the last few years, and we recognise this is a lived experience for many across Tāmaki Makaurau with the budget needing to take into consideration much-needed resourcing across the city.

And yet, we know that you can choose to prioritise the liveability of the city, the value of our arts and culture rōpū, and the impact we have on making this city the best it can be.

Support our sector.

Noho ora mai,

Co-authors: Basement Theatre Artspace Aotearoa Objectspace Silo Theatre Corbans Arts Estate Centre Te Pou Theatre Whammy Bar

Beyond the proposed arts cuts, there are other areas I am particularly concerned about. Reducing public transport spending and continuing with reduced services makes no sense given the climate crisis that we are literally already experiencing. Auckland Council should be investing in public transport to ensure we have fast, reliable, affordable services, not cutting spending as outlined in this plan. Additionally, I am really concerned by the proposed cuts of social services funding, particularly to organisations that support people experiencing homelessness. We should not be cutting support to some of our most marginalised, 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Commentators have pointed out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares, at a low point in the market. Even then, this would give a one-off return, as once these shares are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support futu

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why: In light of the recent extreme weather events, it is absolutely crucial for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure. My whānau and I were lucky enough not to have been affected by the recent floods, but walking around our communities, the damage and des

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Tell us why: Public parks - we love them. Super important spaces. Green spaces are fab!! What would we have done without them in covid! We would have gone mad! I certainly would have!

Climate action! Yes! Our world is burning! Local solutions is how we're going to ke

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Agh these are all so important!! Borrow more!! Increase rates!! Invest in our communities!!! How can I pick just three!!

I grew up at my public library. Libraries are such special places for communities to come together, to connect and to learn. I still

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What do you think of these proposals? I have big concerns about Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate. It was only established last year, with overwhelming public support. Rather, I support more investment in buses, walkways and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please don't do this team! We all want Tāmaki Makaurau to be a thriving place, and cutting vital funding to community organisations, libraries, arts orgs, community events, local boards (our most devolved, in-touch-with-what's-happening-at-the-community-l

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Why are you even suggesting taking away things that people actually use

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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? Other

Tell us why: Proceed with proposal for public buildings specifically (was not really mentioned whether the buildings are for the general public or for governmental buildings)

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Tell us why: Increase funding for public transport, education, arts events, etc (everything mentioned in Question 1) to encourage community resilience

If funding for local board 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:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I object to cutting funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. It is important to promote Auckland as a destination for tourists for revenue and the Zoo and Galleries should be accessible to everyone. I also object to cutting regional services. Community education and arts are vital to our identity. We need to support young talent and youth in general. Board funded activities help the less fortunate to enjoy our city and funding of early childhood education helps all children progress.

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Tell us why: Ownership of one of our largest ports is vital to security and distribution in our community and country as a whole. DON'T SELL!

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Tell us why: As long as there is efficient use of funds, we need to future proof our city.

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Tell us why: There are lots of priorities, these are just a few...

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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.

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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? 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: Make those who make higher salaries (in the top tax brackets) pay more in 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:

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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 arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our communities need further investment if they're going to grow. We are all still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing initiatives that support the arts and the communities that they reflect will further compound the hurt our communities ar

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In particular, I am against the proposed cuts under the following:

Proposal A – Reducing $20 million across a range of regional, community

and social services

Proposal B – Reducing regional contestable community

grants to save $3 million

Proposal C – A $16 million reduction to local board funding per annum for 2023/2024

The services provided by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

The services provided through the council's community services and arts programmes make Auckland a welcoming, inclusive and significant city. There are thousands of people across the region who would have even harder lives if they

were unable to access key services such as Citizen's Advice Bureaux, libraries, arts and culture programmes, regional events and almost everything that falls under the headings above. Auckland is a diverse city, and not everyone who calls Auckland home can simply go online to seek the information they require, or find online activities to replace the free, outdoor ones that are currently provided (festivals, music/ movies in parks etc.) Auckland regularly plays host to major sporting and cultural events - who could forget the Women's Rugby World Cup last year, or the America's Cups of years gone by - and discontinuing these types of unifying events (which often had free activities or low cost tickets) will make Auckland a less vibrant and interesting place to live. Deciding to halt promotion of Auckland as a tourist destination is a mind-boggling decision, especially as the world emerges from Covid travel restrictions. Visitors to the city spend money here, a lot of money, and if we do not encourage them to come the city's retail and hospitality sectors will suffer significantly.

Short-term budgetary challenges should not mean that the people of Auckland deserve nothing more than the bare basics. If we want to be a thriving city, we need community services and the arts, and to provide everyone with the opportunity to engage with the cultural life of the city - not just those with the means to pay entry charges/ access services online.

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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 needs to high-quality, high-performing airport, and as a key regional asset it makes no sense to divest ourselves entirely from ownership. Maintaining a significant stake in the airport gives Auckland Council (and by extension Auckland residents)

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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: While averages are meaningless to the individual, a ballpark figure of $3 per week more in rates seems a small price to pay to help bridge the budget deficit. The proposed level of additional debt also seems quite reasonable given the economic situation -

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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 damage from the floods could have been reduced if council had a more reasonable approach to housing density (concrete everything, it'll be fine!) and did basic maintenance such as drain clearing. Anything that can help reduce the impact of future weat

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Tell us why: The cuts you are proposing will be devastating to the local community. We need to invest in our communities, not further reduce what we provide to local residents. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing community services such as 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 community events, Sports and activities in parks, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local Community Events

Community events make this area a great place to live, with the Cultural Festival in particular being a real highlight, along with the other events listed. Local events provide a sense of place, and a real feeling of belonging. Redu

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I read the proposed budget with dismay. Arts, culture and creative sector jobs, organisations and facilities are not something which can be expected to survive cuts like the ones proposed. Jobs and institutional knowledge will be lost, some of the organis

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Please do not cut funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, these places are what makes Auckland great to live in. I have so many memories of going to the zoo or the art gallery on the weekends with my mum, we recently attended the Frida Khalo exhibit and it was amazing! There's just nowhere else you can do these sorts of things.

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Tell us why: Auckland Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Cuts to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) programmes are deeply irresponsible as we are currently in the mids

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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 so important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure considering the damage done by the recent floods and with climate change, we're likely going to be seeing more extreme weather events. We need to invest in better infrastructure to manage the

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Tell us why: Libraries are so crucial to our communities. They are one of the very few places you can go where you don't have to spend money. These spaces are so important to people who don't have the resources to have technology at home or don't have the finances to

If funding for local board 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, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please do not close any Citizen's Advice Bureau. That is the only resource for a lot of people, they need to be easily available. I remember when I was a student, I needed a JOP to certify documents for my studylink. Without that resource there I wouldn't

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available.

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Please do not cut funding to the arts. These programmes and events keep people alive. They're something to look forward to in a world of pandemics, climate change, and a cost of living crisis. Don't take people's hope and joy away. We need community now m

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Reducing regional contestable grants.

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The reduced public transport services are directly affecting the day-to-day lives of so many Aucklanders. This alone would be enough to drive people out of the city, but combined with all of the other cuts, there would be no real Auckland left. We are not a city for profit, we are a city of 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? 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
- 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: These tax burdens should be shared among those in the highest tax bracket, not the average Auckland household, who are struggling in a cost of living crisis as it is.

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: These tax burdens should be shared among those in the highest tax bracket, not the average Auckland household, who are struggling in a cost of living crisis as it is.

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: Community-based activities like these are what makes a city worth living in.

If funding for local board 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: I think that these are three things which encompass a lot of people.

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.	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? Tax burdens should be shared among those in the highest tax bracket, not the average Auckland household, who are struggling in a cost of living crisis as it is.

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?

Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board-funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

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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?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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:

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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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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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: Reducing funding for Auckland Unlimited, we desperately need this post-covid to revive the city and in a potential recession people will be unable to afford the increase in prices to make up the shortfall. Reducing regional services is another that should not be reduced, taking these services away will impact people who are already suffering (the people who 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? 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:

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, 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?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): The Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable 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 boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous. They also 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.

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 close to 50,000 will be lost and some of 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, this will not encourage further investment or development and mean we cannot compete on an international level as a destination for tourism, emigration or a centre of arts and culture.

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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? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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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Supporting Information

Do not proceed with:

- Reducing regional contestable grants.
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland an enjoyable place to live and to visit. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, and bring Auckland communities together.

In a 2020 survey conducted by Creative NZ, Auckland residents are more likely than all New Zealanders to recognise the ways in which the arts help us to connect with our culture (57% of Auckland residents agree with this compared to 54% of New Zealanders). Further, 39% agree that taking part in the arts supports their identity

Just under half (47%) of Auckland residents feel the arts are for people like them. Additionally, 37% say the arts are part of their everyday life.

The Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi continues to hold and present many events across Auckland across the year including one of the most important announcements; the laureates for that year. We have this prestigious ceremony within the venues managed by Tataki Auckland - a privilege we will likely not have if these proposed cuts go ahead. We have a large number of our artist alumni and donors based in Auckland, who not only see the benefit of supporting a national organisation such as ours, but the local spaces and places that exist across Auckland.

The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tataki Auckland, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector.

The arts, culture and creative sector was hard hit by COVID-19. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy.

In 2020, Creative NZ provided the following regional summary - overall, Auckland residents are more positive about the arts than they were in 2017, with positive shifts in many of the attitudes included in this section. It appears that Auckland residents have a renewed appreciation for the arts, following the impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdowns.The proportion feeling more positive about the arts is higher than the national average.

In 2022, The Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi ran a campaign via our Boosted crowdfunding platform in conjunction with Creative NZ and the Auckland Council which saw 24 projects be raise more than $170K over the month - these were match funded across the Auckland region and the return on investment for the Council was 345% on their initial investment of $50K.

This campaign reached more than 500,000 people. Double the people that voted in the Auckland Mayoral Race.

Central government COVID-19 funding reduced the impact from 2020 to 2022. That funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is getting back on its feet. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are coming back to our city.

Finally:

- *Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Council's support for arts infrastructure, such as our theatres, is essential to our recovery.*
- *This is a time to invest, not a time to cut.*
- *We ask Auckland Council not to proceed with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.*
- *The Auckland creative sector, based on data for 2019, is made up of 10,478 businesses (geographical units), which is 5.2 per cent of total businesses in Auckland.*
- *The sector generates Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of $3.6 billion and employs 32,242 people, 3.2 per cent of Auckland's GDP and 3.6 per cent of Auckland's employees respectively.*
- *This equates to a labour productivity that is 10 per cent lower than the productivity of the Auckland economy as a whole (value added (GDP) per employee). These are the direct contributions only.*

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We can get rid of the unlimited and Auckland live for sure. But we need to get more people into public transport. I am struggling to get staff to work on public transport at the moment

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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 and make less use of debt

Tell us why: There are too many large infrastructure projects that need doing in Auckland. Let's get the best down so we can pay for them.

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

Tell us why: More intensity in storms in part of the climate change issue.

Managed retreat

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 need to help the less well off people.

Puketāpapa Local Board

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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.	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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am a doctor working in youth health / mental health .

I have huge concerns about the above proposals.

Losing Arts funding, community programmers , youth centres , venues ,public transport.

From a health background , so many of of these proposals will impact further on community health and wellbeing given we are already amidst a mental health crisis.

Community events or just watching the arts, brings people together . The connections and celebrations , be it a local cultural festival , or something as big as Big gay out has huge impact on psychological wellbeing.

The BGO is a huge celebration of our Rainbow community , as are the Pride Events. These events whilst fun to attend serve deeper purpose with respect to the clear message of support to the Rainbow community .

In the youth health world the ripples of these events are far felt ,given the challenges and mental health risks these young people face in the world today , removing funding of these events would be harmful.

The $ spent I'm these events/ arts/ youth centres etc... are saving a greater proportion of health $dollars .

I would hope this is sometime Auckland council would actually care about.

The same principle goes to other arts events, or public venues , zoo ,or motat etc ...

Spending on all of these directly results in positive mental health and wellbeing effects.

The health system already does not have the workforce or $ to cope with the current level of mental health needs ,yet so many of these proposals will lead to poorer community health and wellbeing.

I am truly saddened to see these proposals and really would be fearful to see at what cost to wellbeing will these cuts serve.

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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? 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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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 should not proceed with any reductions. Instead you should be increasing borrowing as a priority, this is not high enough for a local authority. In addition, you should unfreeze the water quality and natural environment targeted rates and maintain the general rates package.

The proposed cuts make auckland a much more expensive and unliveable city. Public transport options are already far too scarce and the cost of living too high. These cuts will multiply those issues for those in most need. And will mean community assets are depleted and destroyed. My family and many others regularly go to the zoo, art gallery and stadiums and venues. We need the early childhood services. And our city would lack soul and community without the events and opportunities that the funding enables.

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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 AIAL shares is incredibly short sighted. It provides a one off cash injection and loses the long term revenue and opportunity that retaining such an asset provides. It is a potential breach of Treaty obligations as removes any claim Māori might ha

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

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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: Continued underinvestment in infrastructure will have devastating effects with the increased frequency and severity of storm events that Auckland will see. So many Aucklanders were impacted in events recently and these were exaccerbated by historic under

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Tell us why: Do not reduce the funding

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In the spirit of investing in our city, our people and our future, Auckland Council should be investing now – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social

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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 will be worth far more in the future when the economic situation is better. It's a very bad time to sell now

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Tell us why: These are unprecedented times and Council should fully explore maximising debt to avoid service cuts this year

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Tell us why: It is crtical to prepare for storms Council should proceed to do what has to be done to prepare

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Tell us why: I do not support the reduced funding and consider that the priorities should be reconsidered on the basis of no budget cuts

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change is a top priority that is very time sensitive so must not be compromised, and our environment needs as much assistance as possible so restoration/pest control is important

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not reduce the water quality targeted rate, or any other targeted ratepayers

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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 <u>not</u> 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.

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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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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.

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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?) Sports and activities in parks, 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 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? 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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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)

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services.

Our social infrastructure – including our arts, culture and creative sector – is needed more than ever as our communities try to move on from three years of COVID-19 disruption.

This is a time to invest, not a time to cut.

Our arts events, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services improve social cohesion, make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry, boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Our arts, culture and creative sector jobs, organisations and facilities are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost, some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter, and some facilities will struggle to survive.

This is a time to keep the lights on and the life in 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? I don't know

Tell us why: Not enough data to understand or read about the impact financially to sell or hold

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

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: BECAUSE THE ARTS MATTER. Creativity is intrinsic to being human and provides us with better opportunities to connect, converse and understand each other. Don't make us choose from all of the above activities. They are all important and contribute to a b

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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? Negotiate better with your waste management provider - invite them to tender again at the price you need and manage with tight KPI's - get them to compete with each other to get the best price.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce 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.

Do not reduce funds to Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Increase number of bus 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: This is not the best time to sell assets.

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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.

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Tell us why: If not now when?! Invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

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Tell us why: I support the key priorities stated. But would hesitate to accept cutting $16 million to do it

If funding for local board 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:

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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: Do not proceed with any reductions except for the early childhood care. I feel like that should be for the ministry of education to fun. I think that we increase rates for those with multiple properties. The more properties you own, the higher the rates. We could also sell golf courses.

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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: That would be earning a lot of money but something as important as international airports being privately owned isn't great.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would like to see council reduced what they spent on contractors and council controlled organisations but introduced a user pay system to make up the shortfall.

I would also like to see the only golf course that is currently managed by the service maintenance contractors by default to be self-funded so Council don't have to fund it's maintenance, renewals and upgrades.

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Tell us why: Auckland International airport shares was given to old city councils for a reason and that reason was not to be sold to pay debts.

I totally disagree with selling the shares to pay down debts.

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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 supported this process provided we cut costs at the same time to achieve a much better outcome and have those costs better managed.

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 apparent from the recent weather events that our city has for far too long not prepared and better equip to future proof our infractures to cope with this sort of events.

The mentality of elected members being voted to Council to keep rates down nee

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 would like to see Chamberlain park golf course set up it's own lease so it's better managed and self sufficient.

This will help cover the shortfall of the local board budget by not having to deal with renewals our upgrades of the golf course.

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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?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: As the city grows and the most Covid pandemic parks and recreations becomes more important for not only physical as well as mental wellbeing. In fact we should invest in more parks and reserves to give the next generations a better start that we have in m

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? Supported the above 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 continued un necessary and unwise spending needs to stop and that needs to start from the top all the way to Council controlled organisations.

If not the Council control organisations should be better know as Council out of control organisations.

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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: The cut to public transport has made it very difficult to get to and from work and school l, especially for those with accessibility issues. It makes many of us have to look for other buses, as they are full or the times are too far apart. I believe more there should be more public transport services.

There is not enough funding for the homeless as it is, and cutting it would not only create a larger struggle for those who are homeless, but also continue to create an environment, especially in the city center, that us uncomfortable for others. It is dirty and many people, especially females, feel unsafe walking around at night and during the day.

Cutting arts and culture funding would remove a huge aspect of community and sense of belonging. Many feel as though places of art, culture, and performance is their first or second home. With less funding, less people will have a place they can be themselves, find a place they belong, and find family. For many, this can bring a heightened sense of being an outcast, feeling depressed, and loneliness. The funding there already is, is often not enough.

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

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: I do not have an option on debt.

I believe raising rates would do some good, however, I believe the raises should be scaled by socio-economic status. Those in lower income families struggle with the current rates as it is and raising them would only cre

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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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Parks planning

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would rather have a partial rates increase than completely lose funding for arts and culture as this is what makes Auckland a vibrant and exciting world class city. It is also important to allow access to arts and cultural for those can't afford to pay for these events .

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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: I endorse keeping a blocking stake.

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: It is important to future proof our city as evidence suggests that extreme weather events are increasingly likely to occur

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: These are essential future proofing activities.

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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: The proposals are short sighted and are placing the burden of problems onto future generations. It is not a good time to sell shares and it would be short sighted to do so.

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:

If funding for local board 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: They are all important and this question is unhelpful in only allowing three choices. The options should have been ranked. It would be counter productive to cut funding to community initiatives which harness the enthusiasm of volunteers at very little cos

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What do you think of these proposals? I support the importance of doing climate action now. You have declared a climate emergency and developed an action plan. Please implement it, otherwise you are delaying the inevitable and creating even worse problems that will be harder and more expensiv

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

I would like the council to investigate whether council is currently subsidising golf courses. These are not a good use of land and should be sold or repurposed to free up land and potentially reduce debt.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't proceed with any reductions as Aucklanders have been underpaying rates for decades

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Tell us why: Because shares should not be selling shares in a downturn.

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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

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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: Infrastructure would not have required such investment if we had been fhigher rates for decades

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: All necessary components of a 21st century major 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, 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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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).

• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Support the amended Tupuna Maunga authority plan for Owairaka

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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: Do not proceed with reducing regional contestable grants, local board funded activities, regional services, or funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. I

use these services to connect with my community through sports and arts activities, especially the contestable grants which allow us to achieve things that are otherwise impossible as a small club. On the whole these services add value to our community in Tāmaki Makaurau and make the city an enjoyable place both to live and to visit. As a young person an important part of where I choose to live is what activities and experiences I can have in that area. These services don't only support me, they also support local businesses as they get people out and about and draw visitors and new residents to our city. These services make our city somewhere I enjoy living in.

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

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I agree with these priorities but I do not think they could be effectively realised if funding is reduced by this amount. I live in this area and love participating in local community activities and spaces. It is these opportunities that makes city living

If funding for local board 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: In an increasingly urban environment, we need to protect and value our greenspaces and waterways. If pest plant and animal control are not continued or restoration of these areas is not pursued they are likely to simply require more money in future when w

Devonport-Takapuna 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?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Arts / community programmes and services, 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?) Local community events, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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? Waste is costly and this should be reflected in how much we charge people to dispose of it so I do support increases in bin costs.

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).

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 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

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

Tell us why: Look at other forms of Land Tax or Capital Gain Tax on properties

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: Re-opening of Pt Chevalier Library or lok at new development opportunity with Foodstuffs / Pt Chev RSA. More Green space needs to be considered in Unitech site along with presevation of Pump house

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: Having a community engaged is very important and makes Auckland a great place to live

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? Auckland is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, and needs a vibrant and active arts sector that its communities are able to participate in and see works that reflect their own cultures and those around them.

The arts sector brings pe

7. What else is important to you?

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

For years the CABs around the country have been supporting their local community with legal information and advice. We do not all come equipped with the knowledge and know-how needed to get by in everyday life. It is an impossible task to be across everyt

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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: I am concerned that the cuts will devastate the Auckland I know and love. Just this week I have used buses, attended arts events, used libraries. We need to be supporting use of public transport and reducing scheduled buses will make it harder for people to use them. I also don't want our Arts sector further devastated after what have already been difficult years. Arts and events are what make a city worth visiting and worth living in.

Also cuts to programmes and social services around homelessness and promoting economic opportunity for Maori, Pacifika, youth, migrants, will hurt vulnerable people at the worst time.

Fund more, not less, climate action!

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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 poor economic climate in which to sell these shares and the sale would prevent this asset from being leveraged in future revenue-raising for Council.

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: Set higher rates (I will happily pay higher rates) AND make greater use of debt. I would be happy to pay the highest increases that Council has explored, >13%, and retain services that are at risk of being cut.

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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 invest in our stormwater infrastructure as much as possible as we face increased extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support 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?) Local community events, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: 'I do not support cuts to local board budgets which will affect:

-Albert-Eden Cultural Festival. Owairaka, my child's school, has participated in the festival for many years and it has been so influential in building kids' confidence and cultural awarene

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What do you think of these proposals? Please make food waste collection available in all areas.

7. What else is important to you?

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Raise my rates, don't devastate my city.

Use the Climate Action Targeted Rate to actually take climate action! Improve and expand public transport services (not cut them!)

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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 like to see any reduction of funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited or to community, education, arts and culture programmes. These programmes help foster a sense of community and they feed into economic activity. Without the programmes that this funding helps, many businesses will struggle because of the reduced numbers of people leaving their houses for entertainment etc. The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact this already and we've only just started to recover. Reducing funding in these areas will deal a significant blow to this recovery.

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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 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: There's a balancing of dividends from the shares and costs of increased borrowing. I do not think the sale of shares is a long term solution. Auckland Airport is such an important asset for the Auckland Region - the most critical piece of infrastructure w

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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 do not want to see a reduction in the targeted rate for water quality or the natural environment targeted rate. In fact these could be increased.

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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: And consider managed retreat!! Use the Unitary Plan to identify areas where - to quote Mayor Brown "houses probably shouldn't be there".

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the priorities but think the Council should borrow more and re-assess the priorities. To say the library is being "looked at" is gutting. It's central to the community and presents an incredible opportunity to be a multi-community purpose anchor

If funding for local board 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: People will see these as the low hanging fruit, the easiest to cut, but if you don't get the environment part right everything else is at risk - the Auckland floods demonstrated that so clearly.

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What do you think of these proposals? I'm really not clear on what the changes to bus services will actually mean. I think they serve me hugely well in Pt Chevalier but my world view doesn't necessarily reflect what other communities need. If people choose to put in a pool it should be on the

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

Don't sell the airport shares - the value will be so much greater in future. Don't cut back on the Environment - it will cost Council more in the long run, borrow what you can - things will get better - we've had our pandemic but can't ignore our climate

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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 of these reductions. These services are the backbone of stable and thriving communities. As a home owner I am imploring you to raise rates. The current proposal raises them less than the rate of inflation. I would also propose additional rates to secondary properties, like tax on second jobs.

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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 sell the shares, this is a short sighted loss of an important long term asset

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:I support increasing the operations budget for extreme weather event response. However, we should also be investing in cutting emissions as a city much faster, to reduce the impacts of storm causing climate change. I also want to see the operations budget

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I would also suggest a better tree protection programme. New planted trees will take decades to reach the carbon storage capacity of our old rakau. Protect 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?)

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I am concerned about the framing of this consultation. The budget slash seems to be a political move, rather than a fiscal requirement. I reject the idea that such cost cutting is necessary. And if there is a need to raise more funds higher rates, and hig

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would strongly argue to 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.

All of these services are integral to the wider community, especially the arts and culture industry which has already taken a hit with Covid-19 and the recent cyclone events that negatively affected artist income over their peak summer working period. This will have devastating long-term effects on already struggling youth, artists, musicians, creative industry peers, and people working hard to uplift and support the mental health, and career opportunities of those within their 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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cuts to public transport - we use it alot & want Auckland to be a city with reliable transpory. Cuts to arts - I value the arts & it's contribution to society. Cuts to reserve maintenance - my pensioner parents have spent $2k mowing a council piece of land next to their house. Council already fails to properly maintain green spaces. Cutting funding to CAB is heartless, a wonderful resource that supports our most vulnerable.

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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 family silver is not the answer. Terrible time in the market to sell & we will never get this asset back.

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? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Rates are based off CVs. Which are now outdated with the drop in property values. Therefore we are already paying too much in 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: It was a 1 in 100 year storm. The mayor's lack of leadership was the issue. You can't just throw money at that.

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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I want our most vulnerable looked after. I want our surroundings to be tidy & looked after. I value the contribution of arts to society.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any reductions, further increase rates

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:

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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: Do this instead of cutting budgets

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: Work on cutting emissions as well as increasing the budget

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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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?

Do not cut funding; increase rates that property owners pay

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Overall, the areas targeted for budget cuts are minority or in-need groups who rely on Auckland Council as a provider of community services to improve social, economic, and cultural wellbeing. These services help build social cohesion, connectedness and resilience.

The need for resilience was front and centre during the recent flood and cyclone events, where it quickly became clear that the people of Auckland were not well prepared with the tools and resources they need to get through or recover. West Auckland, one of the areas hardest hit, is also one of the areas that will be hit by the proposed cuts to economic development programmes, such as The Western Initiative. Coupled with reduced community services, it's hard to imagine how this community could recover effectively and build resilience for future climate-related impacts.

That's not to say that upgrades to infrastructure are not valuable for future proofing in the face of climate change, but infrastructure projects alone cannot build resilience. Furthermore, physical climate-related impacts will not only be flood-related, but there will likely be increased frequency and intensity of droughts/heatwaves which has significant health implications for the young, old, homeless, and those with poor health. There will be sea level rise, acidification of water, and biodiversity loss, to name a few. Stormwater upgrades alone are not enough, which is why investment in Auckland's climate change response should also not be cut. This response includes just transition planning for the move to a low-carbon economy, adaptation planning beyond stormwater, and encouraging a significant reduction in emissions through

policies, plans and initiatives, by Council and Local Boards – all actions within Auckland's Climate Plan (Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri).

Furthermore, cutting services for homeless people, youth centres, Citizen's Advice Bureau and education programmes, will ultimately have a knock on effect for our the social wellbeing of our communities. It's services like these that keep under-privileged youth and people off the streets by providing them with support and options for prosperous future pathways. It would not be surprising if the changes resulting from the proposed budget cuts lead to increased youth crime, such as stealing cars, ram raids and burglary.

The proposed approach to transport is a significant area of concern as this could only lead to prolonged negative impacts on the community. It will make it harder to access transport, increase GHG emissions as those travellers need to take their cars instead (that's if they have a car), leading the increased congestion (as seen in Mad March) and higher costs to get to and from work/facilities/economic hubs. Auckland is in need of improving the public transport system, not reducing it by cutting services.

Active investment in economic development is also essential for ensuring a prosperous future for all. This is particularly required in the covid-19 recovery, a period of time we are still in. As the largest economy in Aotearoa, economic development benefits the rest of the country, drives exports, and increases overseas investment into NZ. It's also the role of local government (as outlined in Local Government Act 2022), to promote the economic wellbeing of the community (as well as social, cultural and environmental wellbeing). Stopping, or even slowing investment in economic development activities is extremely short-sighted and will have long-term implications that will ultimately cost Auckland's businesses.

Finally, cutting economic and social development initiatives that are in place to support Māori opportunities are directly in conflict with Auckland Council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This budget is actively not protecting Māori rights to equitable development, as well as inhibiting opportunities for Tino Rangatiratanga realised through entrepreneurship and innovation (such as programmes run by The Southern and Western initiatives).

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council should set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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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? The allocation of the CATR fund should not be changed, but rather increased investment should be placed on buses, walking and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

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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 do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reducing regional services like arts and culture

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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 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 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: We need to reduce the number of managers & consultants employed at the Council & the CCOs so that we have funds for infrastructure & urgent flood repairs.

We need to have more equitable funding across Local Boards. Some local boards have grants for community BBQs which are a total waste of ratepayer funds. Other local boards need more funding for basic facilities such as playgrounds. There needs to be a mechanism whereby a local board could gift excess funds to another local boards without losing their budget for the next Year. When I suggested this I was told it was "illegal" by a local board member.

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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 must have a stake in it's own airport. In the next few years the airport is predicted to make profits & thereby pay a dividend to the city. If sold, the proceeds will simply be frittered away and nothing will change in what the ratepayer co

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Tell us why: I think the proposal is a fair outcome.

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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: Cost savings need to be made elsewhere to fund infrastructure costs. The Council cannot continue to see ratepayers funds as bottomless.

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: It is not ratepayers responsibility to fund "nice to have activities" when Auckland has much more urgent priorities. Local Boards need to stop acting like they are guarding their fiefdoms against "other" Aucklanders.

If funding for local board 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: Most people use these amenities.

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What do you think of these proposals? There should be no charge for reducing the size of your rubbish bin to encourage people to do so.

Albert Eden Local board could cut their governance costs of $1.2m by $700k and the ratepayers wouldn't even notice the reduction in services.

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

Wayne Brown is on the right track. Changes must be made to reduce costs. Auckland Council should not be doing government work. Cut funding to social projects such as the Southern Initiative.

Stop providing free buses to wealthy areas. The #64 bus was se

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Tell us why: Seek gain from sale and yet keep shares for future growth is sale at a later date. Let international buyers come in and develop it and make in be the best airport in the South Pacific

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Tell us why: Increase the rates on property value 1.5mil above and get the rich to pay

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Tell us why:

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Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I am very concerned about the threat to local arts and culture. Local events that bring people together to form connections in person are essential in this day and age, where the internet is playing in a role in deepening social division. If the Auckland Council turns its back on arts and cultural events, what will be the costs to social cohesion and overall wellbeing on a societal level?

Public funding of arts and culture also helps artists and community groups to keep their events more politically neutral. If private-sector sponsorship becomes one of the only routes to funding an event, it opens the door to extremist political groups co-opting art/cultural events as a way of recruiting and disseminating their ideas. I say this as someone who has studied history in the course of receiving a PhD in English literature.

I also fear that the costs to Auckland's economy, should the proposed cuts go ahead, have been not properly calculated. I find it difficult to see how decimating Auckland's arts and cultural sector would not have a negative impact on Auckland's ability to attract tourism, and the economic benefits of tourism.

I am also deeply concerned about the possibility of losing services that help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged Aucklanders. Auckland already feels like it is a less safe place to live than it did, say, five years ago. When the poorest sector of society is put under greater pressure, it seems likely that the outcome would be a rise in crime and antisocial behaviour.

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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: To my mind, the long-term benefits of maintaining shares in AIAL outweigh the short-term benefits a sale of shares offers.

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:

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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, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: I have found it hard to choose only three. I feel very sad thinking about the possibility that all these things could be cut.

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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 like to reiterate my points made in the first section, in case I entered them into the wrong section. I apologise, but I have very limited time available to making this submission. I wish to signal that, although the proposed budget cuts may be be

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As most of New Zealand's work force comes from immigrants I don't believe would be wise to reduce the regional services.

Coming from overseas I want my son to learn and experience a bit of my culture through educational 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? 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: Think it's best to reduce debt and interest costs, everyone is struggling at the moment so would be a small relief to all kiwis.

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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: There might be another fund that could be direct to this

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of them

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Tell us why: Better to hold assets long term for the strategic advantage and for income.

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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 invest in adaptive measures in the face of climate change.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: Should also prioritise safe active 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?) Local community events, 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please fund improvements to public transport and active transport, continue to support community groups and events, environmental restoration and improvements to parks.

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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 funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, maintaining the current reduced transport services and reducing local board funding. I believe that it is crucial to financially support Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and regional services across Auckland as they provide so many people with events, spaces and services that encourage creativity and connections to culture. The arts and culture sector is incredibly important to Auckland's residents and visitors, and should not be further cut back as suggested by this budget proposal.

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Tell us why: I strongly support the prioritisation of climate action, as well as increasing community resilience and connection.

If funding for local board 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: Local arts programmes and community events provide the opportunity for people to meet like-minded people in their area and learn more about arts and culture. It supports equal access to these resources and services, as well as the celebration of creativit

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These proposed cuts to the arts and culture sector will have detrimental effects on Aucklanders. I have attended several events run by local boards and have had a wonderful time with friends and family. I also think that maintaining reduced transport serv

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I suggest a rate rise rather than cutting these costs. If it is not Auckland Council's responsibility to provide these things and they are cut then who will pay for/ pick these up? Public transport, arts and culture, Local Board decisions as to where they spend the money, supporting at risk/ vulnerable communities are all important for social cohesion. If Auckland Council doesn't help Auckland communities to contribute and thrive - who will? We are in a climate and inequality crisis, we should be improving both of these situations. Inequality and climate related damage would have such a negative impact on our society going forward.

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Tell us why: It is not a good time to sell them - at the low point in the market. We need this asset to raise future revenue.

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: Council should set higher general rates 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: We need to invest in storm water infrastructure to protect our communities. It needs to be able to handle our increasing population and help make Auckland more resilient.

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Tell us why: Climate change action is a priority especially has intensification increases. Investing in community resilience and connection is also very 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, Local arts programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Healthy urban water ways are so important especially with more builds, more people living here. We need to balance intensification with caring for the environment and creating healthy happy places for recreation. The Arts are important for people to be ab

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What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in walking, public transport and cycleways.

If Local Boards have their funding reduced they will not be able to deliver on local priorities.

7. What else is important to you?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any reductions. Increase the rates for higher income areas. The city's most vulnerable should not suffer on account of poor governance.

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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: Airports should be public services like train and ferry terminals.

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

Tell us why: Banks are reporting record profits at a time of pandemic and ecological crisis. Restructure the system so local government is not beholden to the corrupt financial sector.

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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 needs to be a green, sustainable city: use the money to focus on public transport, sponge city systems, composting, inner-city gardens, recycling, encouraging uptake of electric cars, taxing SUVs and utility vehicles.

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Tell us why: Not enough information.

If funding for local board 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: This question is an insult to anyone who lives in Albert-Eden. It's like asking someone which limb they'd like to have chopped off.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with:

-Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

-Reducing regional services,

-Reducing local board funded activities, and

-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 some of 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? 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 higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services.

Our social infrastructure – including our arts, cultur

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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 the impact of future storms? I don't know

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 do agree with the proposed cost reductions, but think you should be looking much closer what other unnecessary costs can be cut. Find savings or cost increases where the people of Auckland can CHOOSE if they want to spend more on certain things, but don't stress peoples very tight financials even MORE by increasing rates even more.

You have been lucky as CVs have been done at the peak of the last housing cycle. Rates are calculated based on very inflated property values and you do suggest to increase this even further??? I do absolutely not think this is the correct thing to do.

You are slowing down the upcoming generations with higher mortgages and already very much under pressure due to the interest 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:

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, you already touch way too much for rates due to the inflated CV values. Don't use more debt find other ways to make cost savings instead.

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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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I disagree with cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support a focus on our libraries. We need to provide more for our adults and youth to do in Auckland. There is so little to do.

If funding for local board 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, Sports and activities in parks

Tell us why these are most 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: Reduce regional contestable grants. Has the council not read "the first 500 days?" Early childhood education is essential. The other proposals are targeting low income earners so they are unable to afford to be active community members

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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 a minimum of 15% shareholding. Look to the past to work out what to do in the future! Previous governments sold off the railways and then subsequent governments had to pay 10 X the price to buy them back

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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: There are too many households struggling and the increase in rates will push more over the edge, especially super annuitants

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

Tell us why: It's time the Council were held accountable for allowing excess building to occur in flood-prone areas. We have all seen the pictures showing the same landslips in the recent flooding occurred previously in Shore Rd in 1987 and in Muriwai in the 1960's. W

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Tell us why: Hands off the libraries and the librarians - Council needs to understand what an essential role libraries and the professional staff who work in them bring to the communities

Auckland has lost 30% of green space in recent years - this is frightening espec

If funding for local board 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: Healthy waterways are essential for our harbours and then to our fisheries as everything flows out to sea. Our local Meola Creek is an absolute fright with weed overgrowth and grey water. Our ducks are struggling to survive. I am hoping when the Central I

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What do you think of these proposals? Only charge to change your bin size if you want a bigger bin. Help the elderly out

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Leave the Auckland Port where it is! Imagine if our Port was out of Whangarei with the recent weather events and road closures, Auckland would have ground to a halt, not to forget the cost of transporting freight by road and rail if they are actually a vi

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I do believe arts and culture is such an important aspect to keep within not just the community, but the world over. It inspires, encourages self expression and empathy and an opportunity for groups who don't get represented as much to truly showcase who

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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 strongly oppose and disagree with the suggested reduction in funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, contestable grants, local board funding and regional services. The net effect of such a sizeable reduction in funding will deeply impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. I am flabbergasted, deeply saddened and incredibly disappointed that this has even been proposed as an option.

As an established dancer, choreographer and artist, I feel especially passionate about the arts. The arts is what makes Auckland the wonderful, exciting and thriving city it is. It is what brings people to the city and keeps them here. We need the arts and we want the arts. This is not the time to be reducing arts funding, it is the time to be investing in Auckland's future as an international arts hub. 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.

The arts is what 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. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

COVID lockdown was a perfect example of the power and importance of art - what would we have done without the comfort, support and joy the arts brought us during those difficult times? Movies, music, crafts and other creative activities. It helped get us through. The power of the arts should not be underestimated.

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? 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 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 do not support the reduction and/or discontinuation in funding for events such as; Big Gay Out, Carols at Potters Park, Brazil Day and all other 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?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

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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, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

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Don't sell off any assets. Keep the community growing.

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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: Do not proceed with any reductions. The services mentioned are there to support our most vulnerable citizens e.g. the homeless, children, and those communities which have already been severely impacted by the impact of flooding/covid/inflation. Public transport is vital to communities and should be increased if anything. As someone who does not own a car and has a physical disability I am dependent on bus services for getting to work/supermarket/doctor appointments.

Libraries provide such an important service and should have no funding cuts, it offers a place of free research and academic advancement, a place of shelter and safety for homeless people, it acts as a hub for community events and integration. In times of pressure and stress having services which increase the connectivity of a community is imperative to protecting mental health and ensuring the advancement of the community via their access to new skills and employment. High literacy rates and accessability to knowledge/information is such a basic benchmark in measuring the health of a society and libraries play a vital role in ensuring this.

As someone who works in a library I daily see the community service it provides, from social interactions and place of community to the elderly, a place for them to research for free and find purpose in their work and enrich their mind, a place for kids to be able to explore topics outside of school curriculum and enrich their minds. a more mentally enriched community will be a happier, healthier and safer community.

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Tell us why: Selling of these shares would make the city poorer and we would lose controlf of this important asset. Once sold to a private investor it will be harder to get it back. Although covid has impacted the income of the airport that market will be returning an

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Tell us why: Future storms are innevitable with the arrival of climate change. We need to invest in infrastructure that protects our communities and those in most vulnerable situations. People I am close to have lost their houses due to the results of the storm and mo

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Tell us why: I strongly agree with all initiatives regarding climate change, providing community centres which are vibrant places that people want to go and make use of the servies, make sure that services on offer are visible to communities through these hubs.

If funding for local board 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: Having a library which has open hours that makes it accessible to its community is important. a library is useless if its opening hours are not reflective of the lives of the people that use it so it will sit underutilised and the resources it holds for p

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This is such an unneccassirly complicated survey to fill out, for something which is going to have such a large impact on our most vulnerable citizens. This truly is only about improving lives for the rich. Why aren't golf courses being sold? They take up

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support cutting regional community services, local board funding, community grants, early childhood education, events, or public transportation. These initiatives are crucial during a climate emergency and cost of living crisis. The majority of these services have been historically underfunded. They have performed to a high standard during the recent Covid-19 and Cyclone emergencies. Our communities rely on these initiatives to provide support when individuals find themselves in crisis, in need of support, or to create a sense of belonging in Tāmaki Makaurau.

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a strategic asset for the people of Auckland. We should not be selling this whatsoever, but especially during a temporarily low period due to Covid-19.

The Waitangi Tribunal cannot recommend return of private land, so airport land wil

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

Tell us why: Increase your budget but do not reduce the communities funding which enables their preparedness and resilience in emergency response. Why not just avoid operating spending reduction to make up the climate action investment and the storm response.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Environment, climate response, community and youth are key to the future success of our local area.

If funding for local board 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, Community leasing charges

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR should remain as established and not paused or stopped as proposed in question1. Do not use CATR to fund public transport and do not cut funding to public transport.

7. What else is important to you?

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

'Please consider the Alternative Budget proposed by Auckland communities, A Better Budget for Auckland(BBA, see attached).

- Wayne Brown should not lead as mayor of Auckland based on the proposed changes. I do not have faith in his vision for 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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? 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

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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport service reductions have made peak hour transit an impossible mission. There are not enough buses servicing routes to/from the CBD, one example: lines travelling down Mt Eden and Dominion Rd are consistently full and with parking set at an exorbitant rate, there is no certain way to get anywhere on time or affordably in the morning.

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will not only affected the running of these venues and amenities, but completely cut out the smaller organisations and individuals they are currently able to support. The performing arts industry brings tourism, stimulate the surrounding area's economy, and empower all those who take part. But this industry cannot do any of these things without council-funded grants or without the venue support from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. We will be left with empty buildings and lots, with nowhere to come together to learn, celebrate, connect, and enjoy ourselves.

"Reducing regional social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment, and funding for youth centres to save $20 million" is a grossly-worded proposal. It would be incorrect to say these services are not saving lives every day. Is saving $20 million more valuable than saving the lives of Aucklanders? Than innocent people being taken advantage of by landlords or employers? Than our neighbours suffering through the cost of living increase?

Than families who are having a rough week and need some support? Is "a 1 per cent change in general rates" too much to ask to save lives?

This 'saving' is going to eliminate life-saving programmes and life-affirming activities.

Reducing local board funded activities enable communities to take part in life and access otherwise cost-barriered activities. Libraries need to be open to all Aucklanders. As an isthmus city and coastal country, it is vital that everyone knows how to swim from a young age. Our parks need to be usable, functional, and enjoyable, now more than ever with the increase if high density housing that does not have green space.

I oppose these reductions because it takes no consideration for the people. It has no compassion for those it affects or understanding of what makes a successful community. The only thing these cuts will do is increase resentment to our local government, increase petty crime, increase competition for already scarce funding, and increase the disparity of quality of life among Aucklanders. I cannot logically see how these cuts would increase 'community resilience and connection' or improve the lives of your average Aucklander.

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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 shares haven't increased in value because of its near total shutdown during the global pandemic. Give it a chance to recover now borders are open before getting rid of everything. Selling all shares is an extreme kneejerk reaction and these shares cou

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

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. The facilities, activities, and programmes that are facing extreme budget cuts will have extreme effects on all Aucklanders. It is unfair to try to appease the ratepayer

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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: With the increasing effects of climate change happening, we need to prioritise both the rebuilding/contingency aspect and the prevention aspect. The council should care as much about the people as the buildings they live in.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not see how any of these priorities can be achieved with this budget. In every single line of activity proposed by the local board, the implication is negative. We will only be further away from these goals and priorities. Our community will see an i

If funding for local board 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: I must express my devastation at having to choose between basic needs such as water supplies and environment, or the actual aspects of community. This budget is reductive and not at all considerate of what it means to be local, communal, or connected. How

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What do you think of these proposals? The public transport in this city, the country's largest city, is appalling and an embarrassment. Frankly, it would be a mistake to reduce costs to Auckland Transport—who are already proposing to permanently cut an already disappointing array of services—

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Please, please, please do not proceed with this budget. Please do not cut these services.

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Dear Auckland Council,

I am expressing my passionate disagreement and opposition to the budget cuts proposed to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tataki Auckland Unlimited.

I am an arts practitioner, primarily working as a theatre producer in Auckland. I also am an enjoyer of other artforms and media, and a strong believer in the value of taking part in the arts.

Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland the cultural capital of the Pacific, and the industry should be positioned as such by our local government. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring tourists, boost the economy of the surrounding areas, and bring Auckland communities together.

I have produced a theatre show called Pork and Poll Taxes in 2021 that told the story of Chinese migrants in New Zealand in the 1800s. Auckland Live supported us with reduced venue costs and support, we couldn't have put on the show without it. The show sold out all 6 performances and received such an overwhelmingly positive response from Chinese New Zealanders and migrant communities. There was a palpable and proven hunger for this story to be told on stage and the Council made it happen. We will not be able to achieve this scale of artistry or this impact on our community if you continue with the proposed budget.

The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tataki Auckland Unlimited, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector. It is, as stated on the Council website, the same as a 2% change in general rates but will absolutely decimate the industry. People will leave the city, the country, or the industry. We will lose what could be one of our biggest tourism attractions or valuable exports.

The arts, culture and creative sector was already hit hard by the global pandemic. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy – for three years. We are yet to see the long-term effects of this. It is a dangerous time to continue reductions and changes to the industry while it is trying desperately to recover.

Central government supported the arts industry through 2020 to 2022, but that funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is – much like the rest of the country – not yet back on its feet. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are finally coming back to our city and we are finally able to enjoy them again. Pasifika Festival had people flying in from the wider Pacific to perform, run a stall, or just enjoy. There is nothing quite like our Pasifika or Polyfest, they are a highlight of my year. The Auckland Arts Festival has just wrapped up to a truly stellar lineup of Auckland artists. My own projects and stories have been able to be developed and told through the council. The arts contribute so much to this city, even while chronically underfunded and underpaid we deliver.

Auckland Council funding is central to the existence of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Council's support for arts

infrastructure, such as our theatres, is essential to the industry's survival and the livelihood of the individuals who are a part of it.

When we were first thrown into lockdown, we turned to entertainment and we turned to local parks or beaches. We knew that what was going to save us and keep us sane were the arts and nature. Why turn our back on something we know is a core pillar of humanity and community?

I implore Auckland Council not to proceed with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding, and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

I am more than happy for you to contact me regarding my submission.

Sincerely,

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Bump rates up as most can afford an extra $8.33 per week.

Try however to not take too much funding from regional services as the work that occurs through the organization could potentially reduce costs on the council in the future. E.g reducing homelessness could reduce the manhours required to repair vandalism, police work, donation work etc etc.

Education programs may potentially give people more options to generate income through their own means instead of depending on social services which will in turn decrease the cost associated with these services down the line.

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Tell us why: Keep the shares as they look to be increasing in value over the past 2 years. Although a dividend hasn't been paid since 2019 the potential 20mil+ dividend you could gain if a dividend were to be paid at 10 cents per share could be used to increase your p

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Ensure that part of this budget doesnt go towards just future proofing infrastructure but also incentivizing big business and small bossiness to function in a non-harmful manner to the environment.

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Tell us why: Don't reduce the tree planting and growth of parks

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: '- Do not proceed with maintaining the reduced number of public transport services for 23/24. Convenient public transport should remain a priority given Auckland's rising population, housing intensification and visitor numbers, and climate goals.

- Any changes to funding at Auckland Unlimited should be considered against the economic benefits from events and other services that it provides. Any changes to pricing at venues should be tiered to remain accessible to lower-income earners. Perhaps a higher rate to international visitors could be instated.

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- Do not support cuts to ECEs for the above reason.

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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: Over the long term, retaining would be in Auckland's best interests. It's important for Auckland to have an investment in the airport. Obtaining equivalent shares after the sale would be very difficult.

A partial sale is a 'last resort' option.

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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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: It is so important to retain and maintain services that meet needs, provide opportunities and support the community to navigate life, learn, contribute and connect e.g. parks, libraries, service centres. These services are particularly important for those

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

These cost reductions are short sighted. I would far rather have my rates increased, than see Auckland's Arts community knee-capped in this way. I am happy to pay more for Arts funding, well-funded libraries, Auckland Zoo, Auckland Museum, Auckland Art Gallery etc via my rates.

The Arts are not a luxury, they are a necessity. The Arts create a vibrant city where people want to live, and enables local residents to lead fulfilling, balanced, fun lives. The correlation between the Arts and Mental Health has been proven many times over - drama, music and dance are central to our experience as human beings, they let us know we are not alone in the world, they hold the mirror up to reflect ourselves (right now, I don't like what I'm seeing in that mirror!).

The Arts keep us human and sane and questioning, the Arts keep the city growing and changing, the Arts also pump a lot of money into our economy, including the numerous support businesses that spring up around Arts venues and activities - hospitality and tourism will also be major losers here. And we will get increased problems with wellbeing/mental health. Humans needs the Arts to lead balanced lives, this is not questioned offshore - why do you visit cities like London, Berlin and New York? It's because of their Arts and museums and the cultural life that surrounds them. New Zealand has always had a strange attitude to the Arts, as if it was somehow a luxury rather than an essential and vital part of what it means to be human. It's time we changed that outdated attitude.

I am an actor. I'm lucky to live in central Auckland but precious few actors can afford to live in the central city anymore, because the cost of living is so high. If Council proceeds with these cuts we will lose many more artists - from all disciplines - from Auckland, because there will be no work for them, and the city and it's citizens will suffer, tourism will suffer. Other cities will benefit from the exodus, because people want to live where there is vibrant culture and the expression of that is in the Arts.

We should be doing the opposite of these proposed cuts, we should be using this crisis to re-prioritise what actually matters - leading healthy, balanced lives... which brings us back to the importance of fostering the Arts.

I always go to Pasifika, to the Grey Lynn Festival, I love Music in Parks and Movies in Parks events, I used to really love the Art in the Dark sculpture that used to be an annual fixture in Western Park. I love popping in to the Art Gallery when I am in town, and the Auckland Museum has given my family so much joy over the years - the kids room in particular was always a life-saver on rainy days. These are the events that make our city unique and fun.

That's why we live in this big expensive city - because here we can access to the work of our creative communities, and here we have great community facilities which are simultaneously world-class attractions. Increase our rates rather than reduce our access to these facilities.

The Arts and these important local facilities are not something that is simply nice-to-have, they are fundamental in creating a vibrant thriving city where people want to live.

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Tell us why: Selling our shares in AIAL is shortsighted and should not proceed. AIAL will be an ongoing source of revenue for Auckland Council well into the future - it's a monopoly, and everyone will always need an airport. Selling for short-term gain is a mistake,

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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 rather pay more rates and live in a thriving vibrant well-balanced city, which nurtures the arts and artists, where community events are valued, and where public facilities are adequately funded to provide free essential services for all our resid

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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 these are most important to you: 1. Our creative communities are what makes Auckland a lovely city to live in, and they wont survive if these cuts go ahead, we need to invest in our Arts communities and help them thrive.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Literally all of them. There is so much productivity, convenience and positive Arts and cultural impact in there.

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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 speaking I think Government asset sales are idiotic and short sighted. There are of course exceptions to this, and admittedly I don't know the full Pros and cons of this proposal. I do however Like the idea of less privatisation if Auckland Airp

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Tell us why: Debt is just kicking the Problem down the road, and comes with the increased expense of interest. I think it's useful for huge projects to split the expense over a long time span, but overall can't be relied on for everything. Increase the damn rates and

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Tell us why: Preparing for Storms is smart. Do it. Sticking our heads in the sand and ignoring the issue to save money is not smart.

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

Auckland Council needs to implement flood prevention for the Mangere residents living next to the Tarata Stream (Te Ararata Creek). This has been in Council's planning for some years and needs to be prioritised urgently to prevent loss of life and propert

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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 - these are part of what makes Auckland a livable city

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 - all of these things contribute to making Auckland more than just a place to do business, but a vibrant city and community.

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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: The shares are a long-term revenue stream for the 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

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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: Some debt is fine, but the council needs to live within its means year in year out

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: No-brainer. Extreme weather events are going to become more common; let's try to alleviate the cost by preparing better for them.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: They are responsible and future-focussed

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are one of the ways that the council meets the ratepayer and is an important service.

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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:

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Tell us why: Do not sell our future generations need them

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Unbelievably bad question why aren't councils ownership of Golf courses questioned

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What do you think of these proposals? Why is it that only community programmers are targeted. What about golf courses which are only used by a small elite portion of the community

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Sell the golf courses

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: do not proceed with any reductions! Property owners CAN AFFORD a rates increase, they live in this city and they should be obliged to contribute to its cultural infastructure.

Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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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 shares! They are an asset we must keep

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: Property owners can afford the higher rates increase and should stop being babies about 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:

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: Re-open the library!!!!! it is a community asset, and need

If funding for local board 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: libraries are the cornerstone of civilisation - providing knowledge, a shred public space, opportunities for empowerment (eg. resources to learn and apply for jobs), enrichment, 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? people with pools should pay the full costs of compliance inspections.

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?

community cultural events, art, libraries, property owners paying their fair share for the city they live in

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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: Do not proced with reducing funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited, local board funded activities, regional grants or regional services.

Reducing funding in this area will devastate Auckland's arts and culture sector. As an arts professional I cannot overstate how this will affect my life, my career, my hapiness, and that of my peers. Artists already struggle as it is, making it even harder will not affect our lives; but the lives of those we affect in turn.

The pandemic proved the importance of the arts, and in times such as these, it's a time to be bold and invest in our city and the people in it. Cutting this funding will, in many cases, actively harm if not destroy orgnaizations. 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. This sort of reduction in funding will cost the city greatly and will be incredibly hard to reverse the harms of.

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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: Selling off every asset the council has is, in the long term, not a wise move for the continued health and economic viability of the city.

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: Ultimately, we cannot have a world class city without paying for it. Debt levels for the city are at perfectly healthy levels and I would support a rates increase if it meant we continued to actually fund things at sustainable levels.

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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: Considering the council refuses to take climate change as seriously as they should, the council should prepare adequetly for future storms.

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? As I have stated previously, we cannot have a world class city without paying for it.

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

I cannot believe that any member the council or any local board can, in good conscience, look at the likely implications in the supporting information and be at peace with that.

Limited or no arts funding, community groups left to struggle, green spaces

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

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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 will be very difficult to return the land and future value of the shares to the public once these shares are sold, which has major implications for mana whenua and Māori land interests.

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: Rate changes including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and

the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $50

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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:

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I don't believe Auckland has been run as efficiently as it could have been. Too much empire building eg Panuku. Too many employees often being paid too generously.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to Auckland Unlimited, do not reduce funding to arts and culture programmes

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? 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? 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 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?) Sports and activities in parks, 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.	
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? Swimming pool compliance should be user pays

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?

Protect arts and culture in Auckland, protect our events - do not reduce funding in these areas! They are so important to our city.

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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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing public transport negatively impacts both the most financially disadvantaged citizenry and also any attempts to mitigate climate change.

Reduction of funding for the zoo, arts and culture venues and events will adversely affect how our city sits with relation to the rest of the world. These represent major draw cards for tourism, both local and international, as well as catering to the large population of the country who have zero interest in sport. Large music and cultural events draw enormous crowds and also provide revenue for the city via temporary accommodation, dining and transport hire.

Reducing community funding will further adversely affect poorer areas and contribute to rising homelessness.

Reducing library funding also has an adverse affect on disadvantaged communities, some of whom have no other means of internet access or computer literacy. As well for many people who cannot access library services during working hours due to work or caregiving commitments. Citizens advice is an invaluable resource for those unable to afford legal advice and for those citizens who have arrived from elsewhere and have no other sources of information available to them

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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 short sighted move which provides too little benefit for the future loss of such an important property

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: Climate change is recognised worldwide and to reduce funding for water and

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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: STOP THE CUTS art and culture is needed in our community! I don't understand how you stick with Auckland transport and the way they operate and then turn to arts and culture to cut. I'm 22 years old and I speak for so many young people when I say that not fixing your transport system (because it's actually the worst thing I have ever seen in my life) and turning to the one thing that actually gives us joy is so sad.

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: just don't take away arts and culture funding like..... what are you guys doing

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:

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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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? Fix auckland transport and STOP THE CUTS on arts and culture

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?

STOP THE CUTSSSS

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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 <u>not</u> 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 .

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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? 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

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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

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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: Continuing the reduced amount of public transport on our roads is an unsustainable and laughable proposal. Our city is struggling under heaving numbers of traffic, and for the majority of us who are not privileged enough to work from home, we have to right to a reasonable commute. Something that we are more than willing to pay for. We all know our transport system is a mess, the generation before us was too cowardly to pay to fix it — but we are not. Charge my account, and build the 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? I don't know

Tell us why: I do not feel informed enough to make a useful contribution to this decision.

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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:

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: Until we have infrastructure that is sustainable enough to cope with the forces of the natural disasters to come, we will unfortunately need to increase our budgets to cope with the damage, and in reinforcing what we have.

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 support these priorities, however the proposed budget cuts are antithetical to these priorities. Therefore I do not believe that with these budget cuts in the specific areas that they are proposed to occur, that these priorities can be realised.

If funding for local board 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: Climate resilience should be our greatest priority right now, to try and prevent future disaster level effects. Libraries are essential public hubs for our community, especially children, elderly, and the disenfranchised and homeless. Similarly, 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	
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:

• 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?

I strongly recommend that the majority of these proposed budget amendments are seriously reviewed. In particular, those that are cutting funding to climate action, environmental protection, and community support.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1) public transport services

2) Tataki Auckland Unlimited

3) regional services

4) local board funded activities

5) regional contestable grants

Increase rates instead

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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: Stock holding is risky- the airport is a high risk asset. Sell, reduce the debt and use the proceeds for public works.

I don't trust anyone else to invest my own money. Why would I ask the Auckland Council to invest my rates for me. It's not their job an

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 rates and the CV matches inflation. Makes sense (I'm a home owner).

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 expect rates to go up. Spend the money properly, please.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities listed are intangible and don't deal with factual, realistic issues.

Given the current climate why is the first listed priority "helping people feel welcome "

If funding for local board 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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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 bus service is poor—substandard. Please prioritize

7. What else is important to you?

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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 <u>not</u> 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: This is a long term investment. Tthe shares are bound to return dividends.

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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

Puketāpapa 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?) Mt Roskill Library hours, Parks maintenance, including mowing, 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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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Tell us why:

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

The arts need every bit of support possible.

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

Tell us why: The Council should both set a higher 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:

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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't support any cuts to these services.

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.	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).

• 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 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: Wayne Brown talked a big game and can't walk the walk with some of these proposals - selling the airport shares is a prime example of this. A one off sale is essentially the same as raising debt - it doesnt address the issue at heart - Auckland council is spending to much money. However cutting key services such as public transport (currently dire) and culture (making our city great) is a shocking idea.

Wayne Brown needs to challenge the govt and the new minister of Auckland to invest in our city and shoulder some of the burden, whilst cutting down on operating expenses particularly staffing costs - does AT need to spend $190m on staff??

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: A one off sale is essentially the same as raising debt - it doesnt address the issue at heart - Auckland council is spending to much money.

The airport is a strategic asset for Auckland and NZ and we should retain our ownership stake to ensure they alig

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 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.

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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, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to ensure community participation and make Eden- Albert a great place to live

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
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? Salaried staff pay across the council and other CCOs needs to be reviewed.

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?

'Its sad to see the budget come to this. Clearly the council and CCOs arent being run efficiently. However as the biggest city we should demand more from the Govt to support Auckland be a leader in culture and economic development, with the proposed cuts

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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 <u>not</u> 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? 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? 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?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, 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	
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.	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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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 <u>not</u> 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?

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?

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

Waitākere Ranges 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?) Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Parks volunteers 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?

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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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 reductions and believe all of the above is necessary to a vibrant Auckland that is an enjoyable place to live. I support increased public transport as a tool to mitigate climate change and all social services that improve people's lives and wellbeing including the public venues managed by Tākaki auckland and youth centres and local board funding and early childhood education - all of these are vital

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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

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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: council should set HIGHER rates and consider borrowing - I am prepared to pay higher rates to keep the services I feel make Auckland great. Or you could sell the golf courses.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: All of the above are important and worthy of funding and make Auckland a better place to live

If funding for local board 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, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

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.	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 passionate about living in a city with well funded and reliable public transport, vibrant and healthy parks and community spaces such as libraries and public pools that remain accessible and funded and also arts events that make Auckland a beautiful

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These cuts are regressive and will damage goodwill in the 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.

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 best to retain some ownership in this essential service for the city and its continued development.

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? 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: Both are worthwhile solutions provided they are planned and managed well to deliver optimal results for citizens.

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: Again, if done with optimal planning and management.

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: Cuts are usually regressive and have a negative impact on communities. Even in difficult economic times, we need to maintain engagement and financial support in vital areas such as education, leisure and the arts.

If funding for local board 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, Sports and activities in parks

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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals? In general, we should target rates so that the biggest burden is borne by those with the broadest shoulders. So tax the rich and spare the poor!

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?
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 don't take away services that are integral to a happy, safe and exciting, vibrant city. Many of the reductions seem to be taking away economic opportunity not only for Auckland but for the communities the activities are held. I feel that the cuts are a knee jerk and pretty lazy ill thought out proposal. I am disappointed to see that the cuts target youth, different cultures, different sexual orientation or gender, public transport and sustainability programmes. I know good drainage is important but that alone does not make a liveable city.

The cuts also target programmes that actually create economic growth, business opportunities, local procurement and create jobs such as the work of Tataki Auckland Unlimited, The Southern Initiative and the Western Initiative.

Where is the analysis that presents the economic benefits for the proposed things to cut?

How come the consultation time is so short? It feels like railroading and decisions will be rushed - these cuts will impact many.

It seems the main decision for these cuts has been purely financial or if a cut can be legally or contractually done.

It also seems that the Mayor is making cuts to things that won't have any impact on his voter base i.e rich ,white people and probably old. Such an un-mayoral and unprofessional way to manage a city for its' citizens.

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Tell us why: Some money is needed so a partial sell is best.

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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: A general rates rise is more democratic and will spread the 'cost' across all citizens.

It will affect those in areas of need, but the 'cost' in jobs, equity, economic opportunity, skills pathways, social outcomes and wellbeing from the proposed budget

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 protect the city as much as possible from future weather events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the cutting on Local Board budgets, including those in Albert-Eden. Everything that has been proposed has important social and economic impact and should be covered by rates increases

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: this question is bonkers - as per further up I am not wanting any cuts and that includes library hours - where would people access the internet, gain knowledge and have company to stop loneliness?

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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 am very shocked about the way the Mayor seems to be so rude about council employees. It is very unprofessional and I am very surprised he isn't getting better support in the areas of emotional intelligence and leadership. The way he is so ignorant abo

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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 funding from the arts. It's an already struggling part of society and jobs are precious. The amount of uplift and spirit it brings to the culture of Tamaki Makaurau is vital

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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:

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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 don't support cuts to Arts and culture programs, which are essential for social cohesion and for reinforcing "nz values"...

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Tell us why: I support the "blocking stake" approach.

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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 seems a fairly balanced approach

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Tell us why: We need to have an emergency nest egg

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I am strongly supportive of protecting and developing libraries; and I am committed to "green" values of further planting and enhancing public parks

If funding for local board 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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: These reflect my personal values.

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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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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: Reducing funding to the people through these proposed cuts will only negatively impact our people and psyche as a city. Without proper funding toward community events, funding for the arts and public spaces our future whakapapa of Tāmaki Makaurau will inherit a lifeless amalgamation of unliveable issues, in turn leading to more people leaving than have been currently.

Issues include the accessibility to public transport - as the proposed cuts actively regress progress toward a freer flowing city whist also aligning with overall climate goals. Public funding for art programs such as Auckand Live and other community programs will result in the decimation of safe community spaces accessible to all - a crux in every highly functioning large city.

If these reductions to funding are to go ahead, it will be an act of active regression from our vision of a large city with a community focus, to that of a city focused on making things bearable.

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: Assets may not be valuable in the midst of a depression - so it seems short to sell them when rates could be increased instead.

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? Other

Tell us why: Council should set both a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt - including a scaled capital evaluation proportion to rates, this would generate more for the council whilst remaining fair to those at risk amongst the cost of living cr

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: Additional resources are needed to go towards further prevention of these storms occuring (ie climate policies, public transport etc.) Public infrastructure to cope with these storms and further public involvement in schemes (ie diversity in lawn berms, r

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: In the above description - these events bring our community together. Even at their current state funding for these programs do not go far - these cuts would essentially decimate community programs and result in the culture of Tāmaki Makaurau also plungin

If funding for local board 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: My choices are elucidated above - but these three are integral to the future survival of this city, for the generations to follow.

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? Make food scrap collections available to all areas.

The CATR was introduced with overwhelming public agreement - and in the continuation of making Tāmaki Makaurau a liveable city for the generations beyond us - we have to invest more in public transport,

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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You would be removing all the services that are of consequence to us as citizens

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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: Airport shares provide income too

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 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? 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.	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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Absolutely do not proceed with any of these reductions. Community services are what keep a people alive and well. Libraries, art funding and accessible public transport are particularly valuable and essential resources for the wellbeing and liveability of a city - cutting these would be literally disabling to thousands of people. We need to invest in our future children, and to support those who wish to live and thrive in our city. The climate crisis makes investment in public transport especially necessary.

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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 would you sell when shares are at their lowest value - seems very financially irresponsible (and short sighted!).

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

Tell us why: Set higher general rates 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: The importance of investing in storm water infrastructure has never been more necessary - the devastation experienced by entire communities, the displacement of families, and destruction of homes caused by the flooding and cyclone are just the beginning i

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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am absolutely opposed to all of the proposed cuts to community, arts and climate action funding. In particular, I believe the proposed cuts to library funding, climate action, and community services that prioritise diversity and youth voice will be detr

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available.

I am concerned with the Council reprioritising the CATR established last year with OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT. We need a sustained commitment to buses, cycleways and walkways in our city, please. T

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?

Cut the mayors salary in half, and replace him with someone who is future focused, ethically responsible, and passionate about the community/communities they serve. We have had our futures derailed for too many years by men who believe they can do a bett

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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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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, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Historically, selling our assets (in particular, transport) has been disastrous for us. In 2008 we faced a Canadian Pension fund attempting to buy out the airport but we successfully blocked the sale. I understand the mayor's argument to be that the airpo

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Tell us why: It's impossible for me to own a house in this city let alone a business. Hike the rates all you want, I'm doomed to leaky rentals where the landlords always get away with it.

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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 least you could do. Fix the storm water drains, fix all our damn drains, people have been taking about this for years. Worse natural disasters are coming.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I hope this means more funding for the libraries. It probably won't, I heard about the mayor's ideas to cut staff and replace them with volunteers, so hopefully a few million dollars means he isn't planning something so asinine as that.

We need to invest

If funding for local board 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: The environmental stuff truly seems like piss in the pot, I think on some fundamental level you know the severity, magnitude and insane scope of what's coming. If I'm doomed to the next few years of horrorific natural disasters coupled by nil response fro

Whau Local Board

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Tell us why: Seems reasonable though I'd hasten to add they can always do more to reach their local communities.

If funding for local board 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 opening hours, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Now more than ever community is important.

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What do you think of these proposals? Charging for bins is bullshit. A "one off" changing size fee is even more bullshit. Just make them free.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Fix the goddamn storm drains and don't cut the arts funding. Fix public transport.

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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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Auckland Council needs to implement flood prevention for the Mangere residents living next to the Tarata Stream (Te Ararata Creek). This has been in Council's planning for some years and needs to be prioritised urgently to prevent loss of life and propert

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Other

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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: 1) I do support "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"

2) Yes I also support the sell of $2.9B worth of golf courses o

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Tell us why: Are really $20M going to make a dent in the serious overhaul the stormwater system needs? This is not only operating money the system needs, it's overhauling planning and zoning rules, the problem is systemic

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Tell us why: Local Boards are a cumbersome remnant of an old policy system, they shouldn't even exist. Modernize how Auckland is managed, that's what should happen

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reductions. Detrimental to the heart of 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.

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

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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? 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:

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, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: We must be progressive in our actions in regards to climate.

The arts and community events are important. We would become such a boring Grey city.

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

Please protect the arts and theatre community. It is an integral part of community and expression. Don't make Auckland boring!

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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: a bigger effort must be made by the council to reduce rates rises to a minimum, well below the propose 6%+

big infrastructure projects like the rail link must be funded more by central government as this benefits the whole country

council must stick to core business, look after the ratepayers and the local environment

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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 airport share sale,

Keep the Arts and community funding. Look after the homeless, disabled and the elderly.

This would help the council keep faith with ratepayers and facilitate continued access to the cultural history and richness that

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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:

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Tell us why: the proposed 6%+ rates increase is too big.

the average household rates bill is already too large for families who struggle to get any kind of wage increase.

the council needs to improve the life of ordinary people rather than spending big on infrastruc

If funding for local board 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: the council needs to show it is listening and is interested in look after access to the things that add quality to life, not just tunnels and drains

the interface with the council on this issue leaves me with a feeling of dread.

council needs to go out o

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not cut funding to 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. Also early childhood education. Also the public transportation system is already under great strain and needs to grow as the population of Auckland continues to grow.

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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:

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? 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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million

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Tell us why:

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?) Parks planning, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration and pest control activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Mowing service levels on reserves

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 grants fund, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme), Environmental education activities

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

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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 wouldn't make reductions in any category because we need good public transport and rich art, culture and community life. We shouldn't put extra cost for art, culture and leisure activities to people that are already in a housing crisis (for example renting , not owning their home, facing rental prices increasing because of inflation). However the owners of properties have in majority cases made a profit with the increase of value of realestate. It is insignificant increase in rates compared to other factors.

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:

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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:

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 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.	
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.	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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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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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

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?

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?) Parks planning, 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

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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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is vital for a sustainable future, reducing funding for public transport would make it less accessible and increase need for car use. Public transport is affordable and cutting it would disadvantage many rate payers

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

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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:

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 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:

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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- 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is the only means accessible for me to go to University and work. Cuts to these services, and making them more expensive, would significantly disadvantage me compared to those who drive. Cutting funding to community, arts and culture is removing the heart of what makes it worth living in this 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: It is unwise to sell these assists when the market is at a low point

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: The Council should both set a higher 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: As was made clear by the storm this year, It's important that we make Auckland resilient to future crisis events

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.	Do not support

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?
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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 get a good income from this

3. Managing rates and debt

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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? 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: as long maintenance of drains trees and berns are maintained

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 need to have a future plan to be able to cover these one off storms, again maintain and clean out the drains, what has our rate paid for ?? unnecessary employees

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: This is a great asset to drive community and Business, removing AT would help

If funding for local board 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, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: we shouldn't lose any of these

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.	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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• 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?

I feel the maintaining of trees and drains have not been done, we have to many consultants and not enough employees able to make decisions, we need clearer contact avenues and more efficient responses and no more bullshit and miss management of Auckland r

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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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because our level of debt is still comparatively low versus other councils and the reductions would come at the cost of people who are most marginalised and would make Auckland a worse place with less activities, art and culture.

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: Selling the shares is short term thinking. The value will rise especially when more travellers start coming back into the country.

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Auckland Council can afford more debt - this is clearly the case versus other councils globally

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 will be an ongoing risk in the future and therefore we must be better prepared

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: All seems logical

If funding for local board 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, 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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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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts, culture, community, zoo

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.

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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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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?) Local community events, 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

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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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Plenty of wealthy people not paying their fair share. Multiple properties, dodging tax, underpaying workers. Male them pay for the damage the do.

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: Selling the shares gives bad actors a way in. Keep our facilities in house, manage them better, help provide open borders and pathways for international workers and interest.

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: Target rates at wealthy people, better way to do that is to acrue capital from property owners. Though, I would target only multiple property owners, not single home owners.

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: Hold developers and land owners accountable for their reckless building practices. Require them to fix this, and not the tax payer alone. Justice should served outright.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce funding. I don't care where you get the money from, but impacting the people who get stuck by the reckless spending and bad pay of companies that employ our population negatively should not be even remotely an option. Make companies and weal

If funding for local board 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: Because the hand is forced. If we have to pick one thing, it needs to be environment and it needs to be now, and it needs to be durastic. Business and wealthy people need to fix the mess that they alone of have made.

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What do you think of these proposals? More money and more disruption in and caused by reducing carbon emissions durastically right now.

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?

Open protections for vulnerable people - homeless, immigrant, renters, students, queer, racially profiled. If we have flourishing vulnerable population, we have happy society.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I'm happy to pay for these services and think they are an essential part of our 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? 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? 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 increased rates as long as it is in line with 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:

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, 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.	
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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?

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Submitter details

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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.

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

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:

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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 our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These spaces, places and events are crucial to the reason for people to remain in Auckland and will continue to draw new, young and capable to people to the city.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We should both set higher general rates as well as make greater use of debt in an effective and efficient way.

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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 Auckland Anniversary floods are not a one-off event, these will continue to occur at greater and greater frequency based on scientific data - we need to be prepared to invest in future resilience in order to reduce the future costs associated with the

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? We need to include an expansion of green-waste relating collection as it is a clear way forward to reducing the amount of rubbish that ends up in the landfill. It's so important for people to separate this at home and have the ability to dispose of this

7. What else is important to you?

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Maintaining reduced public transport is ridiculous. 1) People need frequent, reliable transport to get to work, especially those on lower incomes, students etc. The auckland transport system is unreliable as it is and need to be IMPROVED, not cut funding. 2) To meet our climate change goals, public transport is key to reduce car use and encouraging low emission transport.

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

They should NOT reduce the NETR and WQTR. This is highly irresponsible and damaging in the current climate crisis and biodiversity crisis. We need to protect the enviro

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Tell us why: This is important considering future climate change.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I particularly support addressing climate change and greenspaces. This is future proofing for the next generations.

If funding for local board 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: I think protecting the environment and meeting our climate change obligations are very important. Connecting people with nature is key, and volunteering etc achieves this. However, these options are ALL important. Protecting the environment shouldn't come

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What do you think of these proposals? I am concerned with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate to reduce costs to Auckland Transport—who are also proposing to permanently cut hundreds of buses a day—instead of using it to improve and increase services. I also support more i

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?

CABs are so important to the community. I have used them multiple times this year. Every time I have been there, to different branches too, they have been busy. Full of people from all walks of life, cultures etc, asking for help and so importantly, being

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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:

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? 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:

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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, 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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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 fear for the fate of our beautiful city and the damage to the communities that make it a great place to live. I oppose cuts to stormwater management, public transport, local environmental programmes, and sustainable urban regeneration. I oppose cuts of Auckland Unlimited, any of the arts that make us a culturally rich melting pot, and I oppose limits placed on The Southern Initiative to support Maori and Pasifika business through social procurement.

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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 16% stake is the lowest public equity in an airport company in New Zealand. The Airport company paid dividends in most years pre pandemic. This is a strategic asset being sold into private hands at a time when aviation is recovering and growing, which

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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: I believe our rates are low compared with many others; taxes are a good thing and they build public good, healthy communities and shared futures.

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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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are not the only important ones and I object to being forced to name three. Do not kill our Auckland communities or pretend that this prioritising exercise means I support cuts to any of the above activities. It is a dishonest approach to a submis

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What do you think of these proposals?

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The Auckland Council should become a Living Wage Employer and model social procurement for directly employed and contracted workers delivering services on a regular and ongoing basis.

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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: It is not a good time to be selling shares, when the market is at a low point. Better to hold onto this asset and leverage it for future revenue.

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Tell us why: Recent flooding events and the greater regularity of severe climate events put the city at risk. Our stormwater management is vital to our infrastructure and is in urgent need of attention following decades of neglect. It's not acceptable that we have raw

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the reduction of funding to these activities and services. The reduction of funding appears to be in direct contradiction to the key priorities outlined above. By reducing or discontinuing funding for the services outlined in the Annual B

If funding for local board 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: All of these services are important to me, and to the local community I live in. I support increasing rates and making greater use of debt to continue to fund all services without reduction.

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available - there is no sense in sending biodegradable food waste to landfill. I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways to get more people out of their cars and into improved and increased publi

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

Please don't destroy our local communities and the environment we all live in, through underfunding and budget cuts. It's a short-sighted approach to a small financial gain now, but only creating longer term problems that will ultimately end up costing 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: That is very shortsighted and I rely on these services as do many other members of the community.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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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, 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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is not a luxury

The Events sector is vital for the Auckland tourism economy

All these cuts are low value and will have huge negative impact.

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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: Investing in infrastructure and wellbeing

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Sports facilities are vital for the health of Tamariki and Rangitahi and should not be cut

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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: Having a stake will being more in interest in the long run

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Tell us why: People are already starting to struggle with higher living cost.

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Tell us why: This should already be part of the ongoing long term budfet/plan

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Tell us why: Communities are important to give people the support if it wasn't for these things I don't know what to do

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reduction of spending on educational and arts programs.

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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? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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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? 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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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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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.	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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

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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 sale of shares like this ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporations who are likely to buy these

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

Tell us why: Rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $5

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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?) 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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What do you think of these proposals? Extend the food scraps services beyond Auckland's remaining urban and semi-urban parts, to cover all of Auckland

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?

Invest in our city, our people and our future.

Auckland Council should be investing now – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back.

These investments can be funded through a mix of bo

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any reduction in funding the contributes to the arts communities. These communities make monumental sacrifices. They work for sub standard pay, long hours, are under resourced and do not get the respect they deserve. Even with the challenges these communities face, they still manage to flourish. When arts communities flourish in a city, the city is alive. The expensive rent, terrible public transport, traffic and the lack of city planning is bearable because people can go enjoy some music, or a show, or some comedy or a live performance.

A city is just concrete walls without it's culture. This budget seems to be utterly out of touch with what the city needs. Increase the rates and keep the arts 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?

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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: '- Public transport is essential and needs properly funded by Auckland Council so reliance on cars can be decreased and air pollution can be decreased. This benefits all.

- I believe that individual mental health is very important for the benefit of the whole community: less crime and less costs to our health services. Therefore services that help us be happy like Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums need to be fully supported by Auckland council, especially after the lingering effects (economic and on individual mental health) of Covid lockdowns.

- Community and education programmes and other regional services are already under-funded for the needs of our community and the funding need to be increased to meet the need of the aucklanders

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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 major strategic asset and should be held in the hands of Auckland Council and not private hands in order to plan for 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 and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Rates Levy are an important strategic tool of the Auckland Council and should be used to re-distribute the wealth in manner to benefit all Aucklanders

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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 don't forget that the communities (like Gribblehirst Hub to which I belong) where a key part of the response to the January floodings and their fundings should not be cut.

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, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: As an immigrant to this country, I value the support the community activities and centres have given me (when you do not have family support)

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR is key and should be valued and remain for the foreseeable future.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I am extremely worried if this budget goes ahead that the soul of Auckland will be lost and that social tensions will exacerbate.

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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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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.

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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 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, Local community events, Parks planning

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.	Do not support

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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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.

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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:

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:

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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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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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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 <u>not</u> 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: Keep the shares but find more savings.

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

Tell us why: No rates increases, more savings.

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 is basic infrastructure that ought to be in place already. Cut other areas and fund the basic functions of storm & waste water management properly.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are total crap.

If funding for local board 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: Best of a bad bunch.

Waitākere Ranges 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 that these priorities are generally appropriate

If funding for local board 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 volunteers and restoration of local waterways, Parks planning and investigations, Local parks and facilities maintenance

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parks are important.

Whau Local Board

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Tell us why: They are not in my interest.

If funding for local board 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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Please do not proceed with:

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My family and I do not support these cost reductions. The arts plays key role in the development of communities and society and our family treasures the broad range of performing acts that is available for all cultures and communities across Auckland. Auckland Live particularly plays a fundamental role to positioning Auckland and NZ in a growing and vital arts scene. These types of services are why we chose to live in Auckland and why friends from other cities and countries come to visit Auckland. Cutting off funding to the arts is like cutting off the nerve centre of the city.

The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will definitely negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors for the medium and long term. We have to move away from knee-jerk short termism when it comes to making decisions for the wellbeing of Aucklanders in the longer term.

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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: Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of what

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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 re build and restabilise the city but also ensure that climate resilience is front of mind so any rebuild plans need to take into account the likely impacts on the city of climate change.

Our street had flooding of well over half a metre and i

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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from covid, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our family and communities are feeling.

If funding for local board 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? We strongly support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways. We are concerned about the levels of on road congestion on a daily basis and believe that we need to facilitate modal shift across Auckland to incentivise more public and personal modes

7. What else is important to you?

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

'I wish to reiterate that my family and care deeply about the following areas and wish funding relating to them to NOT be cut or reduced in any way:

- performing arts

- climate change

- public transport, cycle ways and walking routes

- pest control and re

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reductions to funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Do not proceed with reductions to regional services. Do not proceed with reducing local board funding activities. Do not proceed with reducing regional contestable grants.

My family and I do not support these proposed cost reductions. These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services. These types of services are why we choose to live in a city and we have actively chosen to live in Auckland over Wellington for the vibrancy of its creative sector and community strength and diversity.

The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's arts, culture and community sectors. When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and culture 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. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost more in the long term.

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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 would sacrifice future revenue on an asset that will only grow in value for the city. It appears to be short-term response that lacks in consideration of future generations.

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: Suggest should both set a higher general rates increase and make great 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: Long term under investment in infrastructure needs to be addressed. Auckland and Aucklanders will benefit from this focus in the future. These types of climate related emergencies are only going to increase and Auckland needs to work fast and hard to pr

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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

If funding for local board 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: The library is critical to our community - everyone should have access to reading and a safe place to work or study or rest.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? My family and I strongly support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways. These are an important way that we can personally contribute to meeting Auckland's climate emergency responsibilities as well as our own.

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

- Reducing regional services,

- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

Such a sizeable reduction in net funding will have a huge negative impact on Auckland's art, culture and community sectors, and the local economy.

The arts and cultural sector is critical to bringing Auckland's diverse communities together, making the city more inclusive and improving social cohesion, wellbeing and quality of life. It's important that we continue to invest in the essential arts and cultural events throughout Auckland, and in our arts and cultural organisations who have such a big impact on our communities, working to creating shared experiences that bring Aucklanders together, opening minds, not to mention attracting visitors from throughout New Zealand and overseas - boosting our profile and the local economy.

The arts and cultural sectors are critical to the local economy, creating jobs and making 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.

Arts and culture are 'not nice-to-haves' that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shut. It is not only the organisations who receive this funding directly who will be impacted but all the organisations that are connected in the delicate ecosystem - in particular, retail and hospitality businesses, who have struggled through the pandemic and rely on live events.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run, both financially and in the health and reputation of the city.

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

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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:

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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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.

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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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not remove any of the services that support vulnerable peoples (e.g. CAB). Do not reduce funding for community groups and entertainment/arts (zoo, theatre, etc)

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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.

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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? 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 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 maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the facilities our family uses the most

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.	Other

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 support the proposed spending reductions. The reduction in funding will have a long term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency.

Instead support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increasing borrowing, and increasing general rates at least to the rate of inflation (rather than the proposed 4.66% increase).

Maximise alternative sources of funding such as increasing on street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides.

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Tell us why: Keep our current airport shareholding because once gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

An important reason to keep our airport shareholding is because the airport is a strategic social and economic

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

Tell us why: Support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making greater use of debt.

Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres.

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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 the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council’s ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring al

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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: They seem the very, very basics of providing an environment where people can look after their health and wellbeing (and by extension, their family's and community's).

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What do you think of these proposals? I support a food waste collection service rolled out for city centre residents

I support more investment in public transport, walking, cycleways and safer roads.

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I do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming public support. It should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not support any of these changes as they cut at the heart of our arts industry as well as those in public transport and ECE. It stupifies me that this can even be considered in 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? 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 have no particular comment on this one, but saving money here seems important.

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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 unexpected devastation of those storms hit very hard and as always we will be slow to recover. It is imperative we try to lessen the impact of these crises in future by preparing properly now.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts arrived the livelihood of our Auckland patrons and these should not be impacted when all humans rely knowingly or not on art or entertainment.

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The key issue here seems to be the targeted strikes against the arts and culture industry. These need to be supported. Not hindered.

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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.

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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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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:

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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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.	

What do you think of these proposals?

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with 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? 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: Retain some shareholdings as an asset for Auckland

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: To help with our budget challenge

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: Proposal too expensive

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 support community connection, libraries and community centres, parks and tree planting

If funding for local board 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: Huge value added to community by parks, swimming pools, CABs and libraries.

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?

Community wellbeing and protecting environment

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would 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'.

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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? 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:

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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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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:

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: Set higher general rates and make greater 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:

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No arts reduction - it's essential.

Why isn't sport being targeted - how about the Remuera Golf Course as a place to start

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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: Sell it now we don't have it next time. Be more creative!!

Get rid of middle management at the council

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: Money is cheap currently. Take advantage

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: There's no choice. Climate change is here and must be addressed and planned for

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: I particularly support the great work of Pah Homestead

If funding for local board 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, Arts e.g. Pah Homestead art gallery, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Strengthening communities is vital

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? Leave the arts alone!

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. Early childhood education should be an inalienable right for the children of Auckland and no longer providing direct services for children who need it only serves to increase disparity. Reductions to fundings for Tātaki Auckland will do nothing to promote Auckland as a tourist destination, instead it will only serve to do the opposite. Auckland Public Transport currently is a national disgrace and maintaining the current service only serves to further disincentivise tourists from visiting Auckland.

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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: The sale of shares now ensures a one-off return bringing in a chunk of revenue now once and only once. All future revenue from dividends will be lost forever as will all possible opportunities to decide what happens at the 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? Other

Tell us why: Increasing debt should be seriously considered given the Council's debt is below the debt ceiling. Auckland is recovering post Covid and post flooding, it doesnt make sense to reduce debts when the council should be focused on building up the infrastructu

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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, 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? Auckland Public Transport currently is a national disgrace and the cutting of the planned increase in bus frequency funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate will only serve to further disincentivise people from visiting Auckland.

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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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 higher general rates increase and make less 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:

If funding for local board 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?

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council should not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

An increase in general rates, request central government support, new targeted rates, and a lift in parking charges are much better alternative funding mechanisms.

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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: Sale of shares like this ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake lost to multinational corporations who buy these shares. it is short sighted. Council needs to think long

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: Unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed, damaging cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $50 million in a

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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 faced property damage, health and wellbeing, and financial insecurity from flood damage as well as inflation and economic hardship. Investment in infrastructure now can help prevent some of the kinds of impacts we have seen already in 2023.

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5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: We are a community arts based organisation catering to those with high needs, who depend on community and whanau support. Cuts to the arts funding and community programmes funding will impair our services to some of our countries and communities most vul

If funding for local board 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: Cuts to community development and support would be catastrophic to our community.

People with high needs and disabilities are often marginalized and their voices not heard or ignored.

We, at Mapura Studios, support a diverse and inclusive community throug

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

it is time that all councils, Auckland especially took responsibility for sustainability and planed things with foresight for the future, not just mony grub the quickest way that is just going to be a flash in the pan. We need to grow our assets and infr

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: We lose our say in the management of a major infrastructure component of our city.

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

Tell us why: Do have both high general rate 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:

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, Parks planning, 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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

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

Continued funding for local arts and community events, improve public transport and private car alternatives. Continued sport for recreational sporting opportunities for all Aucklanders.

Review alternatives here https://betterbudgetauckland.co.nz/A-Bette

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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 <u>not</u> 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:

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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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 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

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Tell us why: Money doesn't come from nowhere does it

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

Tell us why: Careful future planning to not make things worse.

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Tell us why: Plant a few trees and get on with it

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Tell us why these are most important to you: City people are so disconnected from nature I think it makes us crazy

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Please do the best job you can and fire any useless employees that prove themselves to be useless in this organization

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am particularly concerned about the potential reductions for public transport, community organisations such as the citizens advice bureau, arts and culture funding and economic development.

As someone who lives on a main bus line that has recently been "temporarily" cancelled due to driver shortages, I am very disappointed in the Council's lack of interest and concern for making sure Auckland public transport is easy to use and not prohibitively expensive, particularly in the face of climate change, a cost of living crisis, a housing crisis and increasing traffic issues.

If I live on a main bus line, on Mount Eden Road and regularly struggle to get to work on time (due to busses being either early, non-existent or completely full) I can only imagine how difficult it is for those who live further away from the central city or who do not live on a main bus line.

It is also infuriating to read messaging from AT telling people to please try to travel off-peak and plan alternatives.

Off-peak travel means there are even less busses and ignores the obvious fact that peak traffic times exist because of common commitments dictated by businesses, and educational institutions - it is not most people's choice when they are

required to be at work or school. Although, I'm not sure the current "off-peak" traffic hours are even really realistic when every bus during peak hours is too full to stop...

I also note that when the 27T bus line was cut recently, AT suggested making alternative arrangements - given the Mount Eden Train Station is closed for 4+ years, it's a pretty laughable suggestion.

The idea that we would cut further bus services AND increase fares is honestly horrifying. We are facing a climate crisis, something the Mayor should be well aware of following the recent devastating floods that he so disastrously managed. Making reactive budget cuts to cover the costs of damage resulting from climate events is no longer (and clearly never actually was) a workable solution for climate change. We should be making proactive changes, increasing funding for public transport, improving water infrastructure, developing better public transport systems etc to help counter climate change - upfront costs now will reduce costs down the line.

Auckland traffic is also horrendous most days and cutting busses will only aggravate the issue. It will also have an impact on the ability for rangatahi to attend school and for others to get to work. I already hear numerous stories about families that cannot afford the bus fare for their children to all get to school and therefore share a single bus pass with children alternating when they go to school. Cutting buses and increasing fares will only exacerbate this problem. It will also drive people out of Auckland, at which point the Council might realise that the low wage workers who have been forced out because their income doesn't cover the cost of living, were actually doing a lot of the hard work.

I have also been involved in providing legal advice at community law centres in Auckland and am extremely disappointed that funding may be reduced/cut for this important service. If any Councillors have not been to a community law centre and heard the stories and issues facing the general population, and the lack of legal protections actually available to them, I STRONGLY urge you to engage. Citizens Advice Bureaus are one of the only options available to people that do not meet the VERY restrictive criteria for legal aid to receive any sort of legal advice.

A fundamental part of any democracy is equal access to justice, regardless of economic means. The CABs offer a critical service to provide at least some means of achieving equal access to justice by helping members of the public know and understand the law. Taking the CABs away leaves the most vulnerable without access to legal support.

As someone who in the past has had to bring claims in a tribunal and at the District Court to enforce my basic legal rights, I understand how difficult and infuriating the process of accessing “justice” can be. If I, as a lawyer, struggled with the process, I can only imagine how hard that would be for someone without the same means. Navigating the nuances of the system, taking time off work multiple times to attend hearings that were then cancelled or delayed, and spending my free time preparing evidence and submissions, all the while paying exorbitant rent in a city that is no longer affordable to live in, is something only a privileged few can even contemplate. The CABs are one of the last options a layperson can turn to make sure they are at least on the right track in navigating the legal system.

Organisations like the CAB offer free support to individuals to help them navigate the system, understand their rights and enforce those rights as much as practicable. If this Council is so intent on seeing people “pull themselves up by their own bootstraps”, you could at least leave them some bootstraps.

Cutting arts and culture funding would be another short-sighted decision from Council - if you want to attract families and growth, you have to provide for arts and culture. In addition, art and creativity reduce stress and increase productivity - as the business centre of New Zealand, Auckland should be particularly mindful of the stress many of its residents are under especially following a global pandemic and in the face of economic uncertainty.

And if it isn’t enough that arts and culture directly support the local communities that Council is established to serve, there is also the benefit to the economy. Culture and arts events bring revenue to Auckland. If you spend no money, you make no money. It’s a vicious cycle, and it digs a deeper hole to eventually try and get out of.

Cutting funding for economic development also seems counterintuitive. If the Council is fixated on getting out of debt, why would it not, at the very least, invest in economic development? Cutting funding to get out of debt, just leaves you constantly chasing to catch up - if you don’t invest now, then down the line you will just have to invest even 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? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is not a good market to be selling these shares in and once the shares are sold, it will also make it harder for Auckland to bid for large events that require airport support, and those larger events attract tourists and revenue for the city.

Please

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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 proposed general rates increase is still WELL within the affordability measure for rates suggested by the Local Government Rates Inquiry 2007, 5% of the median income.

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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 incredibly important to invest in infrastructure to improve our response to future storm events. These events will become more and more common and we need to be proactive to minimise the damage as much as possible rather than trying to fix the damag

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Tell us why: The first priority is very vague, and seems like it is in direct opposition with budget cuts to community services.

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available to them. I strongly oppose the proposed change to Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming support - seems like a waste of time and resources to re-litigate

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why: The airport is a strategic asset attracting tourists to all of NZ. Control over the airport should be retained by maintaining the council share holding.

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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: Newer builds that need infrastructure to be built to support habitation should pay proportionally higher rates decreasing to an average rate over 10 years.

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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: Auckland Universtiy Epsom campus should be repurposed for a high quality co-ed secondary school. Epsom is known for its high quality secondary schools, but none of the top schools are co-ed. We have a once only chance to start a high quality co-ed seconda

If funding for local board 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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I feel strongly that the Epsom UoA campus should be entirely repurposed to a high quality co-ed secondary school to complement the boys and girls schools in the area.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am deeply concerned about the impact of the proposed reductions.

Seemingly those with the least disposal income will once again be sidelined. For example cutting funding to libraries and Citizens Advice. I note our library in Point Chevalier will not reopen. We have many elderly in the area who rely on the services the library provided.

Families enjoy arts and cultural events, which bring the richness of Auckland to the fore. What a travesty to let these slip through our fingers. Not to mention the platform these currently provide for our young people.

Education Services such as Enviro Schools and the Mana Ora programme are essential. These are the programmes where our young children learn to be

ambassadors for the future. They are our future leaders and the people we should be investing in going forward.

The Zoo - is that to become an experience financially out of reach for families ?

Are our beautiful parks and reserves to become litter filled dumps.

In conclusion these proposals may not affect those with disposable income. For the rest of us living in Auckland will be a very boring.

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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: Appears to be panicked reaction from Council.

A once in a 200 year storm event. That was what it was purported to be.

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Tell us why: What does increasing community resilience actually mean?

Rebuild the Point Chev library.

The Carrington area should be developed as a reserve.

What is a climate activator.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Slashing funding to so many key community services will have such a devastating effect on many communities within Auckland, and particularly to those most vunerable such as homeless people. Auckland Council still has a AA credit rating and can afford to borrow more in order to prevent these cuts and the devestating consequences they will cause.

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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:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Cutting the budget for community organisations, development, support and services will have a devestating and long term impact. Auckland Council must not rush into making these kinds of sweeping cuts. I have heard and want to hear more indepedent expert a

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am particularly opposed to the reduction in spending on homelessness services. Ignoring the psychological and mental cost to the individuals who are experiencing homeless which are significant. Providing homeless people with support may cost up front but international examples show that the cost of not providing any support is greater and results in increased law enforcement costs, emergency room visits, ambulance costs etc. It seems illogical to cut funding and make the bad Auckland homelessness situation even worse. This would also potentially force the disbandment of current providers meaning that the inevitable cost of reimplementing these services at a later date when the problem worsens or more budget is made available is far greater than the cost of maintaining them.

I also was disappointed to read about the reduction in arts and cultural events and services provided to schools at places like Arataki and Ambury park. Visiting our regional parks were some of my fondest highschool memories. I was fortunate that my parents enjoyed getting outdoors and had the time and money to take me to these places outside of school time. It makes me sad that some kids will get no exposure to New Zealand's environmental history. I think going to these spaces is fundamental to understanding humans links to and dependence on the natural environment.

Regional events like music in the park and movies in the park are cheap/free events that can be attended by people of all socio-economic backgrounds and give an opportunity to get outside of their homes and build a sense of community. It is

especially important to provide these free events in times when the cost of living is consistently increasing (impacting the poorest people most).

Cutting all these events and services instead of raising rates charges the poorest people (the users of these services) in favour of the richest people (homeowners). This doesn't make sense to me.

I also question why we are building a public square in Ponsonby (one of the richest suburbs in Auckland) instead of cutting less services? Wayne Brown has spoken about delivering things Aucklander's actually want, has this come from a community ask? How many people are expected to use it? And why is that money not being used in a more strategic location that isn't already park rich (Western Park and Victoria Park are both great parks and very nearby).

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Tell us why: Imagining the growth expected to come to Auckland in the next 30 years (especially if light rail does go in at some point) our airport is going to become a lot more valuable long term. It seems dumb to sell it when it's cheap and lose the potential to sel

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Tell us why: This could offset the need to stop community funding of all the publicly funded things that make Auckland living in. Why would I continue to live here if the services provided are so much worse than in other parts of the country?

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What do you think of these proposals? Why does the swimming pool compliance process cost so much? Is there a way the council can make the entire process cheaper by being smarter about the way they use staff time?

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I think overall the budget favours protecting the pockets of the wealthy (but choosing not to increase rates more) who can afford to attend private events / entertainment / bookstores / legal advice etc at the expense of those who rely on the public provi

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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.

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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.

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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

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, Community leasing charges

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 rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Keep the rates at its high .

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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: There should be some investigation on flooded areas. The infrastructure is pretty bad and worse with all newbuilds.most of the flooding would start or happend around newbuilds .

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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 always wonder why a road or footpath has to be dug up and fixed so many times.

Would there be any improvement to have each parties having discussions what is going to be happening on a road/ footpath and half the costs on fixing roads?

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

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:more important matters like poverty

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: support tree planting

If funding for local board 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: nature and arts are life

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What do you think of these proposals? please make the public transport services better!

7. What else is important to you?

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

public transport - more reliable buses please

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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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: Stormwater infrastructure MUST be invested in - extreme weather events are only going to become more common.

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, 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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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'm concerned about council's proposal to reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted Rate - this was established last year with overwhelming public support. We need more investment in buses, walking and cycle ways, not less.

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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community programs are important to create safe, engaged communities. It installs ownership and belonging of one's community

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: If the shares are sold…that money should be invested back into south Auckland .

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We need facilities and green spaces for our frowning, changing 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?) Community development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: They important for community health, safety and well-being

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Community lead initiatives should be supported and encouraged by our council. We need to consider the implications of removing these services on the health and well-being of our neighbours

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is already getting cancelled and unreliable enough but it is essential for me to get anywhere. Cutting it would reduce the number of people going anywhere, particularly into the city.

Additionally the cutting of helpful library. community support and early education would not only put some of our most marginalized groups in danger but also force them into homelessness and negative mental health situations. This is both awful for them and likely to cost more in the long run as need for support and crime increases.

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

Tell us why: Higher general rates and greater use of debt. That way the whole burden will not be on either source, but still keeping Auckland up and running properly for people to do things.

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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 would say keeping up with climate change as much as possible, through methods such as public transport and assisting with making a walkable city

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: FOr 1% its not worth sacrificing our future and arts. Also literacy levels are already on the decline, less people can swim... The most vulnerable are the ones most affected by these changes.

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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 think instead we should cut the city raiL and light rail. City rail has already gone overbudget and over time. It has reduced the beauty of the CBD and just covers existing public transport routes.

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? I don't know

Tell us why: It is very complicated and difficult to understand what this means.

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: People should not have been allowed to build on flood risk areas and the council should have been cleaning drains which created much of the damage. Harsher penalties to those households who clog drains is needed.

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, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: literacy rates are declining. Children need to read and have somewhere to feel safe. Our planet is declining at an extraordinary rate which is causing the extreme weather events. Lets target the problems at their roots rather than putting money towards th

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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?

Climate change

Community gardens

Libraries

CABs

swimming pools - my happy place

Movies in parks

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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: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. I'd also suggest requesting additional funding from the central government, introducing more targeted rates or congestion charging in the city, and lifting parking charges.

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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 crucial that the people of Auckland continue to have a say in our airport's future - especially so that we can guide it to grow in a climate change compatible way. I also feel that the value of these shares will increase in the future, so it would b

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

Tell us why: I believe that rate increases, including unfreezing of the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate are key to deliver funding and avoid cuts. I also think that a larger general rates increase would be justified to avoid cuts

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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 make sure that we don't under-invest in other areas to cover the impacts of this storm so that we can be in the best possible position for the next one.

We absolute need to change many of the ways that we plan and build infrastructure so that o

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, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

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What do you think of these proposals? It'd be great if the food scraps collection programme could be extended to cover all of Auckland.

The Climate Action Targeted Rate should not be used to subsidise bus services that the council has already committed to funding. Instead, it should be used

7. What else is important to you?

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The council should pursue an investment approach to this economic downturn to reduce the impact on Aucklanders.

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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? 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:

If funding for local board 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: Our communities need support especially citizens advice beaurau

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Stop cutting down trees on mountains until natives are established

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with:

- Reducing 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.

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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 some of 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.

This will impact me personally, as I am a young actor, writer and theatre maker who relies on this funding to sustain my career. I graduated from the New Zealand School of Drama three years ago and have finally managed to self-produce two theatre productions in the last year, after continual pandemic-related interruptions. Both these productions took an enormous amount of hard work and investment, but served to build a sense momentum which will now grind to a halt, if these cuts go ahead.

Furthermore, if the cuts do go ahead, I will be forced to either abandon a career in the arts or leave Aotearoa to pursue a career overseas. These sentiments are echoed strongly amongst my peers who are also working towards building long-lasting arts careers in this country. If there is a mass exodus of emerging kiwi artists, it will be a devastating loss for the culture and feeling of community in Tamaki Makarau.

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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: It is not a good time to share and means that Council will lose a massive 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.

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

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher 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: We need stringer infrastucture, especially around storm drains and general housing standards. Although my home had only minor leaks, my neighbors and community were not so lucky. Many of the young people I work with had their homes red stickered.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support these priorities which is exactly why we cannot lose community funding. The arts create resilience because they create identity and give a sense of belonging. If we lose our venues that sense of community will diminish very quickly. It will simp

If funding for local board 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, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community venues are necessary to the ecosystem of arts and culture in Auckland. They are often the only affordable options. That same community and arts funding are what make our area worth living in. We need arts and culture, especially within our more

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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?

I am a youth worker, community organizer, and artist. Community funding, council venues, and libraries are all essential to the programming I do. The effects of these budget cuts will do irreparable damage to these programmes. Through my current job, we w

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Local boards shoud be empowered to do more - better contol over liquor/vape stores (e.g. protection from legal challenges), discretionary ability to set a rate surcharge (e.g. up to 5%) for particular community goals, setting built environment requirement

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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 not proceed with any of the reductions as all involve cutting funding from valuable projects and services, or require a loss of jobs. In particular I do not agree with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities, and reducing regional contestable grants. These will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's art and culture sectors. The arts communities and sector within Tāmaki Makaurau are a key part of what make me happy living here and provide huge value to my life. These services contribute to wellbeing, social cohesion and quality of life, as well as boosting the local economy. Cuts of the size being proposed (or of any kind in the arts) will have a hugely negative effect that the arts sector are unlikely to recover from. Jobs will be lost and services will therefore be lost in the process.

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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: I am comfortable with the rates increase that has been mentioned above.

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Our communities need further investment if they're going to grow. We are all still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing initiatives that support the arts and the communities that they reflect will further compound the hurt our communities ar

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: NOT reducing the number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million - we are attempting to reduce traffic volumes, why would we do this.

NOT reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further $27.5 million affecting Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland which hold social / family / generational importance for young families, young couples, and the aging population for entertainment, relaxation (mental and physical health),.

NOT 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. Why would we do this - we have a responsibility as custodians of our communities that everyone is entitled to a rich cultural, involved, caring living environment.

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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 woud you sell shares in an asset that will at least hold its value, provides a services that is the major entry point into Auckland/New Zealand that provides key infrastructure for passenger arrivals, airfreight that impacts directly on future tourism

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? 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: This figure of $20 million may even be too low as we are still assessing the impact of the two recent major weather events. Too early to call.

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: We are an adapting society and need to respond appropriately and sensibly to population growth and needs

If funding for local board 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, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to preserve the cultural richness within Tamaki Makaurau and the expanse of regional parks, councils venues that provide cultural, musical and sporting events that impact on the wider 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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services- these facilities are vital for vulnerable communities who are already struggling. Spaces that facilitate enhancement of sense of belonging, culture and safety are vital for all community members. Facilities such as libraries, safe spaces for homeless people and those experiencing violence must continue to be funded. The reduction of expenditure towards youth centres is absolutely irresponsible, given the vast extent of challenges that young people are facing in Tāmaki Makaurau at the moment. Furthermore, arts and cultural expenditure is pivotal in creating a safe and uplifting space for ALL Aucklanders, and it is extremely irresponsible to reduce funding to these areas

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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? 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: Aucklander's homes and livelihoods have been ruined and lack of infrastructure has a significant role to play in this. It is extremely important that money is allocated to manage the development required to mitigate such damage

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: Libraries are pivotal community hubs and we must continue to provide access to these spaces.

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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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reductions in services for the Auckland region as they are essential for our communities 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport is a promising company and will see potential growth as the countries tourism industry grows post covid. The proposal doesn't take into account any capital giants that Auckland council could receive if the shares are held for a longer per

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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 a solution that allows all of Auckland to pay for the services that the council offer.

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 storm response was poor and me and my family didn't feel supported during a time of need

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the climate change and park priorities but not the other. As I believe these are the most important and will provide the greatest benefit for all of the local board area

If funding for local board 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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The arts are what give this city character, without them it's just a sprawling metropolis

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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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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 some of 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? 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? Other

Tell us why: unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $50 million in annual reve

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:

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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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:

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not support any reductions but especially natural environment targeted rate, regional services, regional grants, Tātaki Unlimited

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

Tell us why: Do not support reducing the natural environment targeted rate or other cuts to 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: Climate resilience should be a top priority

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not support any reduction in bus services

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 <u>not</u> 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 and make less use of debt

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

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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:

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Arts and culture funding, CABs and libraries are important. Don't cut funding.

Mayor's response to Auckland's January flooding was appalling. He is dreadful and doing a terrible job.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reductions to these vital services and cultural support add to social cohesion and reduce crime and negative mental health. Also, reducing public rubbish bins is a silly idea. Overflowing waste on our streets ruins our tourism image, flows into waste water and is a danger for local wild life and pets.

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Tell us why: One you sell something you can't get it back! Being a major shareholder in our international gateway to the world is essential for maintaining the standards we want our tourists to experience. It also ensures accessibility to Aucklanders who have family f

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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 going through a rough patch but what we do now sets us up for a proper recovery. Cutting essential services and support for arts&culture will have generational impact on social cohesion, health, tourism and crime.

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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 fix our 3 waters!

Increase budget for managing our waters and work in partnership with central government.

3 waters was supported by EVERY demographic advisory board last year even when council generally didn't. The people of Auckland want 3

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 add to safety and cohesion. They also are investing in our future.

If funding for local board 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? We need free or much more heavily subsidised public transport in Auckland!

7. What else is important to you?

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

Increase Māori in all decision making.

Anti racism training for the Mayor and councillors.

Uplift minority communities and intervene to stop racists and transphobes from inciting violence in our cities.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We are in a climate emergency and a cost of living crisis. This is not the time to be making cuts that make it harder for our people and 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: Once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council. This is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market.

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: Council should both set a higher 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: It is critical to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. We need more trees, more permeable surfaces, more green infrastructure, more trains, buses, bikes lanes etc. It is all connected and we need bold

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Tell us why: We need increases resilience, better community connections, more green spaces, higher density mixed use development along public transport nodes, more bike lanes, more buses, more trains, walkable safe communities. Let's not reduce funding at such a criti

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available

7. What else is important to you?

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

We are at a critical time for our climate and at a time where many are struggling. This is not a time to be making cuts and instead we need more investment in people, community, green infrastructure, public transport, bike lanes and the connectedness of o

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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 some of the regional services eg libraries and some economic activity what would later generate funds. Also social services to the most vulnerable or young people,which will later incur higher social costs eg crime costs, and defer higher costs to later, when reintroduced under urgency. Very short sighted. Some wastage and nice to have expenses need to go but others are necessary.

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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 see that borrowing at high interest rates to have shares is not good sense but but if the airport is expected to bring in good revenue in the future it is a valuable asset worth holding on to what we can viscially. Also having shares I guess the city

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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 these times of huge cost increases modest rates rise as suggested with minimal increase in debt for future seems sensible

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because it eliminates wasteful spending.

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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: Fisically responsible but allows for a maintenance of stake.

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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: None should proceed as that money should be promote the culture, the people, and the youth for a better future. Also where is the money going to better the culture of New Zealand

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

Tell us why: You will end up in a loop by increasing cost will mean you will have to increase minimum wage but it will create more homelessness for more people who can barely live as it is

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Tell us why: First priority should be helping the people before creating structures to help future storms that may or may not happen

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My life would be heavily effected as I work in the tourism industries and its my only source of income. Also by increasing rent that would mean not only do I get paid less from work but I would struggle to pay rent for the house. Also it would mean I woul

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I have consistently relied on Auckland's public transportation for the past 8 years and I have never seen the system in worse state. Buses are frequently either cancelled or at capacity. Myself and many commuters are often left with long waiting times at bus stops, only for it to arrive and be so full that we aren't allowed onto the bus. My 80 year old Nana who has never been able to drive and has lived on Auckland's North Shore for the past 40 years has always relied on public transport to maintain her independence. In recent months, due to constant bus cancellations and max. capacity, my elderly Nana has been left waiting for up to 2 hours for a bus, and a round trip from Torbay to Albany has taken up to 4 hours. This is outrageous! Auckland Council's proposal to further cut funding to public transport is preposterous. Further reductions in public transport will significantly impact everybody who uses public transport regularly, but it could be particularly devastating for those within our community who cannot drive and have no other means of getting themselves around the city.

The current reduced bus number is insufficient for a city that is now seeing students return to in-person classes and workers to their offices at number's akin to pre-pandemic amount. Anything less than increasing our public transportation's active daily capacity will only force more people to drive (at the pre-pandemic intensity), increasing the severity of traffic, air pollution and the actually much more economically and socially serious burden of road maintenance and accident recovery. Increasing road users is actually contrary to the desire to reduce road cones...

Removing funding for CAB and early childhood services only serves to further reduce the social mobility of hard working people in Auckland.

No service should receive such an extreme cut that it is no longer able to function; they are all vital components of our city. No cuts to service funding should make that service inherently non-viable and unable to continue.

Cashing out on our airport shares now, when the council's credit rating is perfectly fine, is nothing more than ideological pageantry and short-term thinking, robbing all Aucklander of an important public investment, especially one that is likely to become more and more important to NZ as we inhibit over cities from building international airports as part of our Paris Accord agreement goals.

Reducing funding for services that benefit and improve outcomes for our homeless and young people, and community empowerment runs contrary to the very idea of a city (even etymologically). In recent years, the issues of homelessness and youth crime have been prevalent throughout the city. Reducing funding to these services will only exacerbate these issues. Removing funding for homeless services only makes the homeless more alienated from the rest of society, further unable and unlikely to receive the help many of them need in order to make themselves and society safer as a whole. I fail to see how reducing funding homeless services directly won't lead to an increase in the funding of other services required to mediate issues that will naturally arise in that sphere as a consequence of the cuts.

After 3 years locked inside their houses, it is vitally important to provide people with "3rd places" (places other than work, or their home). I know many New Zealander's prefer to create the socio-economic circumstances that push people towards crime, and then advocate for tough-on-crime policies and boot camps, but the smart New Zealanders realise that what we really need is to promote community engagement within our young people. Youth groups centred around various topics (environment, chess, hiking, painting, etc etc) that can be monitored by adults are the most effective way of keeping them from forming their own groups centred around vastly different, self-determined topics.

With so few Aucklander's able to afford homes here, there is a real absense amongst us younger generations regarding feelings of belonging or community engagement, as the economic barrier to becoming a "proper" (home-owning-rate-payer) stakeholder is too great. I myself have been made to move 3 times in recent years (landlord's selling or moving in family members), and now refuse to take part of suburb-based community services, preferring to focus instead on specific things across the city, to which my proximity to is not subject to the whims of a property owner. Those places are my "3rd places". They're parts of the community to which I actually feel like an engaged stakeholder and this budget will harmfully cut funding to many of them.

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Tell us why: Given the current market - and given that AKL airport will consistently increase in economic and cultural value as other cities are unable to open international airports - selling them right now is a terrible idea. Even if we were to sell 8%, which could

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

Tell us why: It's been proven that rents increase irrespective of local rates. Although we're still waiting on the latest census, current prediction have 70% of Aucklander's renting, rather than owning their own home. The fixation on rates is out of touch with the cur

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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 undeniably in the midst of the climate crisis, as was evident earlier this year during unprecedented flooding throughout Tāmaki Makaurau. As an ecologist and conservationist, I've come to accept that the severity and (depending on the source) frequ

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I wholeheartedly support all of these priorities, and sincerely hope our local board retains the necessary means to maintain 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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Whoever dissected these services from a hollistic whole into several barely discrete components has a very tenuous grasp of how both the environment and communities work. They are all important. I can't understand how "Protection and restoration of local

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't believe that the council should be using the Climate Action Targeted Rate to fund specific buses while also cutting bus frequency across the city. Leave the CATR for new, climate specific activities, and fund the buses with rates money, and provid

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

I cannot emphasise enough the frustration that is felt by myself and many others with the proposed cuts to conservation and environmental initiatives. It almost feels we are dooming Auckland and its people to suffer the guaranteed repercussions of the cli

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

Tell us why: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural well-being of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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The proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural we

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I am also a keen participant in the arts and spent many years running an artist-run space providing opportunities to diverse emerging artists, we provided over 30 opportunities per year for a running cost so low that it would often be granted to just one artist, and these community spaces absolutely do already run on next to nothing yet provide great value to the community and next generations.

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Tell us why: It's the wrong time to sell, and a shortsighted move even if the timing was better. This should considered be a long-term investment, not only for the dividends but to have a say in what is a key strategic asset of the city.

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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: You should set a higher general rates increase AND make more use of debt. Why is this not an option you offer above? Do NOT decrease the NETR and WQTR, this would be another shortsighted move on matters we need to devote MORE resources towards. Trying to

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: If we don't take all possible action now to address these issues, we'll be having the same conversation again and again in future budgets. We need to act now.

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, 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.

Waste management rates changes	
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.	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).

• 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

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
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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing local board funded activities

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? Other

Tell us why: Do not sell

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

Tell us why: Do not increase rates

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:do not increase rates

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce 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?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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.	
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? Do not increase the 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?

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services.

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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

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

These are good to have to keep our sense of 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.

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? 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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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 development and support, Sports and activities in parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Getting people together should be priority.

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?

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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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 some of 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.

Instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain

the general rates package.

Support Public Transport more!

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: Selling what is left of the Auckland Council's airport shares will have irreversible consequences.

While selling the shares now brings in a chunk of revenue, all future revenue from dividends is lost

along with a share in the extensive land airport holdin

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

Tell us why: Rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts.

Increase Rates generally. Increased use of debt & of Auckland's cre

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 help affected people from the recent Auckland floods. To further prepare for future weather events that are trending to be more common with climate change.

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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Many of them are important, but all that allow for environmentally informed decisions that support sustainability. Plus importance being placed on community assests such as venues being kept open & waterways being protected and restored.

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? Extend the cost changes in waste management to all of Auckland.

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?

We should be investing in the city, it's people, the arts and the communities that make the city vibrant. Reducing funding for these services / people will reduce debt in the short run, but ultimately have a net-negative effect on the well-being and futur

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: do not proceed with any service reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

you could also increase general rates, or request central government support, new targeted rates, and a lift in parking charges as alternative funding mechanisms.

Cuts in community services will harm the people they service. Once gone, they will be very hard to get back. You can't put a dollar value on community, but we can see the impact the investment in community has paid off. Communities are built by the people who live in them, and the support available need to reflect the diversity in our city. We need more community initiatives, not less.

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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 is a short sighted one off sale. Once the shares are gone, it will be very difficult to get them back. The ongoing dividend payments will offer better long term financial stability and is in effect privatising the airport. We will lose

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: Auckland has an excellent credit rating, making borrowing cheaper than elsewhere/other times. This is not the time to make cuts to services when borrowing is still available. The last few years have been tough, but they were remarkable times and are not 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: Disaster preperation is essential to not being caught on the back foot again. we are only going to face more frequent and more deadly storms in the future. not preparing is like laying the ground work for our own destruction. These two storms we faced thi

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Tell us why: Local action by council ensures local initiatives important to local people are enacted. I support community initiatives that center local groups and communities. What I have seen so far has been helping put the local in local government. You can't cut l

If funding for local board 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: A thriving arts scene is what makes cities dynamic and exciting places to live. Local initiatives to foster local artists helps grow our arts community.

We have introduced so many pest species into this country and that we need to be actively managing th

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

Auckland council should be investing in it's people, community and environment. Now is not the time to cut services or roll back community initiatives. We need the arts, we need the environment, we need community projects, we need our citizens advice bure

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with: continued reduction of public transport services, reductions to Tātaki Auckland, regional services, local board funded activities, early childhood centres.

Auckland can be a pretty stressful place to live- and all of these services help to mitigate and alleviate that stress. Reducing these essential cultural and social elements of this city will result in our city becoming stagnant, driving people away instead of attracting them. Without attracting new people, and sustaining our current citizens, we'll face a labour crisis in multiple areas.

Personally, I have benefited from the CAB- I called when I had a flatmate dispute and they offered, helpful, practical advice I wouldn't have thought of on my own.

I and my family have recently enjoyed the zoo, pasifika, the Auckland arts festival, and the wonderful Auckland art gallery.

The increasing cancellation of public transport is stressful and hampering to many essential services like accessing medical care. The idea of this continuing on for years is an unpleasant thought.

Auckland is very expensive to live in, but it has great perks like access to awesome arts and culture. Please don't take this away and make our city unliveable!

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Tell us why: I don't feel like I know enough about this. I would honestly prefer the airport shares not to be sold, because it seems unwise and shortsighted at the moment, however am aware that revenue needs to come from somewhere. I would encourage the council to loo

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Tell us why: Set a higher rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Look, there's no way we should reduce WQTR, our beaches are full of poo. And considering the recent flooding, our waterways and natural environments are in more need of NETR, not less.

Be brave,

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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 imperative to invest in stormwater structure and assist with planned retreat (ideally with help from the central govt).

I personally know families that currently have no home due to the flooding. It's devastating, and I think we should do everything

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What do you think of these proposals? Existing Bus service costs should be put onto Auckland transport, not CATR. CATR is was proposed to combat the climate crisis (with overwhelming support). CATR should used to improve our public transport on top of what AT already provides and is funded fo

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One thing that our continued lockdowns made me realise is how much we need arts, culture and social activity to survive. We in NZ often tend to treat art, or shows, or music, like a 'nice to have'- a cherry on the top of life. But what I've found is that

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We agree with maintaining public transport levels as they are now, and no longer directly providing childcare services. We do not agree with cutting funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities or regional contestable grants. These things are important for the social fabric of the city and need Council funding to continue. We are happy for rates to increase by an approximate additional 3% to cover these 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: The shares have made a loss for three years, and gave a poor return prior to that. The city is funding debt to pay for shares that don't cover their costs. We are happy for these to be sold.

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Tell us why: As per question 1, we are happy to support a higher general rates increase to save cuts in areas which provide meaningful value to our community

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Tell us why: Auckland is clearly not prepared to deal with severe weather events. We need to invest now to protect our infrastructure and require funding to do so. It would be good to see investment from Central Government here also - if Auckland can't function econom

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Tell us why: The work the Local Board does is really important, and the costs are small in comparison to the large capital projects and high consultancy fees that the Council has to pay for.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and events are key moments for the community that bring us together and help us understand one another's cultures which is important in such a diverse ward. We support all of the environmental activities. We support most of these activities, it was d

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We would like to see the Council stop all financial support for any significant emissions causing activity such as motorsport or golf. If the Council intends to get out of directly managing childcare, it should also get out of directly managing golf cours

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing expenditure in these areas will lead to worse outcomes further down the road. For example, reductions in public transport will just lead to more congestion which will make it ridiculously difficult to move around. I would rather pay more rates for a functional 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: Maintaining Auckland airport shares diversifies our income over the longer term.

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Tell us why: Reducing the impact of storms now, will lead to greater savings over the longer term

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Tell us why: Particularly climate action - that is the planting of trees and parks restoration as these will be needed with the heat and storm events we have recently had.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If you reduce spending on youth programmes then that will increase youth crime and you'll end up spending more money repairing damage and social harm.

If you reduce spending on arts then you lose a valuable source of culture in our city that also creates revenue by attracting tourists.

If you sell the airport shares then you lose all future potential income that could take us out of debt.

Therefore you should not proceed with any of those reductions as they lead to potential social harms, an undesirable city that will not have any arts to attract people in, which would reduce tourism spending and thus further decrease your budget.

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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: Economics can be unpredictable and all you achieve by selling the shares is guaranteeing that you won't receive any future increase in their value.

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 and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Increased rates ensure a more even spread of costs over the population and mean that you don't further disadvantage some areas by reducing their council provided 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: He council needs to pay better attention to flood zones when granting resource consents and also needs to manage water flows such that we aren't repeatedly faced by large sewer leaks.

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: Defunding all of your suggestions would absolutely wreak the local communities and cause irreparable damage to many arts and cultural groups. The idea of cancelling swimming lessons would be deadly and the council will be called on to answer for the incre

If funding for local board 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, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local music groups rely on community spaces at affordable prices to stay afloat and they make valuable contributions to the vibrancy and experience of our city. Additionally, community development and support provides better social outcomes, reduces crime

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.	Other

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?

So many community music groups rely on the current funding and support levels so any cuts are a blow to their capacity to serve the community and will be deeply damaging to Auckland arts and culture.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. The fundings outlined are important to me and those around me, my quality life in Auckland would be impacted and I would consider moving to another 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: It is an incredibly short-term solution. Selling the shares gives an opportunity for multinational corporations to buy these shares, privatisaiton means this land and the largest transport hub in the country would be alienated from us.

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

Tell us why: how rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and

the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much-needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise ove

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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: Investment in stormwater infrastructure and other infrastructure now is necessary to reduce future costs, not only financial costs, but ecological and human costs where extreme weather events are estimated to occur more often. I have seen the harrowing im

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Parks and libraries are where i have spent a lot of my leisure time until this point. Spending time in areas that are shared by others brings great fulfilment to my life, spending time on the various volcanoes around me and studying in the libraries have

If funding for local board 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: With many young families and a range of socioeconomic backgrounds in the Albert-Eden area, community development and support is important for everyone in this community. Community climate action and sustainability is important for preserving this beautifu

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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? n/a

7. What else is important to you?

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

Invest in public transport. Full stop. This is THE most important service to me currently, I rely on it to get me around. It's good for everything. The climate and the people.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport; funding the arts, community and homelessness initiatives. It's ridiculous to ask why. These are some of the most important aspects which makes a city worth living in, beyond grinding day in and out to make a living. If this budget proceeds then you are guaranteed to see Aucklanders leaving in droves.

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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? 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? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to be better prepared for the increasing frequency of weather events - funding emergency response systems, geographical information and a CENTRALISED + STREAMLINED + EASILY ACCESSIBLE flow of information for people to access in the event of an eme

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any of them. Disruption to any of those services would put a lot of people at a disadvantage in a cost of living and climate crisis.

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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:

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

Tell us why: Three Waters

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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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: (1) There are already too few transport services in this city. (2) Artistic events add to the soul of the city, I went to the Music in Parks festival yesterday and it was beautiful, and worked to bring the community together. (3) Who could think that reducing homelessness funding is a good idea??

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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: Having a public stake in infrastructure is important, but I recognise that savings must also be made.

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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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: Investing in infrastructure pays dividends that are not immediately calculable. (Please invest in pedestrianised areas and cycle/public transportation, Auckland so desperately needs this).

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: Global warming will only bring more dangerous weather events, it is wise to plan for them to avoid further damage in the future.

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: Climate change action + making greener spaces to live is a double win. Invest in climate action, community connection, and public services (e.g. Libraries, leisure centres)

If funding for local board 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: We have a duty to our communities to invest in climate action. Protection of waterways is just as important altbough I did not tick it - it was my biggest shock when I moved here to find out that the water was polluted. This does not live up. to our inter

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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 don't know enough about the funding of the busses to comment on specific funding streams, but I feel that the seevice needs investment - perhaps we cannot get drivers because the compensation is too small for the job?

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 fix the potholes, especially some gigantic ones on Symonds Street. They are extremely hazardous for cyclists.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

If we proceed with these cost reductions, we are cutting off funding to various Organisations that provide jobs to thousands of Aucklanders/New Zealanders. It will have a negative impact to local businesses as well as sole traders in the 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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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:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: It is crucial for us to invest in our communities for it to continue to grow. Specially in these times when most communities are still recovering from recent events eg. flooding, covid.

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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 <u>not</u> 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 $20 million dollars saved here provide invaluable support and infrastructure to our arts and culture community. Without these things the city has no heart, it becomes simply a collection of buildings with people. We lose our communal and cultural identities. There is no point in a city that does not supports 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? 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? I don't know

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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Your feedback

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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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The 'cuts' proposed are for services that will have flow on affects with generation and the next. We have worked VERY hard for many of these programs especially that ones within and partnering with council - these relationships have been hard fought and are finally at a good place - more than ever these programs are important and key to our future generations and our / their wellbeing.

Please DO NOT reduce the regional services as these are key on so many levels - levels that our next generation will sadly have to bare.

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Tell us why: It is key that council holds 'some' interest at AIAL - for the city.

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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 would prefer an increase to offset us loosing other services and programs. We are VERY lucky to live in a vibrant and thriving city - these programs that celebrate our diversity is what makes us unique! So a small increase to ensure these communities ca

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

Tell us why: We are now living in our 'climate crisis' so something needs to be done. These recent weather 'events' have only been a small insight of what is to come - Council and Civil Defence were key to information and safety! Yes huge learnings and 'what could ha

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: OMG everyone one of these are important to our communities - how do you expect us to pick 'three' that you 'don't' want cut? Community development and support critical, as are the arts and community events. Sports and parks are essential to our well being

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What do you think of these proposals? Everything is important and is 'needed' - every Council worker I come across I hug because as an ex-council worker I know how hard we did work.

7. What else is important to you?

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

For someone who works 70-80 hours a week I would rather we go with the rates increase or into more debt than make these cuts! Everything shared is important and after Covid, these incredible floods, we hope that our Council can find other ways otherwise I

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These reductions will impact our most vulnerable communities at a time when it is already difficult for them.

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Tell us why: Selling the shares seems very short-sighted.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: As long as preparing for future storms starts by working to mitigate climate change so there are possibly not going to be as many storms.

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Tell us why: Building and maintaining strong communities is going to be vital with the challenges we're going to face.

If funding for local board 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: Climate is a vital aspect of community.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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We need to ensure our communities are strong and supported going forward. We need to have reliable and safe public transport, cycle ways and walk ways to provide more opportunities for people to be active in their communities.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts, public transport, early education, social services, local boards, education all need more not less spending. $433 in rates annually by in large is a drop in the bucket for property owners whose properties increase in value many times above any rates increase

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Tell us why: Privatisation of infrastructure especially in transportation has demonstrably led to negative outcomes throughout the world for decades. These essential services are better moving towards nationalisation not privatisation

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Tell us why: Increase rates across the board, moreso for businesses

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Tell us why: All public services especially infrastructural improvement and upkeep is a matter of national security and should be a top priority

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Horrible framing of this question. Yes I agree with the priorities broadly but those should be coupled with increased spending not a reduction. Priorities such as these whilst noble are empty or deflated promises without the resources to actually address

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What do you think of these proposals? As someone that has to coordinate waste management with envirowaste, interwaste and chemwaste for nearly 60 locations throughout Auckland, their service has been atrocious in the past 6-12 months, they site a wide variety of reasons, but it is a backbone

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Infrastructure, the arts, climate, social wellbeing, mental health and public transport are the heart of this city and should be our upmost priority. Tax the top 1-5%, capital gains tax, nationalise public service industry i.e. transport, energy, educatio

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The financial crisis is over-stated as a convenient excuse for drastic cuts to spending and avoiding rates increases. To the extent that there is a financial hole, cutting services will make no lasting difference because these services are not what is driving Auckland's costs. Council's costs are driven by the car-based suburban land development pattern that forces it to own roads, pipes, lights, stormwater, parks, libraries, rec centres etc... without delivering a viable ratio of revenue per unit of infrastructure. Council has more assets than it can afford - and still there are land-bankers and developers cutting up farms to create new suburbs for which council will have to take on even more assets. THIS is real crisis. Until we stop digging this hole, cutting council services is a utter waste of time. It will not fix the problem but will only reduce the quality of life in Auckland, especially for most vulnerable, and it will make Council less able to respond to the next crisis and the next. This budget is common garden austerity and I call bullshit on the whole thing.

Citizen's Advice Bureau and ECE are important and I am very concerned about the proposal to cut them. Provision of ECE should be led by central government, but under the current policy settings (ie: subsidy to private enterprise) I see no reason that council couldn't turn its ECE operation into a subsidy-supported profitable business that returns revenue to the city. Might need new venues etc... but it could be done, and we'd have more provision instead of scorched earth.

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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 not divest of strategic assets and should seek to increase holdings when finances allow. However, one advantage of owning shares is that they are tradable and can be sold when cash is required and relatively easily purchased again in future

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Tell us why: The options you have presented are not the only options. For eg: the existing proposal for rates increases, plus unfrozen targeted rates, plus some additional debt - could achieve $295M. It is well understood that council's debt limit is self-imposed and

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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: First, lets call it what it is - climate change response.

I am in favour of long term thinking. Yes, council will need budget for climate change response. There are also many policy, zoning, investment and operational changes required - we don't even kn

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Tell us why: I don't buy the "financial crisis" trope... but if I have to say something, its that $16M is a drop in the bucket of $295M. If you were really trying to respond to a crisis you'd leave no stone unturned... but instead you're looking for low value cuts to

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Our local natural environment is the playing field for our game of life. Its health is fundamental to our own health and success as a city. If council doesn't take and maintain leadership in the protection of our natural environment, no one will. Do not c

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What do you think of these proposals? Sports fields are provided free-of-charge. This is an anomaly nationally; most councils charge a fee. I don't propose charging as a big revenue generator; it would contribute to cost of maintenance and renewal, but the main reason is that charging would h

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

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Wellington is screwing Auckland over - taking from Auckland without investing its fair share back into the c

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please don't cut any more 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.

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:

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 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?) 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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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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: public transport services , economic development , community and education , arts and culture and social services activities such as homelessness funding : Auckland is a major city in New Zealand . None of these cuts are appropriate or necessary , they will not enhance Auckland's reputation , they are short sighted and will ultimately be economically counter productive . cuts in social services and cultural awareness merely create long term social damage which will be paid for by us all

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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: The shares are ultimately an income producing asset . other assets are available for sale eg golfcourses which do not appear to have been considered

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: set a higher rate and as well make greater use of debt : both are appropriate given the costs incurred by the recent weather issues and the deferment of necessary construction/maintenance that has occurred over several years .

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:climate change is a reality that must be addressed

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, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: all are important to me but you have limited response to 3.Essential waterways issues are addressed ,many are in a disgraceful state and shame us as a city , libraries are an essential resource for everyone , and it is also important for everyone that pa

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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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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

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?

Protect the arts and public transport funding

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport and education. Can't skimp on infrustructure and future generations, as well as giving retraining opportunities.

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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: Hedge bets. The airport is a big part of the citiy's economy.

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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reductions. Increase income and borrowing, as is appropriate for a short-term situation.

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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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Council is well-placed to carry more debt over the next ten-year period.

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

Tell us why: Work up a realistically higher budget over the ten years and negotiate with government and business to share it.

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?

It is not financially prudent to produce a balanced budget this year.

Temporary pressures are no cause for drastic cuts.

Communities are harmed for many years when social supports and infrastructure are slashed or removed.

Use realistic longer-term bor

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Organisation (if applicable):

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland is already very difficult to get around in without a car, and public transport is a great way to both reduce New Zealand emissions and lower the cost of living. We should further invest in public transport, not defund 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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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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, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: '- I am a frequent user of public transport in my daily commute, and the reduced services as of December 2022 have impacted me and others significantly. I frequent attempt to catch the bus to or from work and need to wait for up to an hour when previously buses had arrived nearly straight away, and services are frequently full and overcrowded. My partner and I only own one vehicle between us, and I am not in a position to purchase another personal vehicle or to drive it to my place of work. Public transport options and their accessibility must be increased, not reduced

- I am a regular patron of the venues managed by Tātaki Auckland Limited. Their portfolio includes some of the most well-known and well-loved cultural and artistic sites. These experience high attendance rates due to the high calibre of their offerings as well as their accessibility. To reduce funding to these venues would severely impact the vibrancy and cultural and social development of our city. Their venues are vital places for people to not only meet and share experiences but to perform and educate

- The services listed for reduction are the lifeblood of a vibrant and equitable city. It feels absurd to have to point out that a reduction in services such as education programs, and community empowerment and homelessness support is a bad decision. I honestly can't think of worse ideas than the budget cuts that are being proposed.

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Tell us why: I do not support the sale of Auckland Council held shares in AIAL. Commentators have pointed out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market. The shares are a valuable asset, and once gone they can no lo

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: The council should both make greater use of debt and set a higher general rates increase that than which has been proposed. Based on Auckland Council's own assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase investigated (>13%) would fall we

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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 the proposal to increase the operating budget to make improvements to services and infrastructure that would prepare us for the increased likelihood of severe weather events due to climate change. I would also support the continuation of already

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:

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

I moved back to Auckland several years ago after spending some time overseas. In my time abroad, I came to realise that there is tremendous value in caring about the place that you live in and working to make it a better and more equitable place. I am inc

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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.

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.

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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:

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. Support the creative and socially unifying parts of communities to do 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, Local arts programmes, Local community events

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Tell us why: Take the debt close to or up to the allowable limit. We have had a few years of exceptional circumstances, if we can't borrow now when can we borrow? It makes no sense to limit the debt at the moment when we need to make up the short fall. I would also pr

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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 work that needs to be done.

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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, Community leasing charges

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

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Tell us why:

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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.

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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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with any reductions. The impact on communities, the arts and the environment will last much longer than the short term saving. Instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain

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Tell us why: A total sale will only unlock revenue once and prioritises short term gain over the future of Tāmaki.

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

Tell us why: This austerity approach is designed to support the idealology of the mayor and a few councillors. Auckland Council has an excellent credit rating and this is precisely the time to take advantage of that. and increase borrowing. Targeted rates should be un

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Tell us why: We have to commit to the long term solutions relating to stormwater management and flood risk. Years of underinvestment in climate appropriate solutions has resulted in our current situation and we must start funding these solutions not so as not to conti

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Local Boards are the most accessible touch point for communties in our local democracy. Their priorities should be supported and funding continued to ensure we are building climate resilient communities and places where people and whānau can thrive. I liv

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What do you think of these proposals? Increase delivery of food scraps waste programme, generating additional rates incomes in the short term and earlier adoption for positive climate outcomes for the long term.

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Across local and central government we are paralysed by politicians making decisions for short term financial (and political) gain. Please take this budget feedback as a request to think about the long terms future of Auckland and it's people. Even if we

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposed rates increase doesn't even cover inflation and is already a cut by definition and I don't support cuts/defunding the community sector for a few meager dollars per week, basically two coffees or a sandwich!! For this money we get so much more from community as every dollar spent in community comes back tenfold by the very volunteers that are organised by the funded community activities. Our health and wellbeing as a city is at stake with these cuts. Community groups with reduced or slashed funding will disappear and valuable work of years and decades will have been in vain. Once disbanded it will be incredibly hard to reform these groups again in the future and will set our social wellbeing back for years!!

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Tell us why: Selling airport shares at a time after a significant reduction of airport use (COVID!!!!) would mean throw the silver away just because it has blackened yet everybody knows that it can be polished and will shine again with more time passing.

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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: We are in a position that allows us to borrow more for the wellbeing for the people of Auckland. I would not agree to increase rates to buy land to build another golf course!! Investing in people and community is what makes the difference between a livea

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Tell us why: We have underinvested for such a long time that many of the problems that we recently saw are the physical and factual result of this constant underfunding. Our current councillors, in particular C&R councillors, need to be brave and make the decision

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Our local board has done a great job over the past 20 years since I have lived here. It is focussed on strengthening communities, has waded even into community-led activities, has supported a large number of groups who volunteer to work had to take the re

If funding for local board 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: I refuse to put one great cause before another as they are all worthy and important. It is bigot to ask to rank the value of programmes that people have to work hard for - all of these deserve to be supported and more should be supported into existence.

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I totally support to sell some strategically located council GOLF courses where they are located near important and highly frequented bus or train services; work with developers who are known for community friendly and sustainable developments (eg Ockham

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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: We need to reduce debt and the cost of living crisis would make it very difficult for families to cope with a higher rates increase

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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: As per previous comment - families will not be able to afford a higher rates increase and we can't put more debt on future generations but we need to be fiscally prudent

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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 sounds sensible since our under-investment in new infrastructure has resulted in the flooding

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Tell us why: Council should focus primarily on water, infrastucture, power, transport and parks - leave climate action, community resilience to community groups not the council

If funding for local board 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:

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why: This is in line with key roles of council

If funding for local board 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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These will help future proof our assets for future generations

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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

1. Operating spending reductions

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- 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?
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 maintain reduced services on public transport or funding for arts and culture in Auckland. Reducing services to public transport harms our local economy, harms Aucklanders who cannot afford to travel by private vehicles and harms our environment. The unreasonable cuts being made to Auckland's public infrastructure will have overall negative effects on livelihoods in our city and this proposed austerity will only hurt Aucklanders and their financial wellbeing more while putting more money into the pockets of the rich. Public infrastructure creates a thriving collaborative ecosystem of a city rather than financially stressing the many so the wealthy few can enjoy their lives and remain financially comfortable.

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: Selling shares is a huge mistake in the long term because they will inevitably fluctuate in value and will be harder to buy back in the future. Public investments are important to making our city livable for all, especially public transportation and acces

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?

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: Climate change is happening and these next ten years will be about our management of threats. Using this funding to create a sponge city out of auckland's naturally humid climate will benefit our environment and our air quality every single day whilst als

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities set by the Albert Eden board will be invaluable for enriching the quality of life of people in our local area. I fail to understand how these will be able to be accomplished given the proposed slashes to public infrastructure proposed by

If funding for local board 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: The arts are of great importance to me as a freelance musician, my livelihood is directly impacted by council funding allocations. Climate change is a priority that concerns all Aucklanders giving February's flooding and cyclone damage, we should be worki

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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?

The presence of the arts, maintaining the presence of public arts events and festivals that have been part of Auckland's cultural landscape for many years, youth programmes with a focus on the arts.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: While reducing costs may seem like a logical solution, it would have significant negative impacts on the quality of life for Aucklanders. Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services will lead to longer wait times and overcrowding, discouraging the use of public transportation and increasing traffic congestion. Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will limit economic development and tourism promotion, ultimately impacting Auckland's economy in the long run. Cutting community programs and social services activities such as homelessness funding and funding for youth centers will have a direct impact on the most vulnerable members of the community. Instead of making these cuts, the council should consider increasing rates and/or debt to maintain vital services and programs for Aucklanders. A 1% change in general rates may seem like a significant increase, but it is a small price to pay for the continued prosperity and wellbeing of our city.

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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: While the proposal to sell some or all Auckland Council's shares in Auckland Airport may seem like a quick solution to reduce debt and save money, it is important to consider the long-term consequences of such a decision. Auckland Airport is a critical as

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: Increasing general rates and taking on more debt are both reasonable steps that Auckland Council should consider to help address its budget shortfall. While a 4.66 per cent increase in rates may seem significant, it may not be enough to fully address the

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: Auckland Council should proceed with the proposal to increase the operating budget by around $20 million each year to improve its ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. The recent storm events have shown the need for increased investment in

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities outlined by the Albert-Eden Local Board for 2023/2024 are crucial to maintaining a strong sense of community and ensuring that the needs of local residents are met. As such, it is important that funding for local boards is not reduced. Loca

If funding for local board 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:

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of them. They are all extremely important parts of our current and future society.

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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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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, Community climate action and sustainability, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

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?

The arts are one of the most important things in life for all. It allows us to feel, to think, to reflect, smile, laugh, cry and connect. Any reduction in the already extremely under-funded sector would be a travesty.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Proudly Asian Theatre

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:

I am the artistic director & co-founder of my organisation, Proudly Asian theatre, which will be severely impacted by cuts to arts funding.

PAT has been building networks with mainstream theatres since 2013, and has worked directly with companies and producers in mentorship roles across several self-run initiatives, including an Asian actors program, mentoring playwrights and producers for Fresh off the Page and upskilling new producers with every production that we mount. Collaborations with emerging young companies like Hand Pulled Collective (Akl) and Asian Waves (Chch) are notable examples.

Supporting the wellbeing of diverse communities and diverse artists is at the heart our company. We are driven by the need to serve our communities, but also create them. The overwhelming feedback from our participants across our programs and shows has been about finding a place of belonging. Belonging is another factor that is key in building well-being. There are multiple studies that show belonging to a community reduces stress levels and depression and overall anxiety.

As a community service organisation we are operating as a charitable trust, currently under transition from a limited liability company. Our entire years programming is based on council funding from various different scaffolding organisations. The proposed cuts will eliminate 99% of our funding that is required to run any of our initiatives, shows and programs that serve minority communities. We are currently the only Asian theatre company in Auckland that is consistently providing tangible upskilling opportunities for grassroots Asian theatre makers and artists, who make up a quarter of Auckland's population, and his programs and shows have gone on to win notable awards in the mainstream theatre industry. We have expanded to Christchurch and Wellington in the last 2 years and have an incredible track record of punching well above our weight with regards to the funding that we receive on a case-by-case basis.

Over 10 years of operating we have learnt how to manage the highly competitive system of funding, but only just. Our journey to becoming a Charitable trust will enable us to do more with our organisation and serve the thriving communities we have built over 10 years. However, funding cuts at this time, after the already devastating wave of covid and covid-related racism, flood and cyclone effects on the theatre industry as a whole and on our organisation specifically, this timing for arts funding to be cut further would be nothing short of devastating for the community as a whole.

Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: In order to improve resilience and connection, to help people feel safe and supported, the Arts need to thrive. The Arts are a place where communities feel seen and heard, and are often their first connection with other members of marginalised groups. As

If funding for local board 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:

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Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board fundi

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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 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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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 are hundreds of thousands of Aucklanders who rely on the public transport network to continue to work, and live their lives. By reducing it, you are causing irreparable harm to the perceived reliability which will be difficult to regain even after funding is returned. Early childhood centers can also provide invaluable support to parents experiencing the most difficult time of their lives. By reducing funding you are harming those in vulnerable situations unduly and unfairly compared to those who are more well off or wealthier. Increasing rates, especially those in wealthier areas will help to redistribute wealth. This however, requires ignoring those who are the richest and most powerful among us.

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Tell us why: By selling shares in the airport, we would be potentially helping in the short term while harming the city's long term prospects. Seems like a very short sighted thing for a council to partake in unless their goals are to merely look like they are helping

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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: Both higher rates and higher debt usage are great. Increased spending from the council has both short and long term positive impacts and these outweigh any downside that debt may carry. Additionally, higher rates targeting those who are most wealthy could

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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: Fantastic, the more money council spends, the better.

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Tell us why: Reducing funding to libraries and other community focused areas like parks reduces the amount community members will get to know each other and we as a whole will be less able to support each other. Libraries are used by those who are unable to turn elsew

If funding for local board 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: Parks, rivers and libraries are all places outside of the home where people can escape to if they are unable to go elsewhere. Reducing safe spaces in auckland is a bad thing.

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What do you think of these proposals? The climate action money needs to be spent on actual climate action. While public transport is good, it is good for many many other reasons than just climate.

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The current state of public transport is a huge shame. There are hundreds of thousands of Aucklanders who want to be relying on the public transport network and who can't because it is unreliable and has limited services. By reducing the services, you hav

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

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Like my friends on Friday last week she like independent public transport get around only thing stop 🛑 to that

New Lynn bus station no wheelchairs support on the bus and getting off the bus the footpath is not safe

Power chairs manual wheelchairs more about planning Auckland council

Need listen 👂 safety 🚮 ..

So if you creating something think about the people who had to catch the bus or the train they want to do it but some it's stopping them to do it is is no getting in it out of the elevator they always have to have someone with them boys case so you need to come up for new plans talking elevator some people can't use their hands power wheelchair.

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Tell us why: Auckland city ...

They should really think about how different people live in Auckland do a survey then they get their plans together and create a friendly place live.

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Tell us why: Have police on bike 🚲 during the day Auckland city 🏢

Create safely place people visit Auckland city..

Security guard more than around on bike 🚲 too

Saving time and day in public places at be safe.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Auckland zoo West spring

I think 🤔 with

Speedway some where else in Onehunga

Think 🤔 Auckland zoo animal welfare ..

Support bring visit country New Zealand

Just Idea 💡 had.

And then if you have a spiritual concert event put it at the domain Aucklan

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What do you think of these proposals? Make a special lane for emergency services

Fire 🚒 police 🚓 ambulance 🚑 or

Auckland city need that .. change traffic lights new road safety people cross over at light 🚥

Sire come hear emergency though ..

That change fix up light traffic .

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I have disability global development delay comprehension...

Want think about about Auckland interested .. helping out idea create mind that what see my friends Tell me about so I think that needs to change I will do that... Put smile on your face.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: Things like airports are essential infrastructure and should not be fully privately owned in order to prevent price hikes and profit maximisation. As soon as it is given out of the hand of the council it will become less accessible and more of a luxury, a

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Tell us why:

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Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants

First and foremost, art, culture, and heritage are an essential part of our collective identity. They help us to understand our past, present, and future, and to connect with others who share our values and experiences. By supporting these things, we are investing in our own sense of belonging and community, which can have a positive impact on our mental health and overall well-being.

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Now, I understand that some people may argue that they simply don't have the time or money to support art, culture, and heritage. But the truth is, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference, no matter what your budget or

schedule may be. You can attend local events, volunteer your time, or even just spread the word about the importance of these things to your friends and family. Every little bit helps, and by doing your part, you can make a meaningful impact on your community and the world around you.

Supporting art, culture, and heritage is not just a nice thing to do - it's essential for our personal and collective growth and development. By investing in these things, we can build stronger, more connected communities, drive economic growth and development, and enrich our lives in countless ways. So why not join the millions of people around the world who have already discovered the joy and value of art, culture, and heritage? You won't regret it!

Supporting public funds for arts, culture, and heritage is an important part of ensuring that everyone has access to these valuable resources. While some may argue that public funding for the arts is a waste of taxpayer dollars, the truth is that these investments have a significant impact on our communities and our society as a whole.

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Tell us why: This is vital. I live near the Te Auaunga Creek restoration area. I wish that all of Auckland could experience the taonga that has been developed here - it's a fabulous green space, recreational area and bike/walking/running path that is used heaps every

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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 really appreciate the work our local board has been doing in our area, and also in Puketapapa where I work in a school so also see the excellent work they do in their area.

I love all the community events and initiatives, and attend many with my famil

If funding for local board 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: All of them are actually very important to me but I chose the ones that I felt would have the biggest long-term impact if they were cut, as if we don't act to respond to climate change now the impacts will only get bigger and bigger.

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What do you think of these proposals? I think we should extend the food waste collection across Auckland - although I compost all our foodscraps, I suspect that most other red bons are full of food scraps, judging by what I see going in the landfill bins at work.

A big huge no to taking fro

7. What else is important to you?

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

Bike lanes (as outlined above) are super important to me - e-bikes make it much more accessible to many more people as a commuting and local journey option, but only if it feels safe - which it absolutely does not when you are sharing the lane with a bus

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These all look like vital services that make Auckland what they are. Without them Auckland would be a crap place to live

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:

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? 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

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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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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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- 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep regional services and transport funding

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Tell us why: Shares will appreciate in value

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 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

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, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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 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?) Community programme delivery, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation activities

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	
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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?

More boat launching facilities

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As a mother of two children under 5 we rely enormously on public services such as libraries and community events for affordable access to learning resources and family activities, particularly when we have been hit hard by interest rate increases

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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? Other

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. We are still dealing with the issues associated with the floods & poor infrastructure. Shifting the cost to individual families is not a win.

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: Our home flooded 3 times this summer, leaving my two small kids unsafe. And our septic tank cracked. It has been a financial crisis and a total disaster for us to try to deal with.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: As a family with many small children, we rely on community safety, green spaces and educational services such a the local library

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We cannot further reduce our bus services or get ride of the public services available to us.

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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? 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?) Community development and support, Parks planning, Library hours

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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 some of 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.

ARTIST COMMUNITY:

Regional contestable grants are also essential for the arts ecosystem, allowing venues like The Basement Theatre to provide a home for independent performing artists. This venue has played a vital role in my own artistic development and practice, and that of my peers. I am concerned about the future of the independent arts community and the impact of losing funding for key arts organizations on new graduates.

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

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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

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Do not proceed with:

- Reducing regional contestable grants.
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Restoration groups are hugely important to the social infrastructure of a community. They also provide consistency in times of fragility. Council staff, council teams come and go but the community is always there. 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.

It is important to me that the Council does not defund any action to resolve the urgent crises that Auckland is already facing, namely climate change.

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Tell us why: Once the shares are gone, they are gone forever. Think of the future generations, this is short term gain and a long term loss. These will start paying dividends again later this year and are appreciating in value. Selling them now will cost us in the lon

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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 should increase to the current rate of inflation (7.2%). Anything less than this is a net cut at a time when the repair job for Auckland is of utmost importance.

Reducing the NETR rate would mean a backwards step in climate change mitigation measur

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Tell us why: Auckland has had on-going issues with wastewater overflows from the wastewater network, as well as discharges from poorly performing septic tanks. Water quality at a number of Auckland beaches exceeds the national guidelines on concentration of the bacter

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Tell us why: Mt Eden and My Albert are a multicultural, diverse and vibrant areas, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to Local Board funding. If there are to be cuts to Local Board funding these cuts should be shared equally between all Local Boards.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: As a baseline, the council should not proceed with any of these reductions. I fail to understand why the council proposes to cut services due to a stated budget shortfall, and yet is cutting rates. I do not believe that the water quality and natural environment targeted rate should be suspended, particularly given the recent natural disaster.

I'm dismayed to see that bus services are to be reduced, and fares increased. We are facing a climate crisis and an increase in public transport is critical right now. My family regularly uses the bus for commuting, and regularly the busses are cancelled or too full to take on passengers.

I also am stunned that the council proposes closing citizen's advice bureau. This is a very important service for so many people.

The reduction in regional services and local services is unsupportable. These are the events, facilities, festivals and education programmes which make this a great city to live in. My family have been involved in events run by the local board for many years now and these are interwoven with the life of the local schools we belong to and support, and the life of the community we are part of. I don't go to all the events which are held, nor use all the venues, however I'm happy to contribute to them all as a member of this community.

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Tell us why: My family has been directly affected by the recent storms. We need to invest in repairs and resilient infrastructure.

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Tell us why: I support all of these priorities - the Carrington site and the Epsom teacher's college are both one in a lifetime opportunities, such land areas will not be made available again. The other initiatives are all sounding sensible

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Tell us why these are most important to you: It's so hard to choose just three. It was heartbreaking to read the very long list of reductions and cuts that are being proposed. As an annual attender of the Albert-Eden schools cultural festival and supporter of the big gay out, as well as regular zoo

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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? The CATR should not be used for purposes other than intended. We are facing a climate emergency, and this targeted rate has only just been introduced - with a majority support from ratepayers. It is madness to take that money for other purposes now.

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7. What else is important to you?

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

There is an increasingly urgent need for more and safer cycleways in Auckland. The cycle routes I use are becoming ever busier with scooters and e-bikes encouraging usage along with greater numbers of conventional cyclists. This is great and needs ever mo

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board funded activities, regional contestable grants, Early Childhood Services, Citizens Advice Bureaus and libraries.

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, social cohesion and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future and it is cultural and social cohesion that are the vital aspects most valuable to any healthy city.

When Auckland's communities thrive 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. Additionally, it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

Arts, culture anda social cohesive services are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will close. Ultimately, the citizens of Auckland will suffer.

Great cities champion their artists and their culture. For the size of the savings, the cost is far greater. I would prefer that several golf courses close than lose the very minimal funding the arts and social cohesion receives. This sector needs more, not less funding to make Auckland a vibrant 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? 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: Cuts to services are far from an inevitability; they're irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is especially irresponsible in the wake of substantial d

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: In 2023, with the climate crisis landing on our doorstep, we've seen the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure. It's high time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme we

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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 arts programmes, 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?

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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'd like to see some of these cuts but not all, the ones I would not like to see cut are the services to children, homelessness and aid to those who need it most.

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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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe that cutting expenditure in this area will be damaging for the growth of Auckland as a forward projecting city. As a rate payer I support funding these areas with further rate increases

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Tell us why: I don't believe that council should make cuts to Auckland's art and culture funding as it's essential to have this as part of our identity as an important city on the international stage not to mention what it provides the people of Aotearoa

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Tell us why: I don't support reducing funding in my area. I value the work done in my area and the community it creates

If funding for local board 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, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

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Auckland Council

Re. Proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 ("Budget")

Date

From:

Kia ora koutou

I am a music industry professional and am writing, as part of the music sector, to voice my deep concern at Auckland Council's recently proposed Budget.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people are still recovering from the lasting impacts of COVID restrictions and recent severe flood and cyclone damage - including many people like me working in our music, arts & cultural sectors who have suffered through two years of job losses and cancelled events.

Now is not the time to undo the hard work of our sector and Auckland Council's previous investment by taking away the things that give 'colour' and joy to the city, and which keep people wanting to work, learn and visit here, and thereby keep our economy pumping.

Submission

I submit that Auckland Council's proposed Budget poses an immense and imminent risk to prosperity and opportunities for Aucklanders and their businesses, which will have a consequent economic effect nationally, and on Aotearoa's talent pipeline and international reputation.

The proposed cuts to arts & culture funding would stifle the music ecosystem and the benefits that music provides; and threaten the cultural well-being of our communities and the overall liveability, vibrancy, social cohesion and identity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Of particular concern to me are:

- **the reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited**;
- **the reduction to Regional Services** such as music programmes, community development groups, regional events, social services and local board funding and to Eke Panuku Development Auckland Limited; and
- **the negative impacts this will have on under-represented groups** such as Māori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant and rainbow communities who benefit greatly from the Regional Services' cultural initiatives which will suffer from the proposed cuts.

These proposed cuts will inevitably result in:

- **Fewer music events**.
- **Job and income loss**.
- **Reduced Tourism**.
- **Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being**.

Response to Auckland Council's Request for proposed solutions

I understand and appreciate the enormity of the task Council faces. However, it is difficult to propose detailed solutions/options to overcome the Budget shortfall due to the lack of detailed financial information, and especially economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed cuts on Auckland's economy and employment prospects in the Consultation Documents.

When faced with making difficult decisions – either in expenditure or in policy – it is my understanding that best practice is to start with an evidence base. I don't see an evidence base for the proposed budget and am very concerned that the Budget has been prepared without due diligence, and the impact on current and future generations of Aucklanders has not been properly considered and understood.

Request of Council

We urge Councillors to:

- **Reject this current Budget proposal** – specifically, the cuts proposed to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Regional Services, Eke Panuku, Local Board Initiatives and Contestable Grants.
- **Reconsider the proposed approach to addressing the current shortfall.** I request that Council considers a different mix of financial levers other than decimating community investment (such as targeted rates increases, borrowing and/or asset sales) when preparing a revised budget.
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A city is more than its infrastructure – and now is the time to invest in the recovery, and future resilience and prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people.

As is reflected in Council's own *Toi Whīkiti - Auckland's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan* - 88% of Aucklanders believe that the arts are good for you, 86% agree the arts help to improve society and 90% agree that they learn about different cultures through the arts. Music is the most accessible of all artforms, able to be enjoyed almost anywhere by anyone at any time - and it plays a vital part in nearly all arts & cultural events and initiatives.

- **Music Boosts the local economy**.
- **Music Supports education and creativity.**
- **Music Enhances Auckland's identity**.
- **Music Fosters community**.
- **Music Improves wellbeing and quality of life.**

Music helps make a city live, and be liveable.

Yours sincerely

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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.

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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

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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: Further increase (beyond $20m) budget for weather related events

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: i do not support 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?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: i do not support the reduction of funding to any services

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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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't "proceed with any proposed reductions". Auckland is a growing city, you proudly champion this in your advertising, you should be getting more revenue from this growing population. If you are going to make cuts, maybe lead by example and cut exorbitant salaries of chief executives. btw, Central Auckland is a disgrace and an embarrassment, how the hell is cutting services and budgets going to fix the mess the city is currently in?

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? I don't know

Tell us why: Selling "public" shares has never worked in the long run, regretted by future generations - and resulted in higher user costs as the free market will always try to maximise their profits. The fact that you can make so much money off their sale shows thei

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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: So let me get this straight, rates are going to increase anyway (as they have in past years! - and I wonder why we have inflation😕!). And yet you propose these drastic cuts because of debt? 'smacks of generational mismanagement to me, which seems to be o

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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 just wonder why we had to have this disastrous response to the recent storms, and the outcry and anger that ensued, before anything is done to address the situation. We have known there were infrastructure shortfalls and work that needed doing, I know h

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all the above priorities for Albert Eden Local Board. But you are proposing to cut funding by $16 million dollars “to all boards”? ‘give me a break.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: More investment in public transport is needed if anything

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

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 some of 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.

Culture and diversity through art creates shared lived experience and validates many communities which are affected by ongoing climate change more than other groups. It creates avenues for activism and shared social experience. I personally work along Karangahape Road and have been able to witness the benefit which the art sector generates. To cut arts funding is to cut 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: Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of what

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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 very important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Re-open the Pt Chevalier library, if anything as a community space. Teachers college - we have seen recent strikes from new teachers, why would you reduce funding for them in light of this? Keep green spaces and parks - it is fundamental to wellbeing. We

If funding for local board 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, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am a firm supporter of the art sector, the community it creates, and the culture it creates. Environmental restoration is self explanatory and includes climate action as well as waterway restoration. We require a diverse ecosystem in order to have a hea

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 all priorities

Tell us why: the priorities here all make sense.

If funding for local board 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, Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep the community in charge.

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, Environmental education activities

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Keep the community in charge. Investigate additional areas suitable for low-mow / no-mow programming to reduce emissions and maintenance costs and improve soil quality and biodiversity for non-recreational open spaces. Cut golf courses.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: They all make sense. Cut golf courses.

If funding for local board 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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep the community in charge, keep funding for the arts sector.

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What do you think of these proposals? I support changes to waste charging with emphasis that all areas should have food waste collection available. I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Keep funding to the arts sector. Keep public transport accessible. Reduce mowing without deteriorating public green spaces and third spaces for communities.

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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 any cuts to services such as Citizens Advice Bureaux , libraries and help for the homeless. These cuts will make life harder for society's poorest and most vulnerable, who lack the essentials of life, information and other resources. They will worsen inequality.

I also oppose cuts to environment-related programmes, agencies, education and nature-related facilities like parks. A failure to face facts about how people - Aucklanders included - have long damaged our natural world, and to change our behaviour accordingly, means that we are now experiencing extreme and devastating effects from the January 27 floods, Cyclone Gabrielle and our city's poor planning. Auckland cannot afford to cut any environment-related costs. We need to spend money to build a resilient city that meets pressing environmental needs.

I oppose making the existing temporary cuts to bus services permanent, and increasing the cost of bus travel. Frequent, accessible, affordable public transport is needed in Auckland more than ever, as part of action against climate change. The proposed bus service cuts and cost increases will again penalise those who most need these services and can least afford to lose them or to pay more.

I do not oppose cutting funds to existing Auckland Council early childcare education, as I see these as something of an anomaly among other council services. I do not see ECE as a council 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?

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 have the capacity to take on more debt and it is necessary, so Auckland can deal with the legacy of Covid 19 and meet environmental challenges that the January 27 floods and Cyclone Gabrielle this year have so powerfully illustrated, challenges that wi

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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 essential to begin to deal with previous underinvestment and even negligence. We must build a resilient city.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all the above priorities, in particular those relating to libraries, parks and and climate action, but they cannot be adequately progressed with a reduced budget. I am also concerned cutting funding to local boards with their elected members wil

If funding for local board 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: 'I find it impossible to limit this selection to three. The really key items in the above list I believe are

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- Community climate action and sustainability

- Protection and restoration of local wate

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What do you think of these proposals? I oppose reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Targeted Rate, and I also oppose using reserves collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024.

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It defies belief that at the time when Auckland most needs a wide range of work to build community, provide for the poor and vulnerable, and protect and enhance our environment, the council proposes to cut these things. They are fundamental to what makes

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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: 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 some of 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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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)

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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As someone involved with a lot of the community theatres in Auckland, I think they have a lot of value in our communities and it's vitally important that we continue to support their operation. These places serve both as a training ground for emerging act

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: In the midst of an already high cost of living crisis I dread the foreseeable impact on the livelihood of myself and my peers in the film and television industry that the proposed funding cuts to the Arts would have.

It is more than merely an entertainment service that we provide.

There are entire communities and careers that would be severely impacted if not eradicated by the cuts.

During the covid pandemic families in isolation turned to the arts in the form of film, television, books, games, podcasts, audiobooks and other mediums to get through the hardship of the pandemic. Our industry struggled but we managed to recover and even thrive in the past 2 to 3 years.

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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.	

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 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: Cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. These cuts will decimate arts and culture at a time where they have been flattened by the pandemic. People are consuming art every day and not recognising the makers. This is not a charity, it's the soul of a place and it'll feel so different when it dries up. You'll also put people who serve everyone into poverty. A thriving arts community feeds into so many other industries: retail, hospitality and tourism. It's a crucial part of what makes a city liveable and attractive to people moving there. Artists are not interested in working for free while personally paying for the service they give to the city. They will leave, retrain and the city will feel strange and boring and you will not be able to get it back. It'll feel industrial and super behind other countries.

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? 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
- 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? 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:

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: Supporting the community comes with connection. Artists study and create opportunities and pathways for connection. Something that is very important is this isn’t taken for granted. Without structures for community and connection we risk isolating people.

If funding for local board 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: Arts funding must be protected. It's not a case of a frivolous extra, it's recognised overseas as a crucial crucial part of the identity and enrichment of a city and its citizens. By increasing investment and support you're helping regenerate the city aft

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).	
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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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:

• 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?

Please consider the shortsightedness of arts funding cuts specifically do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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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
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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: Please keep the Albert/Eden Cultural Festival. It is a huge part of the Owairaka Community and other Albert/Eden schools. Performing in front of thousands of people on stage is a fantastic learning opportunity. It helps children gain confidence, learn about other cultures. It also promotes happiness and understanding.

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? 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.

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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? 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 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: Sustainable environmental management is essential, worldwide. We need to reinstate wetlands in Auckland City in places like Edendale Reserve and parts of Gribblehirst Park. I would also like to see library hours continue. However, I do see excessive spend

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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In December 2022 Room a Year class of year olds at School, wrote short, to-the-point persuasive pieces. We hope they will persuade you to keep our festival.

Dear Auckland Council

We know you need to cut things but please do not cut the cultural festival.

Some kids show their culture and are proud of their culture.

In conclusion, Auckland Council please keep on hosting the cultural festival so new kids can try. Please, please just let us do it.

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival at Rocket Park.

First, it helps other people get along with each other. We can also learn other people’s cultures.

Second, it helps people to get off their screen for a long time and it is good for our minds and bodies.

Third, most of the cultures are very popular. If you cut our festival other kids will not get a go on what they wanted to do.

In conclusion, our cultural festival is where we can have fun with others that have the same or different culture as them. It brings us all together.

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our cultural festival.

First we learn other cultures by kanikani (dance).

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Dear Auckland Council

We really don’t want you to cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival at Rocket Park please.

First, it is really fun and important to us.

Second, all the little kids need a turn as well.

In conclusion, please let us have our cultural festival.

From Room 18, Owairaka Year 3

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our mega cool Albert/Eden Cultural Festival.

First, kids from different schools and our one all do a performance.

Second, lots of mums and dads and cousins and grandparents, also uncles and aunties support and watch the performance so new people can have a try.

In conclusion, please keep hosting it. People love it so so so much. We work hard practising so we can perform for people.

Dear Auckland Council

Please do not cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival at Rocket Park.

First, it is very special to us and all the other schools so can you keep on hosting the Albert/Eden Cultural Festival?

Second, it’s very important to have a cultural festival.

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Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival. We know you need to cut our costs but please don’t cut our festival off.

First, it helps our brain develop. We need to experience other people’s cultures.

Second, it brings the community together, stops crime and makes our community and our school a happy place.

Dear Auckland Council

We understand that you need to cut lots of things and that is ok just don’t cut our cultural festival because it makes us feel good. Please, please let us do it.

Second, why did you want to cut it down in the first place?

Third, is there even a reason for us to stop doing the cultural festival because if there isn’t we will do it anyway.

Dear Auckland Council

We know you need to cut some things but please don’t cut our Eden/Albert cultural festival.

First, it makes us get away from devices so we get fit and healthy.

Overall, please don’t stop our cultural festival.

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Dear Auckland Council

I know you are running out of cash but can you please continue to host this celebration. It means a lot to Owairaka School.

First, it improves our hand and legs motor skills.

Second, everyone who comes to Eden/Albert Rocket Park can get a chance to get away from phones.

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival.

First, different cultural groups are love to us but please don’t cut it. It is so precious to us so please can we still have the cultural festival at Rocket Park? We are trying to pay for it so please keep it on and we are trying our best.

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t stop our super fun Albert/Eden cultural festival at Rocket Park because it is really fun and important for us. It will make me really sad if you stopped it.

First, kids from all over central Auckland come and perform.

Second, almost everyone in Owairaka Primary performs in a cultural group, even if it is not theirs.

In conclusion, we love the cultural festival and we don’t want you to stop it.

From , Year Room

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Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our cultural groups even though you’re low in cash. I had a great time and Owairaka School had fun as well.

Dear Auckland Council

Please don’t cut our Cultural Festival at Rocket Park.

First, if you cut our cultural festival the juniors won’t get to try it.

Second, if we do cultural groups we might stop people going to war so we can stay in harmony.

Next, it’s my favourite time of year.

Dear Auckland Council

Don’t cut our Albert/Eden Cultural Festival at Rocket Park.

Please let us dance. We all like dancing. We are all dancing to show other people. I like dancing to show other people.

If you guys shut it down people and kids are going to be sad.

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Dear Auckland Council

I understand that you need to cut money but don’t cut Albert/Eden Cultural Festival. I’d be sad that you cut it.

First, it develops young minds at Owairaka.

Second, it is sooo traditional.

In conclusion, please give it back.

Dear Auckland Council

Owairaka understands that you have to cut a lot of things because of money shortages but we are begging you please don’t cut our cultural festival.

First it is developing our minds to dance and perform so please don’t cancel it.

Second, I really enjoy watching other cultural dances.

In conclusion, it is my favourite time of year and we look forward to it so please don’t cut it.

By , Room , Year

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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 <u>not</u> 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? 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 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, 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:

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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:

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cuts to public transport .

Do not reduce finding to Tataki Auckland

Do not reduce regional services as outlined above

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: I don't think we need to do this and when the economy recovers this will be a valuable asset

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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 have listened to and believe current financial experts who have noted the councils' level of debt is reasonable and recommend an increase in the level of debt combined with an additional small increase in proposed rates rather than the current 'crisis'

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? I don't know

Tell us why:I don't know enough about this subject

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 the reduction to local boards . I support much stronger action on climate and on tree protection (which has been abandoned) and tree planting (which in addition to the effect on climate change has immediate advantages for clean air, flo

If funding for local board 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

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.	

What do you think of these proposals? No I don't feel sufficiently informed to comment on these

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 can't find the relevant information but object to unnecessary removal of exotic trees - we need all the mature trees for the benefit of our health and air quality . Replace with natives gradually over the years .

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To: AUCKLAND COUNCIL - Mayor Wayne Browne Councillor Watson, Councillor Walker, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Fairey, Councillor Baker, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Williamson, Councillor Fuli, Councillor Filipaina, Councillor Dalton, Councillor Newman, Councillor Bartley, Councillor Darby, Councillor Hills, Councillor Simpson, Councillor Sayers, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Turner, Councillor Lee, Councillor Leoni.

Re: The Auckland Council Annual Budget of 2023/2024, and its impact on the arts and communities in Tāmaki Makaurau

March 26th 2023,

Tēnā koutou Mayor Browne and Councillors of Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland.

I had intended to write a personal letter outlining my concerns re the impact of the proposed funding cuts on arts and community organisations in Auckland City region. Instead I have copied the letter below which covers my concerns. I want to emphasise most importantly however that Auckland has had a tough few years and the last thing the community needs is petty reduction of local and community services. Services such as arts, music, libraries, community support and events not only enrich and reflect our place in the world but provide a huge impact for a very small relative cost and frankly which make Auckland worth living in. Many local and arts organisations will not survive the proposed cuts and cannot simply be put back in place when the economy improves as the social infrastructure will have disappeared. The council also needs to understand that rebuilding the economic base of the city requires community energy and support. Despite the rhetoric of some council leaders, evidence from great cities around the world shows us that the economic base will not be built through more money for physical infrastructure or better drainage or removing road cones – it can only be built by communities that love the city and feel and act like communities.

Sincerely

I speak to you today on behalf of myself, and our local community organisations, facilities and initiatives.

The Auckland Council proposed funding cuts will greatly, negatively impact the local economy, community services, cultural experiences, arts opportunities, and the heritage and education sectors. It will damage the mental health and wellbeing of our people.

Both small and large business development, which grows our local economy, will suffer. Arts and cultural sectors contribute significantly to the economy, and these cuts will lead to substantial job losses, a decline in professional opportunities, a diminishment of sector vibrancy and economic decline. A recent example of the potential impact of the cultural sector is Sculpture on the Gulf, which attracted 16,400 visitors to the Te Whetumatarau Headland in March 2022 and was able to return $650,000 to local artists and suppliers, including almost a quarter of a million in small art works sales alone. Community art centres, like Lake House Arts in Takapuna, are places where

artists and creatives gain vital experience and return their service back to the community and wider economy. There is a significant return on investment that's often overlooked. In FY19, 1.6 billion dollars in revenue was recorded as directly attributable to Arts, Culture, Heritage and related Tourism. Given this, Auckland Council's current funding contribution is a small investment for a substantially larger return.

The removal of funding will impact connectivity between people and intergenerational learning. Arts, culture and heritage provide opportunities for people to come together, share ideas and experiences, and learn from one another across generations.

Access to affordable learning, accessible hubs for development opportunities and belonging, a sense of place and identity, and providing support networks and places for healing and personal growth will all be impacted. Grassroots initiatives, youth, and emerging artists will be left unable to access affordable or free learning opportunities, limiting creative and professional growth and development. Lake House Artsand it's fellow Arts Centres are a testing ground for emerging arts, essential for future industries like music and the fine art economy.

In the arts sector, funding cuts will almost certainly lead to the closure of orchestras, exhibitions, and theatres. Artists will not be able to earn a living, and at a community level, 1.5 million recorded participants and attendees will yearly miss out on cultural events and experiences that are crucial in building community, fostering creativity and Auckland Council's own vision for a thriving city. After two years touring Auckland Region Lake House Arts will wrap its "Tipua" Sculpture Tour, an absolutely unique experience enjoyed free by over 100,000 people across the region, including the 20 participating artists. This, and the Sculpture Symposium hosted at Lake House Arts now under threat from the proposed cuts that would take away $20,000 in funds which enable these to go ahead. That's 20 cents per participant and attendee.

The education sector will also be impacted by the loss of accessible and affordable classes and learning, leading to a loss of income for independent teachers and art educators. The loss of art and cultural development education programs will lead to students missing out on important development essential for personal growth and well-being. Arts students come from all walks of life, and for some living with disabilities or personal life challenges, Lake House has become absolutely essential to wellbeing and meaning in their life. We do not respect creativity and social life as a vital human experience enough.

Another great community contribution example outside of arts, is the local volunteer organisations that conserve, tidy and protect our local environments and share wisdom and learning – Kaitiakitanga – locally. In my opinion they provide much better short-term result and long-term return on investment than contracted Council Services that are not directly connected to or invested with our communities.

Locally driven facilities, organisations, initiatives and the people who commit enormous energy and time to their communities, are contributing to building resilient communities, even more important in the wake of pandemic and natural disasters. These events have proven that services are needed, wanted and are now under threat.

It is essential and incumbent upon you, our Local Board and Councillors to support, advocate and lobby for the continued if not increased funding of arts, culture, heritage and community to ensure all of our survival and continue community building.

The truth is the Arts, Culture and Heritage Sector has struggled to prove its value to the wider community, we could call them “The Unconverted”. Those who don’t truly understand the real costs and value of what is now under threat. People pay for concerts, music and art lessons, art to improve their home and life, in part because of “free” exposure to arts, through free public events and concerts, seeing murals on suburban power-boxes and buildings, statues and sculptures in our streets, and having free access to public exhibitions and experiences. Our communities are exposed to “free” art, culture and heritage everywhere without needing to consider the actual small cost they contribute. A comparably tiny amount of public funds achieves so much for our people.

If removed, facilities, organisations and initiatives with decades of operation and proven impact for communities won’t come back from this.

I believe that Council has overstated this financial crisis, with their own reports showing better than expected fiscal outcomes for two years in a row. I encourage the members to fight for a better budget, one with a greater vision for our future and our people. A budget that respects Council’s own duties and function to ratepayers. A better budget that addresses appropriate rates increases that don’t kick rates/inflation related catch-up down the line. A better budget that will retain assets addresses money wasted in our infrastructure development and bureaucracy. A better budget that will address fees on parking and public transport, road use and invest in eco-economy. A better budget that leverages Private Public Partnerships to invest in our communities future. In short - a better budget.

With more vision, more partnership and more investment, we ensure a better future for all our people. I encourage you all, and I encourage Auckland Council to share that vision and to stop the Cuts.

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Tatou Katoa.

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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:

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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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

- Reducing regional services,

- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

Additionally:

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

I do not support these cost reductions. The long-term effects of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact Auckland's culture, art and community sectors, and in turn shrink our local economy.

Auckland's future needs this financial support in order to flourish: this is not the time to be cutting back.

The arts and culture sector of Tāmaki Makaurau is what makes our city special, what makes our city a community. Services in the arts and culture 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 have a domino effect on revenue generation from other sectors such as hospitality and retail sectors. Additionally, this 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 some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter. Once these services have closed, it will be near-impossible to get them back.

As a working artist and theatre practitioner, I rely on council funding in order to create the work I do. Like so many others who work in the arts and culture sector, I supplement my income with jobs in sectors outside the arts so I can fund the work I do in the arts. This alone is not enough. The funding that currently exists is essential to making this kind of work happen, connecting and bringing our community together, as well as invite others to enjoy the arts and in turn, our city.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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: Selling what is left of the Auckland Council's airport shares will have irreversible consequences. While selling the shares now brings in a chunk of revenue, all future revenue from dividends is lost along with a share in the extensive land airport holdin

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: Increasing general rates a little more than is currently proposed should be considered. We should consider raising rates similar to Wellington's rates rise of almost 13%. A slightly greater contribution from home-owners is necessary to maintain community

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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 disasters will continue to increase in frequency and by investing in this impeding future we can be all the more prepared for it. Alongside this, support from Auckland Council for Three Waters is essential.

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. It is proposed that all environmental services provided by local boards will be cut, and I do not think this is appropriate after a once

If funding for local board 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: Selecting only three is a difficult feat, I do not believe any of the above services should be reduced. These all work finely together to create joy and life in our local community and brings us together in a way that crosses identity. I really enjoy thes

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? The Council attempted to introduce an Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate which would act

like a tourist tax for visitors to Auckland. As this is currently held up in the court, I suggest the council could continue to investigate small additional charges

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?

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsized impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services. Our social infrastructure – including our arts, cultur

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: cutting budgets on services is not acceptable.

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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

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: Use a raffle similar to what lotto did for raising that money.

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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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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What do you think of these proposals?

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instead of cutting fundings, find creative ways to raise money.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce public services like libraries and community services.

You will kill the spirit of this city entirely.

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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: Good to have a stake in our Airport. The shares will continue to rise. Take on the debt, don't raise rates. Take a cut from the tourist tax that tourists pay to get into this country.

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 commercial building rates but make landlord pay without putting up rent for Tennant.

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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 will not make one iota of difference. Just make your current departments that look after this more efficient.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not cut funding to communities. Look at the cost of tenders for park maintenance. This is an area that is overpriced

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We should have been allowed 5but the 3 I have chosen provide mental health and wellbeing to large sections of our community. I see the positive effect sport has on the young. Libraries are sanctuaries for all ages.

Clean Waterways provide life and help th

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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? Start a deposit on glass drink bottles. Stream line recycling to make consumers more likely to recycle but also provide incentives for people to recycle.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Need more help from central government policies, Ie clipping the ticket on tourist tax the were 360000 tourists entering NZ in Dec 2022. If you collected $20 off every tourist that landed in Akl that would help make the city better for everyone 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We need to invest in all aspects of our urban 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: We need to keep the debt and profit locally. Ride the wave. Don't be so short-sighted and let foreign investors cut in. Future councils will have to negotiate and fund any future aerial infrastructural which would increase the value of a foreign portfolio

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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: Housing market is bouncing back and immigration levels are picking back up. We need greater investments and it should come from people who own house and land in Auckland.

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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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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:

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 support all priorities

Tell us why:

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
5	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
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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

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?

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, environmental education, community climate action and sustainability, Local waste minimisation activities, Local economic initiatives

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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?

Auckland Council needs to implement flood prevention for the Mangere residents living next to the Tarata Stream (Te Ararata Creek). This has been in Council's planning for some years and needs to be prioritised urgently to prevent loss of life and propert

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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 I was personally in such a bad financial situation, and an asset was costing me money, it would be the no brainer to sell it.

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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: Reduced rates now will make life harder for future generations in the costs to service debt, inadequate investment and a worse environment. A rates increase of less than inflation is irresponsible

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Tell us why: This is going to cost us more in the long run if we don't do it now.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

As the Vice President of the Dolphin Theatre in Onehunga, as well as an active arts practitioner and organizer at multiple community theatres across Auckalnd, I cannot express strongly enough the devastating effect the cuts to arts funding, particularly regional contestable grants, would have on the Auckland arts community. The Dolphin is the home to hundreds of actors, directors, designers, volunteers, and patrons who come together and thrive because of the unique artistic opportunities provided by the Dolphin and theatres like it all across the city. The only reason the Dolphin has been able keep the lights on, let alone mount multiple successful productions following the extensive Covid lockdowns, is because of this funding. The proposed cuts would cause the Dolphin and many other community theatres across

Auckland irreparable harm - these cuts would dramatically reduce our ability to stage quality productions, if not force us to close our doors entirely.

When I first came to New Zealand, I found it challenging to meet people and find my place in the local community. The Dolphin allowed me to do just that. It brought me back to the stage for the first time in a dozen years, nurtured a passion that had long since fallen dormant, and helped me to find my place and some of my best friends in Auckland. The past two weekends, I was lucky enough to be awarded prizes at both the Auckland Community Theatre Trusts Awards as well as the Northen Area Performance Theatre Awards. That would not have been possible without the Dolphin and everything it has done for me over the last five years.

I plan to stay involved in Auckland community theatre for years to come, and I implore you not to cripple my community, my friends, and my 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:

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

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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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events and social 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? 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:

4. Storm Response

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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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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: The reductions that you're proposing push more cost onto the public. And seems to be targeting all of the services which provide enrichment and wellbeing value to communities. With the current cost of living increasing so much, I don't see justification to increase costs and impose higher rates. Tax payers would be paying for more inconvenience. We need to be planning and investing into a liveable, creative and human centered city instead. Public transport plays a key role in this, our services need to get better and more frequent to build public trust in them. Having poor and intermittent timetables drives down the number of people who can use 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? 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 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: We know that rates of storms will continue to rise over time. Please fulfill your obligations and support communities to be prepared, and to recover better afterwards.

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: In particular, I think that the closure of libraries and CAB would be a terrible move for the communities who depend on those services. It will disproportionately impact people who need community support the most. I think that somethings like letting gras

If funding for local board 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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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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

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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, 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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I oppose all of the reductions in operating spending listed above. As a member of this community, I believe that maintaining and enhancing social services, community initiatives, social services is vital for our well-being. Good community activities and support are essential for helping develop social connections and promoting physical and mental health.

I am particularly concerned about the reduction in funding for youth centers, community empowerment, and homelessness initiatives and reduction in local board funded activities. It seems particularly counter intuitive against the backdrop of the amount of crime that has been reported in the media recently. By investing in these services we can help create a safer and more secure environment for everyone in the community by providing alternative outlets for people which can reduce the likelihood of engaging in criminal behaviour. Funding discretionary spending by local boards to helps them tackle issues unique to residents in their area; this is high quality targeted spending and shouldn't be reduced.

While an increase in rates may seem like an unpopular decision, I believe it is a necessary one. It is my belief that a rates increase rather than slashing community services will be a more beneficial long-term solution for the wellbeing of our community.

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Tell us why: I do not think the council should reduce their shareholding in Auckland Airport right now as the market is currently at a low point. Once sold this asset can no longer be leveraged to support future revenue raising during stronger economic times.

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? Other

Tell us why: I believe both debt and rates increases can be used. My preference is to both set higher general rates as well as making greater use of debt. Cuts to social services and infrastructure spending should be avoided in times of increasing inequality as more p

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?) Local community events, 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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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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? I would like to see increased funding in walking and cycleways around my community, and Auckland in general. I strongly believe that improved access to high quality dedicated walking and cycle infrastructure would greatly improve the safety of people in o

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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:

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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:

If funding for local board 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

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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: Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt.

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: Council should both set a higher 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: It is important it is for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. Personal stories about how the flooding has affected you and your community are highly valuable.

Question 5: Local Board Prioritie

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Please do not reduce funding for ART - LIBRARIES - COMMUNITY 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?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Without art and culture, a city can't survive.

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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 have great concerns with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate . The Council is now planning to plunder the Climate Action Targeted Rate fund to reduce costs to Auckland Transport. Please do NOT to permanently cut hundreds of buses a

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?

All the major community events in Auckland are in great danger of not getting funds. The amazingly rich cultural profile of our amazing city is in danger of fading away. Art and culture are the oxygen of our city.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain

the general rates package.

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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 sale of shares like this

ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large

shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporations

who are likely to buy these

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: rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and

the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid

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What do you think of these proposals? the council could continue to investigate small additional

charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our

city.

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

Auckland Council should be investing now – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social

services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back.

These investments can be funded through a

mix of borrowing and leveraging of rates set out above

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

Tell us why: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

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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?

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 proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural we

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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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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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? 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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 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.

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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.

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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:

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: These have provided crucial forms of funding and support to my communities that frankly the other services do not offer. The importance of practicing kiatiakitanga is crucial to ensure we have a proper environment and wildlife for our hapori.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing 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 sizeable 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. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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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-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

If funding for local board 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

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

Without funding, most of Auckland’s cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Many artists, performers, and community workers rely on city funding

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We must look after our wild life and environment. They rely on volunteers and donations. Eg Bird rescue.

Artists have already been ravaged by covid so need some repreive

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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: We need to retain some ownership

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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 are struggling but we need to save so a small increase is inevitable

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Tell us why: Make the red stickered land into wetlands and reseerves to further mitigate against climate change

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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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment wont wait. We need to keep looking after it

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

Please keep funding for conservation as it wont wait.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I support rate increases as they currently are under inflation, effectively making them a reduction.

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: This would huge long term ramifications for Auckland Council's future financials

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 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: The short term costs of this will be mitigated by long term savings due to the additional preparedness

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree with reducing funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited by $44m as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget insufficient to pay salaries and programming. Please do not suggest reducing hours and charging admission. You will kill the cultural heart of the city if you do this.

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? 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?

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?

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: I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for 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?) Local arts programmes, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: they support the needs of the community

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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.	

What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland City Art Gallery. All evidence shows this will kill attendances and reduce its very purpose.

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

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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? 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

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? 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:

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is important to not reduce investments in libraries, arts funding, transport and infrastructure improvements. At a time of growth the city needs to invest in its 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? 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 is a public good

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:

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, 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 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: Any reductions to arts organisations, community education or buses will have a huge impact on Aucklanders, especially poorer Aucklanders. It's already difficult to use the trains, if you reduce buses you are limiting people's access further especially in South Auckland. Access to the arts must remain free where possible. Covid showed the love that locals have for arts institutions and how important they are for wellbeing and social interaction.

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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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

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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: selling airport shares is a short term solution. the shares have on going value. to sell would be penny-wise, pound foolish

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Tell us why: a small increase in rates goes with the increased cost of living unfortunately.

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Tell us why:climate change is real and we should prepare as best we can

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: local community is of high importance, it gives human connection

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: arts are for the soul. waterways are key to life stream

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Tell us why: Waiheke is a jewel in Auckland's crown and people live there, it's vibrant and special

If funding for local board 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, Community grants programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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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.

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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

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

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?

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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining the current reduced public transport services.

Without reliable public transport options, people are going to continue using their cars.

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: A better investment over time

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? 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? Other

Tell us why: Stop giving consent for houses and apartments to be built on known flood plains. Completely irresponsible.

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, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I understand the need for reducing some of the activity but some essential services, such as libraries and CAB should be left alone. Don't reduce those hours. Too many people rely on those services.

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

The current mayor is the worst mayor for Auckland. Very concerned that we're stuck with such an out of touch, narrow minded person to help us navigate through such an important time.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: would still go with the early childhood education being the lowest one.

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: As dividends at 10 percent would still be a nice income and if you sold 8% of shares you may be able to buy back at a lower rate anyway if the market is watching

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: I don't believe that the debt can be fixed in one term and making it harder on those that own properties is not the answer when the last council has but us in this place.

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: Protect you assists and future proof.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe there is a lot of value in the community centres in all the areas and their budget should be better controlled but ensure they still serve the area.

If funding for local board 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), 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: I believe since covid the community centres have become a hub again for meeting markets and activities that serve the community.

Parks are also important as many people have animals or children whom they take to the park to work or play.

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).

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

I do believe that this process should only be for rate payers as they are the group that is most responsible for these activities not those that are not contributing to rates etc

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not support any of the reductions, especially bus services, Tātaki Auckland services such as the zoo and art gallery, regional services such as libraries and homelessness support, and regional contestants grants for community and arts

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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:

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: Do not support reducing the natural environment targeted rate or water quality targeted rate. Prefer further rates increases instead

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: Climate resilience should be a top priority

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? Do not support cuts to climate action. Climate mitigation and resilience should be top priorities

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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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? 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

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, 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

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.	
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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.	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.	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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts / culture / community / environment, as this will steal the emerging soul out of Auckland city.. you can't quantify SOUL!

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: I'm not smart but that is clearly a DUMB move.

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: Directs the impact towards property owners and investors

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 arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waterways impact the harbour and this needs restoration. Climate is pressing need and awareness / action must improve to assist the bigger picture.

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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? 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 a key long term asset, don't throw that advantage away. Look at other asset sales to eg golf courses

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

Tell us why: Decades of underspend in infrastructure in combination with poor decision making has made Auckland vulnerable

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: Present a long term integrated strategy/plan to enable informed decision making

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: More importantly develop the relationship between boards and council

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> 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:

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? 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? 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?

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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- 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: Our arts and regional services are needed for our communities which are already ruined by the housing crisis and people having to move. We need these connections to our 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: selling our stakes in our own assets is so damaging long term

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

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: 'Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported

- not this one what does the above even mean ?

If funding for local board 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: All of these are really important why is everything in these critical for our communities and you all can't figure out better ways! This is so wrong you get paid so much you have to work out how to be better this is not acceptable.

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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?

Wayne Brown is not meeting even mininal responsibilities of our mayor and it's clear he's incompetent and being about to work for communities this is not ok when you're being paid by Auckland tax payers. Be better.

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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 <u>not</u> 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? 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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- 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:

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, 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.	
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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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Submitter details

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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?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduce as planned but increase catch pit cleaning frequency. Council and ATs

existing spend on catch pit cleaning has resulted in flooding of properties and increase contaminate entering waterways. The cost benefit of increased frequency is greater than any other investment on Stormwater and flooding.

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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: Support debt reduction and better financial management of borrowing.

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: Council needs to stop wasting money, there's still more scope for cuts and oversight of council services. The time and money council uses to slow down developments would reduce staff requirements.

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: There is scope to find the require funds within existing/proposed budgets to fund this work. Better prioritisation and accountability of spend is required

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't support funding for local board/council to make people feel welcome safe and supported. Duplication of government 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, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Core services of council.

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? Reduce pool and spa compliance frequency or add self certification with audit.

Scrap the food scrap service. Encourage waste disposal use as it provides a food source for the bugs at the WWTPs

7. What else is important to you?

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

Auckland Transports lack of maintenance on street cleaning and catch pit cleaning causing flooding and nusinace issues. Plan for small inlet upgrades at a low cost improve flood resilience. Faults are not being investigated and repaired properly, eg nus

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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:

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 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?

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is abysmal and can't afford to be cut it needs a boost

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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 higher general rates increase

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Aucklanders need community and culture/arts now more than ever - these are what help bind us as a successful society across all communities- whether these are smaller ethnic communities or larger groups

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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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- 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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep arts funding and childhood care

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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:

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, Parks planning

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?) Local community events, Arts / community programmes and services, 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?)

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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 <u>not</u> 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: Better in the long term to keep the shares.

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 need to cut spending. Cut jobs and arts funding where possible.

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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: Reallocate funds from non important existing programs.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Community centres and libraries is the most important to me.

If funding for local board 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: Maintenance of local parks and waterways are important to me, my family and community.

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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?

Stop wasting money. There needs to be accountability for budgeting within all departments. Cut roles that aren't needed. Look seriously at needs verses wants in all things.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing the effectiveness of public transport.

We have long paid too little to live in a thriving city, which is why it has not thrived. Political expediency and short terms of office mean that no-one wants to tell the truth about how much it actually costs to run a proper city. We need to face that and pay more now so that our city has a future. These costs may seem like 'extras' , but actually they are the safety net that prevents crime, violence, health issues and despair. If you remove support for the few community initiatives, arts events and supports (such as CAB) that you offer, there will be a raft of unintended (but perhaps predictable) consequences inside communities throughout Tāmaki Makaurau. We have begun to see the impacts of poverty and disconnection on our social fabric through the challenges of recent years. The suite of things you are proposing to cut are

the things that hold and bind people together, build hope and make people feel seen. I feel we are at a tipping point, locally, nationally and internationally, where those who choose people over profit will benefit long term in continuing to live in safe(ish) and vibrant cities. The decisions you make in this budget need a different bottom line: what will create the best society we can make, not what can we scrape out of the money we have.

There is plenty of money in the citizens of AKL. Those of us living in the 'rich' suburbs can afford more. Make us pay.

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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: I think the rate should be targeted at properties over a certain value.

We need to maintain and build the services we are offering, not cut them at this time.

Less support is not smart in a volatile economic and climatic situation.

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Tell us why: You are currently investing in a suite of community initiatives that make a difference. In particular the work to daylight creeks and improve water quality, and support of cultural diversity through events are significant. Our libraries are critical commu

If funding for local board 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

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The Tūpuna Maunga Authority has restored the mana of our maunga. I support them choosing what to do!

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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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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 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:

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.	
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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.	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): Western Springs AFC

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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The council needs to find another solution to this issue. Reducing operational spending across local board and TAUL will have an adverse effect on our local football club which relies on this funding to be able to support the wider community. We require continued maintenance to ensure we provide first class and safe facilities for our ever growing player and support base.

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? 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:

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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? Other

Tell us why: Why is this now being increased? Surely the council had a plan for this already and action was underway. Waiting until after an event and them increasing spend seems poor planning.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Reducing operational spending across the local board will have an adverse effect on our local football club which relies on this funding to be able to support the wider community. We require continued maintenance to ensure we provide first class and safe

If funding for local board 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)

Tell us why these are most important to you: As previously commented, we run a football club and require the facilities including the parks to be maintaned at a high standard, which is also safe for the enjoyment of all our club members and supporters. We are the largest Club in the areas with a me

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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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- 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 contestable grants, ece funding(are you kidding me that this is even an option!) the tātaki Auckland funding, regional services education programmes supporting arts and culture and homeless and community empowerment! What the actual! These are so crucial to the foundations of who we are and how we operate for our social and holistic wellbeing as well as our cultural (widdest definition possible) hygiene and empowerment - and the economic situation we are in will downturn dramatically with these cuts - not saving us anything but instead generating further problems that are economic as well as disfunctional

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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

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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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I will need to look into these further as they sound intentionally vague. Eg- are you planning on closing libraries believing that's a response to changing needs?

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel like community development and support can encompass some of the other cars forums so I chose that - eg; community events. Waterways are huge issue as quality is attributing to eco system - birds, planting, etc all links in with situations like fl

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.	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.	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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- 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I wouldn't proceed with reducing funding for regional and community education programmes as these are important to promote activities into those that will then potentially generate income and contribute to society with support.

I would drive the costs out of AT harder and look to rationalise bus routes or use a smaller and cheaper fleet.

I would also look at further reducing local board funding or make it more purposeful so the community can see the direct impact of this funding.

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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: Will increase the financial stability of the council.

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: Given the cost of living increases across the board, increasing rates will continue to put pressure on to families and small to medium business where we need to support the growth. This would act as a deterrent to continuing to operate in AKL.

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: It is unclear why existing ongoing maintenance programmes do not have adequate funding to continuously improve the existing infrastructure structure.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Increasing community safety is the role of the police which is centrally 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, Parks planning, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Pest control needs to be maintained as can expand and causes bigger problems if not well managed.

A number of items on this list could be funded by running programmes to work along corporates who have performance targets around community and climate rel

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What do you think of these proposals? Changes to other rates: pool compliance.

Having recently been through the process to install a pool and meet the related compliance requirements there are inconsistencies between the inspectors, the booking process (which requires you to have a builder

7. What else is important to you?

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

Resource and Building consent processes continue to be inefficient and inconsistent. It would be good to see this also reviewed as part of the process with a target to reduce this by 30m in 2023/24z

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Happy to pay rate match to inflation in 2023-2024

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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

Tell us why: Happy to pay rate match to inflation 7.2% in Yr 2023/2024

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: Need to act on preventive maintenance work to prevent flooding.

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: Library is important to 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, 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).	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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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• 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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please do 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. By cutting funding for these services - you would be cutting off access for sooo many in Tamaki / and Aotearoa whose main source of income and outlet is via the arts and culture programmes. Arts and Culture have already suffered massively with huge losses over the periods of lockdown, these are families who rely on this source of income to live! This is their livelihood! I shifted to Auckland 6 years ago with my partner FOR the arts offerings and programmes. We spend a lot of time going to see performances and get involved in things happening in this area, and I have been lucky enough to have some support from local funding to do some of my own recordings and things, and pour into what strengthens my passions for music and performance. Without this funding, I would not have been able to do a lot of these things and connect with my now community. Please don't reduce the support for these important areas.

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:

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?

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

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There is debt capacity and rates can easily increase to at least the inflation rate. A combination of both will provide time to properly consider long term changes to operating costs - not the knee jerk cuts being proposed.

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?

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?

Tell us why: Higher rates and higher debt combination

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 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, 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not cut funding for economic development and major events - art, culture, events and economic development are vital to enable auckland to continue to be a better place to live. Without these it's a crap city to live in

7. What else is important to you?

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

The mayors budget is a shambles - the creation of a 'crisis' to grandstand……be like a commercial entity - .increase debt and rates this year to balance the budget and alongside this create a way to sustainably change operating cost trajectories over the n

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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 <u>not</u> 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 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:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The only reduction I can see from the list is reducing funding to tataki, it's great to have these events but the benefits are often far less than outlined.

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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 isn't going to lose importance in the future and is incredibly important to people in this city. To lose our say in what happens to such a critical asset is a bad 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:

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: Climate change is real and this is far more likely to be a 1 in 10 year event then a 1 in 100

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, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: This entire list is incredibly important to me. When done well they are immensely beneficial to a community.

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What do you think of these proposals? Auckland is in a tough spot and likely will be for a long time. However rash price cutting to services that provide large amounts of value to its residents will not result in the long term gains for residents. Most likely it will simply mean that poor com

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: A major saving can be made by significantly decreasing funding to large companies.

Ratepayer contributions should not be being made to companies that are running public transport (buses, ferries etc). If a transport company cannot operate efficiently enough that they cannot make a profit without huge ratepayer contributions they should not be in business.

These operators simply take the mickey out of the situation. What penalties or reduction in funding have they received when they cancel services, which they often do at very short notice i.e. a service is shown on boards and just before it is due it simply disappears or becomes cancelled. On top of this they have been running reduced services for some time.

Cuts to funding for community services should be limited as much as possible e.g. zoo

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Tell us why: Selling shares provides a one off boost to council funds but the asset is then gone forever. As a monopoly the Airport will continue to make profits, its share price was relatively unaffected even through the COVID pandemic as freight services continued t

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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: Council continue to raise rates willy nilly well beyond the increases in salaries and wages that ratepayers are seeing. This is quite clearly unsustainable as costs of most things continues to rise as well. This will simply drive more and more people into

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

Tell us why: Why should ratepayers suffer the consequences of poor management, replacement and investment into infrastructure that has been neglected for decades? No one in council that allows these failures is ever held to account.

The council continues to allow dev

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Tell us why: As someone that lives on the boundary of a local board I see plenty of action in the middle of the local board area but the is often little thought given to the fringe areas.

If funding for local board 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 activities are most closely related to the whole community and environment

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What do you think of these proposals? For years green waste has been promised and never delivered except to small pockets. This along with food wate services would contribute significantly to reduced land fill costs.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

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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 here, and you can't ignore it. Let's be better prepared and learn from our lessons.

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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. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board 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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport funds are really important, the public transport in Auckland is really expensive and already causes many people to drive in cars by them self, therefore increasing carbon emissions. Early childhood education is important, the more kids are nurtured at an early age has a huge impact on how they learn in later life. I love the Auckland art gallery and want it to be accessible, galleries are the main reason I visit other cities

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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 we need the extra money to funnel in to climate action and climate resilience, helping farmers switch to more regenerative/sustainable practices, and supporting local food production. more clean energy etc.

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 think our recent storm events have shown us how important investment in roads and infrastructure are. we can spend that money on improving public transport and climate response. improving sewerage systems to protect our beaches/ drinking water etc

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:the storms were really horrific, they impacted people unfairly, they threatened our food security and will have a huge impact on our increased cost of living. lets work on building houses in climate resistant areas which are storm proofed and work on safe

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe the current focus should be on climate action, planting trees and working on public green spaces is hugely 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?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: let the parks get a bit untidy but still plant in them, restore our waterways, love local arts programmes that foster young minds and build community

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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 make an urgent response to climate change, we are in a climate emergency and things are about to get worse, the power of the individual is tiny , we need to make big changes in how we have been spending that money, farmers need support. public tran

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community and arts should be our priority!

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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: Budget for the arts is already limited. These communities need support.

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: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

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Tell us why: Art gives community a way of creating and coming together.

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Tell us why: Because I love the library and parks! Without funding for libraries, we don't get the full benefits of their existence.

If funding for local board 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: I'm an artist and these events help me connect. The library gives me access to books I couldn't afford otherwise.

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Tell us why: The airport is integral not only for international tourism but for locals and the wider NZ population. While they are planning on going through major changes over the next number of years I think its important of Auckland council to maintain a stake/say i

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Tell us why: This is great to see, the wider question is what is happening with planning applications around water collection/flow. While we need more housing, and housing available in areas where people are living we need the green spaces, planting and trees to be ab

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

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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: The land is our most important resource, protect it and other great things can flourish

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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 to any services that have implications for people of lower socio-economic status. Specifically, community initiatives such as The Southern Initiative, social services and other services impacting wellbeing, homelessness services, public transport cuts. Do not proceed with cuts to any activity that contributes to climate action. It is absolutely unjustifiable and unscientific in the midst of a climate emergency that is literally on Aucklanders' doorsteps. Climate action by the Council is already insufficient and not happening with enough urgency. Cuts are absolutely unjustifiable. Think outside the box, consider alternative approaches to funding (for example, higher rates for those with more disposable income), and act with the long-term in mind. Cutting these services and activities doesn't make economic sense - it only pushes impacts and costs downstream. Councillors have a duty to act with the long-term in mind.

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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? Other

Tell us why: You need to consider implications for those already struggling to meet costs (including home owners and renters alike). For example, higher rates for those with higher disposable incomes. Any policy must protect renters.

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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: Absolutely essential - AND don't treat or talk about this as a one-off event to recover from (change the narrative). It's our new reality. Council must adapt accordingly. Build climate resiliency, not just response. The floods, and other major climate eve

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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I support good financial management, and ensuring Council anc CCO's operate efficiently. But important services must be maintained, and inflation will require increased rates. It's quite reasnoable for rates to increase at the rate of inflation. I support https://betterbudgetauckland.co.nz/

Auckland has become increasingly inequitable, and to make it a liveable City, the Council has an important role in looking after, and speaking up for it's disadvantaged citizens.

Council must increase it's moves towards zero carbon.

Public transport services should be upgraded to improve patronage, with the emphasis on reliability. Cutting services is foolish.

There may be limited scope to cut Tātaki Auckland funding for economic development and tourism promotion. Venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland are important, and need continued funding.

Regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as Community Advice Bureaux, homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres, and early childhood education services, are all important for a liveable City.

Considering that inflation has pushed up costs for all activities, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants should be maintained at at least their present levels.

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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 will become less significant as international flights meet their full carbon cost, so it's reasonable to wind back the City's ownership. Returns from sales must be invested for the good of the city, e.g. in transport systems, and Library and

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

Tell us why: A total rates increase of at least 7% - to match inflation, and perhaps more for storm restoration is justified, and as a ratepayer I'm willing to pay my share.

The Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) should be

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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: Review developments proposed or now proceeding, and halt for redesign those that will be susceptible to storm damage.

Change development rules to keep the city green, and with plenty of surfaces that can absorb rain.

Support investing in stormwater infr

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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local Boards have a big impact on their communities, and funding must be maintained to make the City more liveable.

Climate Action and Environmental restoration programmes for stream restoration and pest control - supporting volunteer activities are impo

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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? The Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming public support should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

Support a food waste collection service roll

7. What else is important to you?

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Support Council adopting an alternative budget that invests in Auckland's recovery, community well-being and climate action; this is not the time for austerity. At least 7% increase in overall rates is justified.

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Tell us why: Rates should be raised if this would secure funding for essential services - they have currently not been raised to match inflation, so everyone is currently paying less than they used to. New Zealand should see debt as an investment in infrastructure tha

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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 believe it’s important for Auckland to have emergency funds on hand in case of another storm or flood like the last one. We should be prepared for more weather events like this to happen in future, as we begin to see the effects of climate change.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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We need our creative people and funding events in the arts and entertainment . Taking funding away from an already struggling industry will kill it, and leave our city without culture and soul.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Constant restructuring of staff is not good in such a tight labour market. You will loose institutional knowledge that is important for now and the future. Don't agree with cutting funding to the arts but it should be spread equitably but just to big rich institutions like the museum (war memorial). Need to increase public transport not cut it. Otherwise I agree with rest if suggested cuts

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Agree with all but first one because I don't know what that one means. Also want to get on with cycling and reading upgrades that have been planned and consulted on for so long. The library in point chev needs to be fixed asap

If funding for local board 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: Tangible things that are important to our environment

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Want councillors to think about the future as much as the present when making these decisions. Think of funding as investment in communities and the environment we leave behinf

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

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.

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Tell us why: Why would we sell shares in the current market. We would be trading a short term small gain for a long term massive loss.

Auckland Council should be investing in the future of our region, not selling it short.

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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: As a property owner in Auckland, I am happy to pay for the infrastructure and amenities I enjoy day to day.

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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: If we want to continue using our water the way we do now we need to invest in the future of that, or it will be lost.

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The arts and cultural sector is critical to the wellbeing of Auckland and its residents. Further to the economic measures listed below, there is intangible damage that will be done to the queer creatives of this city, and the young people who benefit from events like Auckland Pride, Big Gay Out and others.

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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The arts will pay dividends for years to come, losing them now is not the right move.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: Airport meh go on recoup your money without costing the community that's struggling - keep the arts keep libraries

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Tell us why: I rent and will never likely be able to get a house. People that own houses accepted the risk and can clearly cover the cost so the rest of us can survive - what's up nanny state

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: Ummm idiots destroyed the environment the least you can do is save it for the next generation

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: My concern is for queer takatāpui /BIPOC / artists who are struggling to survive after floods and Covid. Our story our ability to connect people needs to be appreciated. I help people feel a positive indigenous identity I want that to continue for the chi

If funding for local board 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: Arts do not cancel arts a chance to connect and share space with wananga .

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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I value the art gallery, other regional support to the arts, and public transport. I don't want to see these or other services cut. I would prefer to pay higher rates

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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:

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 do not support reducing the natural environment targeted rate or water quality targeted rate. I would prefer to pay more general 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: Storm clean up is important as is climate resilience

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not support reducing bus services. These are important for me as an older person to be able to get around

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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All these services are badly needed for Aucklanders who may not be able to afford things otherwise. Like childcare and arts programs. Public transport needs to increase as buses are still constantly packed. It's going to get worse the more people come for working holiday visa, the roads are already terrible due to the trains not running.

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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 going to be much harder to get shares back, it's best to keep them.

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? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why: The response was horrible from the council. We need better responses and also more responsibility from the council.

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, 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?

It seems like the only services this mayor is interested in keeping are ones for rich people. Most people these days can't afford so many things, even food. Cutting things like public transport and kindergarten services is horrible. We need to look out fo

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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. instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain

the general rates package

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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: If we sell it will set us up badly for the future. we lose all dividends and cannot return the land and value of the shares to the public. This is a breach of Te Tiriti O Waitangi as the land cannot then be returned under Waitangi claims.

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: Auckland Council has a great debt rating. Now is the time to invest in our futures.

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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: Our infrastucture is not ok, and people are dying as a result. We need to invest.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? the council could continue to investigate small additional

charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our

city.

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

Auckland can be great - and this shrinking is the opposite of what we need.

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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 reduction to any arts sector funding. I enjoy most of the great cultural activities that are council funded and appreciate that they are free as I do not have a large income. They help bring the people of this city together in an enjoyable and peaceful way. They help us relax, have some time out and also inspire us with with another way of seeing the world. We get to see more of the other ethnic groups that make up Auckland through events like Pasifika. Also they are great events for visitors to the city to attend and get a sense of how we are part of they wider world and that we appreciate our different communities.Now the world is opening up and moving again after the pandemic we don't want to be shutting down the best parts of our city and presenting to the world as a boring city.

I also do not support any cuts to services that help disadvantaged people like homeless people or youth support groups.

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Tell us why: It is best to keep a stake in an important asset and still be able to receive future earnings from it

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Tell us why: I don't want to be paying a significant rates increase now with mortgage rates going up soon. Increasing debt is a better option as it is important to not have any proposed cuts

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Tell us why: Because the effects of climate change are not going away and we need to protect people and their assets from damage by flooding

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: All very important social and operating activities that are 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?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I value our cultural activities as per my answer in question one It is very important to keep any local social groups together for community harmony and mental health. Our waterways are important for our environment and flooding control

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not reduce funding to

- the arts

- education

- the homeless

- public transport

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Tell us why:

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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?

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 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 don't want this to be a miserable city to live in. Public transport is not operating at adequate levels as it is, we need more public transport that is reliable and accessible to move beyond our unsustainable culture of car use. Reducing arts funding is likewise a miserable proposition. Closing the CAB and Kauri Kids ECE - miserable. Unimaginative. I have read the advice from Council staff on the cuts. It is majorly lacking in information. This is a fire sale being made under false pretenses. It also reeks of short termism with little regard for the costs of implementation (like leaving LGNZ...) that will cut into whatever paltry savings they are hoping to make. I have stuck with Auckland despite many offers and opportunities elsewhere, that is because I believe this city to have huge potential. If the council proceeds with these cuts Auckland will move precisely in the wrong direction. Moreover, the financial advice being offered here is short sighted and simply wrong - just look at Standard and Poor's most recent report on Auckland Council, granting the Council a solid rating and suggesting the possibility of an upgrade! This flies in the face of the Mayor's narrative that the wider council seems to have swallowed hook, line and sinker. The Council needs to step up and be bold and creative and abandon this miserable path.

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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: Short-termism. Have some confidence in your own 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 need to invest in the infrastructure required to cope with future events like the Jan 27 flooding.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'I deplore ALL of these proposed reductions. We do not need austerity in Auckland, and the crippling of all of our arts and community activity.

I propose that:

- rates be increased to at least the level of inflation and that the avenues for rates remission be well publicised

- borrowing be increased substantially, to the maximum possible. We have been saving for a rainy day, and this is that rainy day.

- the water quality and natural environment targeted rates be unfrozen.

Almost any single one of the proposed reductions will have a significant negative effect on the Auckland I know and love. Libraries and the CAB are beloved by all and will be defended by everyone. The art galleries, the museum, the zoo are as beloved. Do not reduce their hours and their funding.

Reducing economic development and tourism promotion? Why would you do that if you want to make money for the city?

Council-provided early childhood services are used by people who really need them. Do not take them away.

Reducing the quality of our transport services works directly against measures for fighting climate change.

Reducing local board funding reduces the local boards' opportunities to carry out the work they were established for under Council's enabling legislation.

Council work to support youth will be impacted by this proposed budget, and also work to assist the homeless. Both of these are too valuable to cut,

**The proposed increases payable for community leases will destroy the hard work of years, and leave many people throughout the city unmoored from their community support structures.

I am a trust board member for the Gribblehirst Community Hub Trust. The Hub assists Auckland Council to fulfill its legislative mandate to support community well-being. (see its statement at https://www.ghub.nz/)

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Tell us why: The airport shares are an asset - once gone, they are lost. Usually they provide a good return to Council.

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Tell us why: I wish to set a higher rates increase AND make greater use of debt. The proposed rates increase is lower even than inflation. Many other places in NZ, including much smaller places, charge much higher rates.

Make the opportunity for rates remission clear

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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: DO NOT reduce local board funding. The local boards are AC's means to support communities most directly, and cutting their budget will have an impact on many things such as local libraries, grants to local communities, and support for community 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: ALL of these activities are important! None of them should be cut.

New Zealand prides itself on having strong, resilient communities.

Auckland wants to attract overseas visitors to benefit its economy.

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I hope that a majority of councillors will reject this draft budget, and will embark upon a new one based on the premise that the role of Auckland Council is to support community, the environment, the arts.

There is no fiscal hole. This is a manufactured

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