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# 16222



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** It would be important to continue the three year partnership agreement with the Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust. With targets met for year one, and spending on track for year two, the Trust is now in the invidious situation of having road access restricted

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?**

## 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?**

## 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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# 16304



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** The amounts here are not huge but the negative impacts on community services will be significant

### 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:** The airport is a strategic asset for the city and some ability to retain control of what would otherwise be a private monopoly is not a desirable. The funds gained would be one-off windfalls so the solution of a full sell-off does not deal with long term

### 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:** Set a balance of higher general rates increases and making more use of debt while retaining a buffer within the debt ceiling

### 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 remediation work is not really optional and some withdrawal from areas of Auckland and compensation of those affected will need to be implemented

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** They contribute in a balanced way to the development of a diverse set of stakeholders and needs across the local board

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Because these are the most vulnerable programmes and dependent on council support for continued delivery

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**What do you think of these proposals?** Rooding and road transport while important across the city and especially for South Auckland is an area in which some significant savings could be made. Encouraging public transport combinations by enhancing park and ride facilities [e.g. at Papakura wher

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 16318



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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Public Transport - it is already difficult for those who have either no vehicle or one vehicle per family to get to work. If public transport were more convenient and reliable more people would use it.

Tātaki - Surely it would be better to ensure that Auckland is marketing itself as a destination and not just a layover between the home country and Queenstown or any other NZ destination. Economic Development

Regional services - Community education, economic development, youth centres and homelessness - if you remove funding for these you will see a rise in crime within Auckland area. Also shouldn't we be encouraging economic development - twice so far, in two different areas I have seen that the budget is wanting to cut economic development, along with tourism.

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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:** To sell all of our shares seems short-sighted - Auckland is our main international airport and I would hope that over the next few year or so that flight numbers will increase.

### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:** I think half of the proposed 20 million to go into operational spending.

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Environmental education programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

## 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.	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.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** I think overall this budget is far too short-sighted with a narrow focus on the short-term without considering the mid to long-term effects socially, culturally, and economically of many of the changes proposed.

## 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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# 16343



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** don't reduce funding to surf life guards, coast guard and rescue helicopter

### 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:** makes no economic sense to keep under performing 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?** 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:** an acceptable balance

### 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:** A.C.C should not be an investment company. Future storm related issues should be a priority of council planning.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** it's not council responsibility to fund unemployment issues, this should be a central government responsibility

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** help fund the removal of mangroves from the harbour. existing assets require ongoing maintenance and the arts cover the largest range of age groups.

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

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

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

## 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.	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?** climate action is not the responsibility of the council

## 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?

A.T need to better maintain the roads, NOT spend money on signage. A.C.C need to maintain ratepayers assets, NOT spend money on renaming buildings, parks and reserves etc and the associated costs of signage and branding.

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# 16404



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 **not** proceed with if any:

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Set a higher general rates increase AND make 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- 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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# 16406



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Do not proceed with 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 proceed with funding cuts to the Arts, CAB or homelessness. We do not want to become a pale version of the USA where "philanthropy" pays for these.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

### 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:**How can we not.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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:**

- 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?

This budget appears very anti-community and very pro-council led.

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# 16446



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

### 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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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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.	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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# 16475



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Some of this depends on services to be reduced and who that would impact, e.g. don't make it impossible for families to visit the zoo, art gallery, go to orchestra concerts etc.

If public transport is to remain reduced, make sure that the reduction best serves the community - e.g. focus on reduction in bus frequency/ times when they are empty, use smaller buses where there are few passengers etc.

### 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:** It is unclear how we originally have shares and what influence it provides to AC in the future planning and operation, and how we use the dividend.

### 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:** Ensure that pausing programmes, policies are reviewed at the following annual budgets and not dropped out altogether.

### 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:** Storm response should be part of normal maintenance of infrastructure and the infrastructure projects that are already in place. Reduce new projects if necessary, especially if they will only benefit a few. Balance public and private responsibility

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Local businesses should be able to support economic development initiatives without Council funding. It is unclear how this benefits the wider 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?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environment volunteer programmes, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Library to be maintained as a hub for all the community so reading and learning is enjoyed by all & long term benefits.

Well maintained parks and reserves and community facilities are enjoyed by everyone and benefit all whether passing by or using di

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

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

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

## 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.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** Waste management costs should relate to actual use as much as possible - the current rubbish bag system is good as you only pay for what you use, and is an incentive to reduce the amount of rubbish thrown out rather than recycled or composted.

Should be

## 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 cultural programmes that provide benefit to and opportunity for a wide group of people and those that maintain cultural opportunities for the inhabitants of all areas of the city not just central locations.

Need a re-think on things like M

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# 16478



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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:** Need a continuing stake in NZ's most important 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.

#### Rates

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

**Tell us why:** Debt on assets that are not going to increase in value is not wise. But neither can a larger rate rise than that proposed be supported by people already struggling with interest rate rises and general cost of living increases

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** The work needs to be done

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environment volunteer programmes, Recreation programmes in our parks

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Our parks are an asset that should be maintained and used by the community

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

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

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

## 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?** Don't think people should be charged for the food scraps bin if they do not use the service. Should make use of the bins user pays

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 16538



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## Your feedback

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** n/a

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

**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.

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Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes

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What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Community service and cultural events are a necessity, especially when times are tough. Libraries help with literacy and hours need to be long. Citizens Advice Bureau is incredibly important.

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### 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 rates at inflation

### 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:** Investing in the infrastructure will help the city cope with future weather events. Planners need to look long and hard at what infrastructure is available and what needs extending when allowing infill housing or new/extended subdivisions.

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
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?**

## 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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# 16577



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Improve the efficiency and productivity.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 16626



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 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?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do them all ... but cut much more

### 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?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Scrap the lot

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

## 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?** I want major cuts not a shopping list of extra 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).

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

I don't see proposals to cut costs ... across board by 20 % would be a start

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# 16685



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** The provision of existing services to Auckland is important and cutting these is not acceptable. I think the early childhood education is not required as this can be provided by others but all other services are important and should be retained by a combination of rate increase and further debt.

Council should also be looking for opportunities to make more profit from areas they have control of such as land development. With the projected increase in population Auckland has the opportunity to not only grow in a good way but as a council to profit off of it.

### 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:** Auckland Council is in a strong position to increase debt. A fire sale of our assets is not beneficial to Aucklanders in the long term.

### 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 rate increase and make more use of debt while retaining all services. The current rate increase is below inflation. For the services we receive, our rates bill is a bargain and it is long overdue for politicians to stop using the “ke

### 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 additional funding is vital, and will more will be required. Very important that we make decisions now that reflect a climate mitigation and adaptation strategy that takes us into the climate changed world of the future with eyes wide open. It will

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Investigations for plans and policy development

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Maintaining our assets is the highest priority, all three I selected relate to that I believe

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

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?** There should be no one off charge for a reduction in bin size, but I agree with a one off charge for an increase in bin size. This charge should be so high as to make it prohibitive.

## 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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# 16709



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

### 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:** Once you have sold off all our assets which is what you appear to want to do there will be nothing left for future councils to work with so the only option will be continual rate rises to generate revenue. The reality is even if you sell off all of the 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

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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?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Papakura Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. The priorities of the Papakura board are important and are a necessary part of 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 economic development initiatives, Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Arts and culture facilities and programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** They are all important- the community needs to have the ability to participate and contribute in all spheres of arts, cultural identity and the environment

## 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.	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?** 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?

**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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# 16773



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I only support Continued contribution to the restoration of Papakura Stream and Manukau Harbour in partnership with others and Fund Local Coastal Rescue Services and Coastal (seasonal) safety messaging campaigns. as the rest are more nice to 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** The rest are more nice to have and these are more basic services

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

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

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

## 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.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

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# 16780



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not reduce public transport, continue to fund Citizens Advice and other social services

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Sell the shares and we will end up with a Chinese or American owned airport which will increase landing fees for nAir New Zealand and reduce them for their airline(s) and could even result in say the Chinese putting a military base on the airport and you c

### 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?** 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?**

**Tell us why:** Auckland council has shown a complete inability to manage both drinking water and storm water, Give it to central government, 3 waters couldn't do a worse job. I am fed up with not being able to swim in the Manukau bacuase you have allowed human waste to

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:** We, the residents should decide what our local board does not you. It would be better to shut down the Auckland Council, sell off it's buildings etc to pay off debt and let Franklin run itself. You have failed miserably.

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Local community events, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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.	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.	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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# 16781



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** I do not wish this to be reduced. It is an integral part of so many peoples lives. 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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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#### Debt

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

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Papakura Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Arts and culture facilities and programmes, Community facility closures, Community lease charges

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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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# 16787



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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

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.	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?

Active transportation options, more cycle lanes

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# 16859



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

### 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:** if and when the shares are sold, would have to depend on the market. If the market is on a downward spiral, it would be silly to sell any 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:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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:** all of the items mentioned could work, but i am thinking of the people who are really struggling to make ends meet. Finding an extra \$3.00 per week can be a major job

### 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:** got to do what you got to do

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** hopefully these 3 are the most important to retain for the community

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

## 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.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** maybe smaller electric vans could be used in Pukekohe during the day as buses. It is such a waste to see large buses with one or two people in them. I still think we need the service, but the drivers need to understand that one of the rules is to stop whe

## 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 think that the Libraries should not be reduced in any way. they are one of the most important places for the community. so many different types of people us the library. Books, computers, talking books, Genealogy, meetings, kids story time. teachers wit

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# 16904



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 your shares in AIAL as it's only a short term solution and generates a sizeable income for 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.

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

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# 16929



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Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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Tell us why:

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**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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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?

- fully fenced dog exercise areas in Pukekohe
- community garden in Pukekohe

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# 16950



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

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

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

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

#### Papakura Local Board

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

Tell us why:

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Environmental education, Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Arts and culture facilities and programmes

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.	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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# 16964



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Cutting core city services does not produce a better city that people enjoy living in. Cutting transport services does not encourage the necessary shift away from private vehicle use that Auckland needs in order to reduce congestion and climate gas emissions. It's time to stop kicking the can along the road and start paying for the major improvements the city needs.

### 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 publicly owned-assets has been proven in many case studies around the world to result in an impoverished city which has less financial capacity to pay for necessary projects. i.e. selling the family silver is not a financially prudent action, and

### 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:** Infrastructure needs to be paid for. It would be more equitable, however to have a rates interest more heavily tilted to favour low-income families and to take more money from wealthy people.

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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:** Severe weather events will become increasingly frequent and severe as climate change accelerates. Auckland needs to plan for these events.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I support all priorities except the Local Economic Development broker-led Kai Franklin and Pukekohe Skills Hub 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** Yes

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

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# 17023



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Do not increase rates, but decrease debt by selling Auckland Airport shares

### 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:** We need to have this money in kitty to provide and maintain current services

### 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:** And, increase rates on businesses to at least equal with property rates.

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Long overdue work needs to be done to upgrade our systems so they can cope with these events.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Do not agree with funding Clevedon business developments.

The focus should be on Pukekohe - our centre.

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Investigations for plans and policy development, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Because the others are more important

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

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.	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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# 17109



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

Other

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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#### Debt

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

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

**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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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?

**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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# 17110



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

I don't know

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Youth connection programme, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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:**

- 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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# 17122



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Sell 8% of Auckland airport shares, keep 10%. Decrease public transport costs. Do not increase cost of Auckland Zoo. Proceed with other proposed reductions.

### 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:** Maintaining influence over changes at Auckland airport but reducing debt as well.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Make use of debt while also increasing rates to pay back debts.

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Too expensive too little benefit

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?** 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?)** Potential closure of local facilities, Environmental programme volunteers, Protection and restoration of local waterways, environmental education, community climate action and sustainability

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Caring for nature and making sure everyone has a good environment to live in

## 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.	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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# 17183



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Because I feel that this is not the time. get over all the weather problems and infrastructure problems first

### 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:** I do not see the benefit to Auckland Council of retaining these shares but would prefer to see the money spent improving access from Airport to City

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** help the people now, think about recovery and rate freezes in the 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:** It is needed to support and help Aucklanders

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:** Franklin, it feels to me, has rarely if ever felt part of the city and transport for access always appears to be a non-priority. It is very important I think, to support the area by supporting as much as possible the wishes of the local board. We feel 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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?** Other

## 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.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?** Targeting the local area for specific rate increases is ok as long as this is offset in areas where the area gets no benefit from 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?

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# 17191



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** A healthy Public Transport is needed to enable Aucklanders to go about their daily lives where appropriate and also help reduce private vehicle usage.

### 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:** Put it in private hands

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Especially increase business rates.

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Insurance - disasters will occur again

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Focus on the environmental, pest control and waste management measures

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Focus on the environmental, pest control and waste management measures

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

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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# 17307



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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: Keep assets for future

### 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:** Control

### 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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- 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:** Reduce bureaucracy

### 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:** Better management and less bureaucracy

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:** Reduce some stuff levels 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Environment volunteer programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I believe community is important that is all we have

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

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

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

## 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).	Other
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?** No man made climate crisis!

Reduce climate agenda

## 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?

No more bus service to areas where buses are driving empty

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# 17320



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Our children / tamariki should not suffer because of poor decisions by adults - consider NOT reducing funding for ECE & youth centres (ECE funding should only be for your first 3 children while the parent(s) go to work though... having any more than 3 children is a lifestyle choice that the public / taxpayers / ratepayers shouldn't have to fund!)

### 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:** I don't know enough about this subject to comment.

### 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

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

**Tell us why:** Rates suck. We all hate paying rates, and all have some complaint as to why we think they're stupid / don't work for us / etc. - but we're still cheaper than Waikato, and they can't even get their recycling collected. Up the rates, down the debt. Bette

### 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:** TELL INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY THE F#CK UP FOR CLAIMS BEING MADE. Consumers / customers have insurance for a reason, and insurance companies are beating around the bush instead of helping their customers clean up after Gabrielle.

A tree fell on my prop

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** For the love of God, do not let Eke Panuku back into Franklin to try shake things up again. We're still a farming / rural community, we are NOT ready to become a pedestrianised city like Auckland. Not yet.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Youth connection programme, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental education programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Kids & the environment matter.

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

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

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

## 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.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** BRING BACK FUNDING FOR ANZAC DAY / RSA SERVICES. Have respect for the fallen. Thank you.

## 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?

no more developers should be allowed to build ANY more of those teeny tiny depression apartments anywhere. deny consent. population density is NOT positive, it just makes people angry & resentful of each other. just look at the Hobsonville grapevin

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# 17361



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Don't reduce anything. Public transport especially needs more funding not cuts. Look at how to make more money not save money. e.g. better enforcement on parking and traffic infringements as well as more paid street parking could generate all or at least most of the money needed.

### 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
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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 would rather spend an extra \$3 a week and keep all the services than have less or none of those services. In fact make it \$7 a week, I can continue with one less Big Mac each week.

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Sounds good however on top of big infra spends there are some cheap and effective solutions such as replacing grass berms with rain gardens and digging roadside streams to take pressure off the drains and pipes.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I have no issues with 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?)** Local community events, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Franklin needs a lot more climate action with better bus services and bike infrastructure as this is very lacking currently. For example in Pukekohe excluding the 394 bus (as it's a rail replacement basically) none of the bus routes have a frequency high

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

### Papakura Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** The Papakura Estuary is disgusting and no one goes near the water if they don't have to. Allowing some mangroves to return and help filter the water would probably be a good thing.

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** They're what I think makes a town/community active and thrive.

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

Do not cut funding for Public Transport. Give it MORE funding. AND BUILD MORE PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON THE STREET REPLACING CARPARKS!

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# 17421



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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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

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

### What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

### Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- 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?

Charge the full price for public transport. AT should make a nominal profit.

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# 17431



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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:** reduce debt and live within means

### 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:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** stop racial based initiatives. COuncil and government initiatives should be for all rate payers/citizens not just a minority

**If funding for local board 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, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** protect/improve the environment/waterways and sports investment to help children learn good habits and protect their health

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

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

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

## 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?**

## 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?

return speed limits back to existing and repair regional roads in franklin

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# 17438



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I dont agree with reducing regional and local services, esp anzac events and community entertainment events. Anzac is important for the remembrance of those that fought for this very country, anzac parades are important in showing our appreciation for this and to educate our future generations on the history of NZ. Civil parades are needed for families to come together for anzac.

Local community events are important for families to experience entertainment, gain information about services, spend time together that otherwise many families cant afford to do due to the raise in living costs, some of these events are families only adventures away from home. As the children become school age and older many local parks are no longer entertaining so local events are their only way of joining in some entertainment. As a family of 7 kids we dont get out often but love the experience of local affordable/free events. Would hate to see these end. Locally we have already lost the civil anzac parades, christmas parades, waitanġi events, guyfawkes displays, v8 parades..would love to get anzac parade back, keep music in the parks, arts and crafts events, etc to bring families together away from devices.

### 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?** 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 agree is using these funds for capital spenditure, with the large population increases in many towns and housing increases the infrastructure needs upgrading to meet the increases

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** The rates increase is already a lot for some people, i propose delaying the further increase as the impacts are still not known and there's no guarantee that it will be as substantial as thoughts are, so by delaying it slightly there is still some in the b

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** For many families these events are the only times these families can get out and about for entertainment experiences due to the cost of most attractions and cost of living. As there isnt much for children and young teens to do locally these events are a

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

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

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

## 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?** Stop wasting money on food scrap bins and collection encourage people to make compost and plant gardens instead, its a waste of \$.

Dont increase prices for local swimming pools, there are already too many people drowning we need affordable pools for child

## 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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# 17444



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 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:** 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. 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.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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.

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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

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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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?**

**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.	
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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# 17466



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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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#### 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 remove the funding for supporting our youth, which includes youth centres-for some kids this is what's keeping them off the streets.

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**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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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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# 17487



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Increase rates by 1%

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Do not sell our 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?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Set a 1% 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?** Other

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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).	Other
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.	Other

**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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## 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:** Do not cut any funding around youth and education bullying and the struggles for our teens attending education etc is at an all time high because of the lack of government and council support.

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Local community events, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Bullying and fighting in school is at an all time and the schools aren't doing enough its a community problem and support needs to be given because our teens shouldnt be scared to go to school

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.

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## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** I wouldn't proceed with reducing funding for economic development and tourism via Tataki as these activities help increase revenues into Auckland. I would be looking at ways to generate sponsorship ad grants for some activities. I would look at reducing the number of non revenue producing positions across all CCOs including marcomms, HR, wellness and reliance on external consultants.

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

**Tell us why:** I believe you could sell but to a NZ holding with caveats that the entity must be fully owned by 90% or more NZ owned and operated organisation.

### 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:** Lower rates increase for residential. Higher rates increase for business. Increase developers costs and make them contribute to infrastructure such as roads, water, wastewater and sewage before construction can commence. In addition, introduce targeted

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Living I Beachlands I can't comment in these. I can say our Local Board is disconnected from the Beachlands and Maraetai area and do not represent our residents. We are underfunded for roading and have appalling PT. Our area has grown exponentially over

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

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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?**

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** 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 climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

I would like Auckland Council to take back control of Auckland Transport and change it's management, give it a mandate to provide the fast and safe movement of all types of transport over the Auckland region,,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events

**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

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.	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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# 17633



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 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?**

**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?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 17664



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I do not support the proposed spending reductions. Community well-being will be badly affected as the cuts necessarily hit those with the least income, who most need the free services the council provides. This is long term madness, adaptation to climate change and the need to support local communities and provide more public transport is essential.

### 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:** Income from airport shares is a long term investment, that also has capital value. You don't sell assets to reduce debt! Especially if debt is going to rise anyway.

### 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:** A rise in line with inflation is fine, and significantly greater than the 4.66% proposed. Cutting any funding from environment and water is incredibly short sighted. If work is not done we leave a much bigger financial burden for our children, this is not

### 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:** Preparing for similar events is essential. It would be helped if all new developments and updates/maintenance were based around predictions of future weather conditions, sea levels, etc.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Our local board does an excellent job, I object to funding being reduced at this grassroots 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?)** Library-based programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental education programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Without education and action on climate/environmental issues we are screwed.

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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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?** CATR - My area has no bus service - in our area cycle ways and walkways would be a good use of this rate.

## 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?

It is important to me that the most vulnerable communities retain services, such as CAB, community and education programmes, homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. We cannot starve communities of services and expect the

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# 17751



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## Your feedback

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not sell our shares in Auckland Airport

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Auckland Airport is important for the future of Auckland City

### 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:** There are enough households in Auckland for this to make a big difference.

### 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:** Sadly climate change will not go away tomorrow.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** They are sensible

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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:**

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# 17802



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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### 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:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**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

**Papakura Local Board**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:****6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges**

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
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?

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# 17861



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** You don't tell us the delta between the 87m and what dividends are delivered. This is a dirty underhand way to imply the savings are 87m when they clearly are not. Be open and honest. What is the projected growth in share value and dividend and what is

### 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

**Tell us why:** We should be paying at least inflation on our rates and borrowing should be reduced.

### 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:** Years of under investment needs to be reversed.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

I don't suppose roads come up AC. But fix the bloody roads and stop reducing speed limits and cycle times on traffic lights. The road to zero is not supposed to mean zero KPH. And STOP BUILDING IN EAST AUCKLAND. Flat Bush and Botany are becoming gridl

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# 17862



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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 like the Arts to be funded and ECE to those who are unable to afford it. The children need education as early as possible

### 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 think some local interest in the airport is good all round

### 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:** Because of the income this would bring in.

### 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:** I think money could be raised elsewhere, like a reduction of orange cones that seem to have been breeding all over our area...it's ridiculous. One sign used to be put on the roadside to say 'New metal' with a chip drawing now we have an immense amount of

### 5. Local Boards

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**Tell us why:** Here in Franklin we feel largely neglected by the Super Council as , I suspect outer lying regions to the North do too, it would be so nice to feel part of the Super City rather than the poor cousin down south.

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We take pride in our surroundings and the Council do a great job in our public gardens here. Many people use the local pool and gym...it is very, very popular so it would be a shame to lose that. And, I know my grandchildren, as do I, love the library activities

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 17910



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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:** Cutting funding for community programmes would be incredibly detrimental to the ability of ordinary Aucklanders to lean on supportive organisations and enjoy activities in this city. Cutting important services like some transport options, CAB, youth groups, arts and education will result in our city becoming boring, hard to connect with, and may increase crime if our youth have no outlets. Would encourage the Council to keep important services, arts and educational programmes alive.

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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:** Appears to be the reasonable option available.

### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:** Go back to the drawing board, preparation for weather events is necessary.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**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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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?

**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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# 17943



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** We need to reduce debt, and this step is logical.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Home owners like myself are already stressed and trying to make ends meet.

### 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:** Home owners like myself are already stressed and trying to make ends meet.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** There are far more urgent priorities than these. 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** keeping the country tidy. though it would have been nice to have some anti-crime programmes too.

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

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.	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?

We need to do something about crime, I no longer enjoy living in New Zealand, this has gotten out of control. Perhaps more money could be put into solving this issue so that tax payers like myself don't sell up and move to Australia.

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# 17948



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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- 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?** Other

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?** Other

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board 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, Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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?** Other

## 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.	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?**

## 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?

Stop destroying our cities to save money. Increase rates, the unsustainable amount of housing that has been crammed in to the Super City with absolutely no regard to infrastructure OR the environment is catching up on us. It's not right to cut public servi

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# 17972



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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: Early childhood education

### 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:** Reduce some debt but keep some shares for future income

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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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:** A small increase in rates and some debt is a more balanced approach

### 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:** Stop wasting money on road safety campaigns and rein in unnecessary expenditure

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Because these things will ensure our children and grandchildren will have something worth looking after in the future

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

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

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

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- 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 wasting money on name Māorification of all council facilities, requiring expensive new signage and headings ! Make Nz transport fix the roads once properly instead of doing it badly repeatedly !

Stop charging people to dispose of their rubbish at t

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# 18017



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Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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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?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We need better biking parks & facilities

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.

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**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

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

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# 18125



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Would not proceed with all reductions listed, these services are for the community and are non-negotiable to remove

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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# 18129



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

## 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:**

- 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?

Yes fix my damaged road entrance on Dominikovich Road.

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# 18170



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** not a good return on capital outlay. Money to be spent on better areas.

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

**Tell us why:** It should be addressed in the future planning.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I support: 1. Continued contribution to the restoration of Papakura Stream and Manukau Harbour in partnership with others; 2. Fund Local Coastal Rescue Services and Coastal (seasonal) safety messaging campaigns.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** All the mangroves need to be removed. Arts accommodates all the age groups. Rates payers' assets require maintenance.

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

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

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 18181



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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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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

#### Howick Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 18190



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** more needs to be done as some areas are constantly flooding

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**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

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.	
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?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Organisation (if applicable): Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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

I am making this submission in relation to the Manukau Lighthouse Trust which has a 3 year partnership with the Franklin Local Board.

Within the partnership the Lighthouse is to receive \$15000 each year.

The funds for Year 1 have been received and utilise

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Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

As Chair of the Kawakawa Bay Community Association I am providing a copy (attached) of our 2023 funding and execution objectives that form part of our 5-year strategic plan. We would appreciate if these objectives could be included in the draft plan for t

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Auckland Council – Have Your Say**  
**Franklin Local Board**  
**C/O Angela Fulljames (chair)**

**Re: Auckland Council Annual Budget and Franklin Local Board Draft Plan**

To Angela and the members of the Franklin Local Board,

On behalf of the Kawakawa Bay Community Association we would like to put forward our local proposed plan for our community, based on the five-year strategic plan the committee in conjunction with the community has created.

We would appreciate the below objectives for Kawakawa Bay to be included in your draft plan for the Franklin area and consideration given towards what our community view as important to the residents of the area and the protection and improvement of our amenities with regards to funding allocation.

**2023 Funding and execution objectives**

1. Walkway/cycle way linking bay one & bay two
2. Speed – (hazard)
  - a. SLOW signs
  - b. Speed Limit in flashing LED signs x 3
  - c. Red road paint
3. Roading – should be business as usual but is not being done. Dropouts not fixed and getting worse that were reported over 5 months ago
4. Planting of bank along river edge at back of KKB reserve
5. Boat Club parking plan
6. KKB Website
7. Membership drive to increase member numbers

Nga mihi

Kind regards,

*R. Cashmore*

Rachel Cashmore

*Kawakawa Bay Community Association Chair*

On behalf of the Kawakawa Bay Community Association



15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Auckland Council**

**Franklin Local Board**

c/o Clevedon District Centre

1 Papakura-Clevedon Road

Clevedon 2582

**Attn:** Malcolm Bell & Sam Isaia

**Cc:** Angela FullJames

**Re: Thankyou**

Tena koe Malcom, Sam and the many entities and people that assisted in the Summer Beach Management program,

The Kawakawa Bay Community Association on behalf of the residents in Kawakawa Bay would like to sincerely thank you for all your mahi and unified approach to ensuring the beaches around our area were patrolled over the summer period and the disruption and debris that is usually left by visitors was controlled. It was pleasing to see that there was a focus on illegal camping and enforcement of the rules was well managed and kept it well controlled.

Your cohesive approach this year worked exceptionally well and we look forward to supporting you in this as a continued approach to the management of our beaches in the summers and long-weekends to come.

Nga mihi

Kind regards,

*R. Cashmore*

Rachel Cashmore

*Kawakawa Bay Community Association Chair*

On behalf of the Kawakawa Bay Community Association



# 18370



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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Regional services grants youth services early childhood services

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

**Tell us why:**

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

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

**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

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.	
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?

## 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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# 18537



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not reduce spending on busses and other public services. These are essential to making auckland a great city for all. I would rather see my rates increase and/or more debt taken on to keep funding for public services. I would also like to see the sale of the councils holding in auckland Airport not go through as well.

### 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:** Basic economics. Why would you sell such a valuable 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
- 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:** People who have brought houses, myself included are the ones that can afford to pay a bit more. A 3 dollar a week increase does not go far enough if it is going to lead to budget cuts

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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	I don't know

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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
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?

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# 18542



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Youth connection programme, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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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# 18584



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

**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?**

**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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** n/a

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

**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?

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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# 18587



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:** Feasibility studies on safer building areas.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**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

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

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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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# 18654



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Auckland city council should not proceed with the significant proposed cuts to Arts and Culture. we are only just getting our city back from Covid restrictions and the proposed cuts will stop this growth in vibrancy.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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**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

### 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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# 18669



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## Your feedback

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Any additional rates charges along with increased interest rates will Be hurting a lot of aucklands home owners, however if possible I think you should still allow some money for youth centres and homelessness.

### 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 think it's important to retain some shareholding in our airport.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

**Tell us why:** I understand why there would need to be some increase, and that amount seems to be fair.

### 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:** We live rurally in hills so flooding will never be an issue for us, I don't think it's fair to have to pay for it.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I think children and our environment are the two most important things for our future

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**What do you think of these proposals?** With regards to the swimming pool/spa proposal, surely there must be a way to make this self compliant, as an example instead of a final check in person the owner just takes photos?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 18769



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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not proceed with any reductions. Instead, increase generate rates, unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, seek support from central government, and increase borrowing.

The proposed cuts reflect a complete disregard for the systemic inequities that exist across Auckland. It's Māori and Pasifika communities in particular that have already been marginalised by housing, education, health and other systems; even our central government agencies recognises this. Yet local government wants to cut and reduce the very initiatives, supports and services that reach our otherwise under-served communities. Community venues, bus service route access improvements, homelessness services, and local board funding and grant funding are key mechanisms that support more equitable access and community resilience. As an Aucklander and someone who is active in the not-for-profit sector, I see the value of these services and spaces every day. Many of these community-based, community-driven and community-managed initiatives, programmes and services crucially fill gaps in existing service and amenities provision. I can't even believe anyone would cut and reduce funding to any of these; it would someone with a strong sense of privilege to think that these are 'unnecessary' or 'wasteful' in terms of spending. On an ethical level, we may want to re-consider the zoo (i.e. is it even ethical to have a place in 2023 where animals are moved from their natural habitats to be

viewed at as a curiosity? For all the pros of having a zoo, are there in fact more cons?). But even then – a sudden reduction/cut to funding is not the answer. Where is the Council's strategic thinking in all of this?

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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'm disappointed that the Council is not thinking long-term. Selling shares to fill an immediate shortfall is the most un-strategic approach to managing assets. Privatisation is exactly what has led to our current housing crisis and the disastrous environ

## 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:** There is some merit in not wanting to increase Rates for Aucklanders due to the already high cost of living. But not all Aucklanders are the same; and actually a significant portion of Aucklanders own more than asset (home, boat, etc) and are certainly no

## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:** This is the part of the proposed budget that has real merit; Aucklanders understand after the recent floods and cyclone that we are not prepared for future severe climate events, and that investment now into stormwater and other related infrastructure will

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** While I support the key priorities for 2023/24 which recognise some important community, business, mana whenua, and environmental development projects/initiatives - I am very concerned about the proposed reductions particularly to environmental and commun

**If funding for local board 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, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Environmental protection and climate change action don't need explaining; it's common knowledge that if we don't take action to look after our natural environment and prepare for climate change events, there is huge risk to survival, wellbeing, property e

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.

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** Yes

### Papakura Local Board

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**Tell us why:** While I support the key priorities for 2023/24 which recognise some important community, business, mana whenua, and environmental development projects/initiatives - I am very concerned about the proposed reductions particularly to environmental and commun

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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?** Changes to bus services: Bus services are vital for people without private cars to be able access health appointments, childcare, employment and so much more. There are plenty of urban and semi-rural areas in Auckland that lack adequate public transport a

## 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?

A budget like this gives me zero confidence that the current leadership of Auckland Council understands the diverse people living in Auckland, the past events and situations that have led to the challenges we face as a city and region today, and the respo

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# 18783



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Library-based programmes, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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?**

## 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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## Your feedback

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Rates

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Focus should be on local infrastructure issues.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

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

Core services over nice to have services must be a priority. Celebrations are non essential. Get back to basics that councils were set up for.

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** The concern is reducing costs to many services will help to reduce debts, what happens to all these services latter on will they return, best option is to return to our own Council's we had no issues when we had a say in our own areas, our roads parks water

### 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 live in a rural area like other rate payers in rural areas we get nothing all we are doing is supporting infrastructure that we never get to use we would like to have what everyone else have footpaths, curb and guttering no pot holes,.

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Another kick I the guts, we have not any improvements since we became Auckland City now you want us to help by increasing our rates, when is Auckland Council going to help us, we think that the Council discriminates against some rural areas, Orere Point ge

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Recreation programmes in our parks, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Look at these things you're recommending scrapping. Public transport (which reduces fuel emissions and also helps many people who don't have cars to get to work so they can contribute to the economy). Days out for families (London Zoo has actually recently gone the other way and provided GBP5 tickets for those on benefits). Community and education, homelessness funding, community empowerment, youth centres - all things which those who are less well off desperately need. Local board funding which contributes to local programmes for those in need, playgrounds (play and community is so important for children). Early childhood education services? So desperately needed - especially these ones which are often much much more affordable than private providers - it's the kids who need this most of all who will miss out - the UK government has just recognised the important link between providing affordable childcare and the contribution to the economy as well, hugely important. All of these things are needed in a functioning city - these are NOT the things to cut.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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:** Reduce the natural environment quality rate and the water quality targeted rate? In 2023? Please don't do this. We are in a climate emergency, we need better natural environments to be able to survive. Why shouldn't business rates be more than personal ho

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

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Library-based programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Two of these should be able to target people who may not be able to afford (money or time wise) to travel elsewhere for these important programmes, especially those for children. We are in a climate emergency so we must all be doing what we can re climate

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** Yes

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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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- 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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# 18875



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 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:** Selling all of our assets will not cover all of our debt and future councils will have no choice but to raise rates to have any incoming revenue

### 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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I access these facilities and have no ability to pay if that becomes a requirement

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?**

## 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?**

## 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 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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# 18937



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** do not cut services to the CAB but all others can cut by 50%. I am a widow only on super and find it difficult to find the money to pay the rates

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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:** pipes etc are necessary expenses

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** I personally cannot afford it, I do think it is a great idea

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** cost of delivering all priorities is too expensive

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** climate change is here but we need to use the money we have wisely.

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

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

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

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?** re rubbish bins I am happy with the current bag system. I only put my rubbish bag out every 2-3 weeks so the cost is less for me than buying a bin

## 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?

We need to keep funding the CAB. It is important for many many people and provides many valuable services

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# 18995



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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 would be prepared to pay more rates to keep Auckland as a vibrant and liveable city. I would not reduce funding for PT - that is shortsighted and impacts on lower socio-economic communities as well as not reducing our carbon emissions. I would not reduce funding to any of the arts or community programmes - these are really important for the soul of the city. Who wants to live in a soulless city? Local Boards also have an important role in supporting these programmes and need the funding to do so.

### 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:** I'd rather sacrifice the Airport shares than reduce some of the programmes mentioned above.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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

**Tell us why:** Debt needs to be kept at sustainable levels but we need to pay through rates for the services that we value and need now.

### 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:** Its a no-brainer after recent events

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

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# 19027



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

I don't know

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Rates

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

Tell us why:

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I would like to see more around accessibility within the area if possible, especially around new facilities and spaces.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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.	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?

It would be great to have accessible cycleways and pathways within Franklin, but in some streets there isn't even a footpath on one side of the road, so ensuring that there is at least one side of the road that is accessible by utilising a footpath is vital.

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# 19164



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Ararimu Residents and Ratepayers Association

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** We agree with the decision to reduce internal management in the Council and CCOs, but there are more savings that can be made within the Council. The money saved from internal cost reductions should be passed on to the Local Boards who are much better at deciding how funds should be spent in their communities. Local Boards should not have their funding cut - instead they should be provided the bulk of funding and decide how they want to invest in their communities.

### 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:** The Airport shares are probably undervalued currently. When their value returns it may be worth considering selling the shares, but need to consider the reduction in income and potential capital gain from 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?** 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:** Keeping rates increases below CPI will help reduce inflation and ease pressure on stretched ratepayers.

### 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:** Preparing for future storms and the likes is better than reacting after the event.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Local Board funding should be substantially increased (through savings in core Council spending) - this would allow Local Boards to effectively fund the things that matter most to their communities (in the most efficient way possible).

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Discretionary local grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** As the Chairman of the Ararimu Residents and Ratepayers Association (who own the Ararimu Hall), I want to ensure the funding for halls and other community assets is improved so that the assets don't deteriorate or become neglected (some halls in Franklin

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

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

**What do you think of these proposals?** Get rid of the Climate Action Targeted Rate which is just a slush fund for poorly planned projects and don't reduce greenhouse gases (when considered in entirety). Swimming pool fencing compliance is something that needs to be cancelled as it is another

## 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?

Re-introduce targeted rates for community facilities like halls. The Council needs to aggressively reduce internal compliance costs and administration along with management costs. Stop passing costs on to voluntary community organisations (e.g. lease pr

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# 19167



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Franklin Historical Society

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** Franklin Historical Society occupies rooms under a community lease in the Old Borough Council building at the corner of Wesley St and Edinburgh St Pukekohe, for the purpose of storing historical records and some artefacts which supplement those artefacts

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?**

## 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?** Franklin Historical Society occupies rooms under a community lease in the Old Borough Council building at the corner of Wesley St and Edinburgh St Pukekohe, for the purpose of storing historical records and some artefacts which supplement those artefacts

## 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?

(Q5: Franklin Historical Society occupies rooms under a community lease in the Old Borough Council building at the corner of Wesley St and Edinburgh St Pukekohe, for the purpose of storing historical records and some artefacts which supplement those artefacts)

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# 19203



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** '- 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

-Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

-Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

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

## 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 Airport shares - dividends are continuing

## 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:** We should be paying for our use now and not loading fewer generations with our 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

### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Local council representatives know local areas better than centralised over bureaucratic councils.

**If funding for local board 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:** It is impossible to choose any of these, and I query why we have to nominate those that are not important. Why not ask us to prioritise what is important to us?

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 19212



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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

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.	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).
- 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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# 19274



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** They all involve the greater Franklin community. I would have liked to have added Community delivery programmes, in particular school holiday programmes.

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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?**

## 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?

It is very disappointing that we are not able to go onto mountains in the Auckland area such as Mt Wellington, which we always used to visit as children.

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# 19286



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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:** Good compromise

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Good compromise

### 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:** Need it

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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

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# 19293



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** There is no reason for slash and burn budgets in a time where investment is needed for the City to continue to grow and attract both residents and businesses in the post Covid era.

There are plenty of ways to grow the revenue pie to support the city like more Non Fare Revenue from Transit and Council owning property around transit stations to collect rent and leases from residents and businesses around said stations, while owning the property gives an asset base to leverage for CAPEX. Just as overseas nations and cities do.

### 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:** Why cook the goose that lays the golden egg in terms of revenue as the airport is about to expand and both migration and tourism kick off again?

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** No cuts to the Targeted Rates given what Gabrielle and the Floods exposed as massive short comings for the City

If you need more revenue read previous response to Non Fare Revenue and Public Owned Property....

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Franklin is a rapid growing area and the Local Board needs to be properly funded to help support that growth

If we want to make savings it can come from the Mayoral Office instead given that right now is proving to be low value for money time and time aga

**If funding for local board 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** Yes

### 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?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:**

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
1	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
4	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
2	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
3	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
5	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

**If funding for local board 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 events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC and local civic events, Library opening hours and services, Open space low / no mow areas

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

### Papakura Local Board

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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?** 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

Umm not your call, that sits with AT and technic

## 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?

Please implement the Alternative Budget as attached in full

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## A Better Budget for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

The Council – led by Mayor Wayne Brown – has put forward a 2023-2024 draft budget for public consultation. The Council says a \$295m financial hole needs to be filled. It proposes: general spending cuts, selling the Council's shares in Auckland International Airport, an average 4.66% rates increase, up to \$75 million in borrowing.

### How did we get here?

The Council proposal says the financial pressures come from an expansion in services and assets that has brought higher maintenance costs, worsened by high interest rates and inflation. Cyclone Gabrielle and recent flooding events have added further financial strain.

Recent years have seen increased inflation and interest rates. **But some of the pressures on Council are temporary and others have been overstated.** A major reason for revenue being lower than it otherwise would be is COVID-19, a pandemic experienced by thousands of councils and governments worldwide. Non-rates revenue has remained steady, as the table on the left shows. Revenue from Council venues, services, and public transport is likely to grow over time as Auckland recovers from COVID-19.

2018	\$2,836
2019	\$3,089
2020	\$3,291
2021	\$3,339
2022	\$3,554

Non-Rates Revenue (\$m)  
Source: Auckland Council Financial statements  
2021/2022, 2020/2021, 2018/2019

Interest rates are projected to fall over time,<sup>1</sup> and Council acknowledges that 80-100% of its borrowing is at fixed rates – which means only a small part of its borrowing is affected by short-term increases in interest rates.<sup>2</sup> The budget was prepared before floods and Cyclone Gabrielle; these events will require reconstruction, but central government has partnered for that.

**“Signs that inflation will ease meaningfully over 2023 are becoming increasing clear.”<sup>3</sup>**

Auckland Council is not facing a debt crisis: Auckland's debt is at 250% of its revenue, well below the 290% debt ceiling. Total debt as a ratio to revenue has been relatively stable (see graph on the right). The cost of servicing interest increased in 2022 as a proportion of total revenues, but the overall trend is declining.

### Why can we do better?

**The proposed cuts will have irreversible long-term impacts.**

The axing of operational spending could mean a permanent end to the services and institutions that help to make Auckland a community.

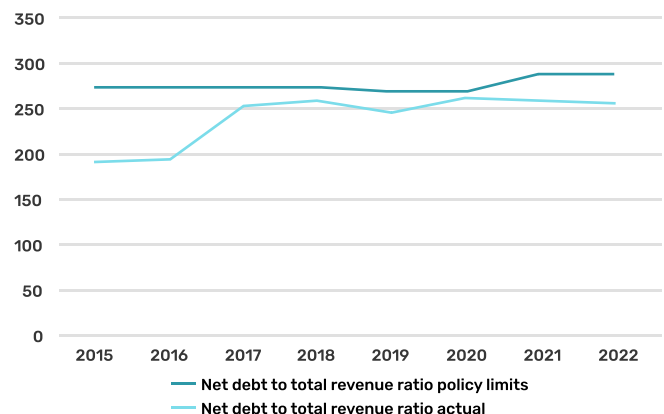
The cuts could affect – among other things – cultural events, library services (including services that support community safety), Māori and Pasifika employment (through reduced support of The Southern Initiative and The Western Initiative), Early Childhood Education services, and organisations like the Citizens Advice Bureau that allow people to access their minimum legal rights. Events and organisations may disappear due to the cuts.

**Selling the airport shares does not add up.** The loss of the 18% shareholding in Auckland International Airport would make the city permanently poorer and would remove people's level of control over a strategic asset. The Council proposal does not consider the loss of a stake in the airport's extensive landholding. It will be very difficult to return the land and future value of the shares to the public once these shares are sold. This has implications for:

1. **Māori land interests: the Waitangi Tribunal cannot recommend return of private land, so airport land will be permanently alienated from Māori.**
2. **Future climate and other emergencies: we need coordinated transport hubs, which is harder when airports are privatised.**

**Our communities are more important than ever.** Cyclone Gabrielle and the recent floods show that community organisations (such as Visionwest Community Trust, which will be affected by the cuts) are essential as a source of food, shelter, and social support in times of emergency. These organisations make a community resilient. Eliminating these organisations makes individuals and communities more vulnerable and precarious.

Net debt to total revenue



Source: Auckland Council annual reports for 2018/19 and 2020/21

[1] See eg <https://www.opespartners.co.nz/mortgage/interest-rates/interest-rate-predictions>.

[2] Council Budget consultation document, online at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/externalcontentdelivery/consultations/budgets/annual-budget-2023-2024/annual-budget-2023-2024-consultation-document.pdf>, at page 47.

[3] ANZ research note, reported in January 2023: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/131057053/anz-trims-interest-rate-forecast-after-inflation-comes-in-unchanged>.

Citizens Advice Bureaus face closure as a result of proposed cuts. Going by 2022 figures, this is estimated to impact 163,000 people seeking access to assistance concerning their legal rights, including in relation to immigration, MSD, and KiwiSaver.

There are many more options available than what the Budget Proposal suggests. The proposal suggests the public will have to accept the budget, or face a 13.5% increase in rates, or increased borrowing. But many other combinations of rates, borrowing, charges, and central government support are possible, such as:



## How can we do better?

**100 Balanced budget requirement**

(1) A local authority must ensure that each year's projected operating expenses are not more than the projected revenue available to fund them, plus the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining assets throughout their useful life; and

(2) Despite subsection (1), a local authority may set projected operating expenses that exceed the projected revenue available to fund them, if the local authority resolves that it is fit and proper to do so, and the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining assets throughout their useful life; and

(a) the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining assets throughout their useful life; and

(b) the projected revenue available to fund the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining assets throughout their useful life; and

(c) the equitable allocation of responsibility for funding throughout their useful life; and

(d) the funding and financial policies adopted under the Act.

Section 100(2)(a); amended, on 27 November 2010, by section 49 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Local Government Act 2002

When considering alternative options, a starting point is that the Council does not have to run a 'balanced budget'. The law says councils have a Balanced budget requirement but that they only have to 'balance the books' if it would not be "financially prudent" to do so (for example, if cutting services creates its own financial costs), factoring in the need to maintain services set out in a long-term plan. **But if the Council is intent on 'balancing the books', another budget is possible.** The Council has not made it easy to construct another budget by imposing a very short (one month) timeframe on the consultation process, but a budget does not need to be finalised until June and it is still feasible to develop alternative proposals.

**Council is opting to pause two important targeted rates and they don't have to do that.** The Council says its reserves from the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate are not spent, and that these rates can be suspended for a year. Now is not the time to freeze funding for water quality or the natural environment.

**\$50.9m**

Annual revenues from unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate

**\$150.9m**

Increasing borrowing avoids the need for community cuts and sale of airport shares

**Council can borrow more.** The Council is proposing to borrow \$75 million. Council says that it cannot borrow more than \$140m without breaching internal policy, but as the Council these policies can be adjusted (as the Council has recognised by acknowledging it would need to amend its airport shareholding policy to sell off its shares). Combining borrowing with a strong revenue plan, ensures Auckland's strong credit rating is not impacted.

**The existing rates proposal will provide necessary revenue.** This general rates increase, along with increased borrowing and unfreezing targeted rates, can provide \$295m in revenue.<sup>4</sup> This alternative budget plan will address the shortfall and provide the foundation for a budget that is more flexible, fairer, and better for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland over the long-term. Building on this foundation, **Auckland Council should be investing now** – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back. That investment can be funded through the same mix of borrowing and rates set out here. This plan demonstrates that the budget shortfall can be addressed, if necessary. Cutting and selling are no way to bring Auckland back on its feet – and back to its best.

Unfreeze targeted rates <sup>5</sup>	\$50.9
Existing Council rates package <sup>6</sup>	\$93.2
Extend borrowing	\$150.9
Alternative Budget Revenues	\$295.0

[4] The figures used in the table are rounded to one decimal place. Unrounded calculations add up to \$295m.

[5] To reach this figure, we take the 2018-2028 10-year Budget's projections for the Water Quality Targeted Rate (\$452 million over 10 years) and Natural Environment Targeted Rate (\$311 million over 10 years), take an annual figure for each targeted rate from this ten year projection (452/10=45.2 for the WQTR and 311/10=31.1 for the NETR), and then calculate what an annual two-thirds reduction would be in light of what is said in the Budget consultation document at page 52, rounding to one decimal place (76.3\*(2/3)=50.87).

[6] We adopt the Council's own assumption that "a 1 per cent change in general rates is equivalent to around \$20 million of revenue for the council" (20\*4.66=93.2): <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/budget-reductions-operational-spending>

We have assumed that the proposed Council rates package can be directed to addressing the Budget shortfall. Nowhere in the Budget consultation document does it say that any of the rates package has already been accounted for. If some of the rates package has already been 'banked' (for example, 3.5% under the LTP) then some further revenues may have to be secured from additional increases in general rates, additional borrowing, or any other options listed on the previous page.



# 19318



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** The current economic times and the proposed budgetary issues do put all of us in a very difficult situation.

However, in order that the city remains vibrant and growing, we need to:

- ensure that the functioning of Auckland Council is optimized so that resources deliver the best value
- a working public transport system operating to its full extent
- full support for local communities in multiple forms, including libraries, local board services and the like
- full support for arts and culture

Do not proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

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.

## 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:** Tourism is an important industry for NZ. Auckland Airport is a key destination for tourists visiting NZ. In addition, the future growth plans for Auckland Airport are very forward looking and are very promising.

Selling off any part of this shareholding

## 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** We have an excellent credit rating. From what I've understood, we can borrow a lot more than \$75 million and still not lose our current rating of AA with S&P.

So we should leverage that and borrow as much as we can.

Further, having a slightly lower

## 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

### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I support all of the current priorities.

I am not in favour of reducing funding to the local board. They are the local voice and they play a critical role.

We need to invest MORE in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Not applicable and None of the above!

I do not support reducing funding for local boards.

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

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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
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).
- 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 support increasing our borrowing to the max before we consider reduction of funding.

We as a city have worked hard in the past to be in a situation where we can leverage our position and increase our debt.

This, followed by rates increases should be t

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# 19357



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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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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

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

**Tell us why:** Rates Increases causes much damage to how ratepayers view council decisions.

### 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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# 19371



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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:** Im wondering why government is not picking up Early childhood is that not there responsibility.

Local board funding does help organisations primarily held together by volunteers and the funding for this i feel should stay

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

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

**Tell us why:** I think we need to maintain an interest in the airport

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

**Tell us why:** I have read the assisting documents but i cannot understand this proposal

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

**Tell us why:** relocation of much of the flood damaged properties needs to be urgently addressed

### 5. Local Boards

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**Tell us why:** Contractors need to be local to their community to save travel cost & audited regularly to insure they are completing the work they are supposed to be doing within a reasonable time frame. It is obvious in the franklin area this is not happening. Exam

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Have to keep onto of pest control otherwise it will get more expensive in future.

Reserves and parks are vital to the entire community.

Libraries are a link between education and recreation

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

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.	
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?** When people are short on food who the hell needs an 80L bin, we need better education to get people to decrease their waste or better use of their food. (have you considered encouragement of reusable nappies would decrease waste largely).

I suggest from e

## 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 said above but cannot stress my feelings towards local people doing local work, having a local team monitoring the town and respond to requests timely before they become a problem, this would save outside contractors. Example overhanging trees, gardens

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# 19412



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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.	

**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 am deeply passionate about the Auckland libraries. It's one of the exceptionally good things in Auckland and is used by all.

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# 19474



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Make the ratepayers front up with the money needed. We do not need a regressive, backwards looking belt-tightening on what I consider are essential services.

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

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

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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:** Why not?

### 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:** Debt is bad.

### 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:** Global warming will demand this.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Quality of life is going to go down the toilet if these are implemented.

**If funding for local board 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 programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Because they reflect my world view.

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

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 19515



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## 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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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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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**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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# 19524



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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:** We need the arts sector, for the youth and for the people. It would be damaging to culture and culture is life. It will increase crime and take away a needed creative outlet.

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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:** STUPID TIME TO SELL SHARES WE ARE IN A RECESSION WAIT IT OUT

### 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?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** Add in more budget for the arts :0

**If funding for local board 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, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We need to look after the environment :) and protect the arts

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

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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.	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?

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# 19576



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Selling the shares will reduce interest costs on debt. And the savings there will be greater than expected dividends if we kept the shares.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- 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:** Keep rates increases to a minimum and borrow only for capital expenditure on assets like roads.

### 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:** Make savings in all the management levels rather than increasing rates.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I want to see priority given to roads and storm water drains. My property has been damaged by storm water because of inadequate maintenance of council drains.

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

**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.	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:**

- 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?

Seriously concerned about the state of the roads, and the awful reduction in speed limits by AT. Please focus on basic utilities like roads, and all water facilities.

WE DO NOT WANT THREE WATERS. We want Auckland Council to do a good job of handling water

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# 19620



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Savings must be made across the board but we do not want all social/art/sport/cultural stopped completely.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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#### Debt

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

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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:** Keep rates rises at a minimum as times are difficult for many families and use debt to carry out the more important works. Everything cannot be fixed at one. It will take time especially with the additional work that is required after the heavy rain f

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I think that everyone realises that cuts have to be made across the board in view of the current economic climate. I live in a small rural community and we find that it is difficult to get funding to get things done as the most important thing seems 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** Yes

## 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.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?** I feel that those people who are using these services should be the one to support them with higher fees.

## 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?

The Council, along with everyone else, has to keep costs and increases to a minimum during the difficult financial times ahead. Some plans will have to be held until the basics such as roads, drainage etc. can be upgraded and repaired. Unfortunately t

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# 19628



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):** Franklin Community Arts Broker Scheme, administered and delivered by Under Lili's Balcony Theatre Co. Ltd

**Your local board:** Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

#### **What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Reductions would be far more harmful to community wellbeing than individual rates increases.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** We believe that public resources should remain public.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Collectively we will bear the weight of increased costs.

### 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:** Planning for the future is essential.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** These priorities are well considered and carefully implemented in response to community needs. I have great faith in the democratic processes of setting these priorities through community feedback and expert advice.

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Local community events, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I represent one arm of delivery for these services and therefore have a unique view to the effectiveness and transparency of these programmes. I deeply believe that they are cost effective ways of contributing to public wellbeing.

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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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:**

- 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?

Quantifying the impact of cuts must be considered as part of the ecosystem of cultural production, since no arts organisations or individuals exist in a vacuum. As with any system, the arts environment is a fragile system where visibility gives a partial

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# 19652



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Do not proceed with the deductions on public transport because many members of our Auckland Community heavily rely on public transport.

Do not proceed with the deductions on education programmes as they are an important part in the lives of the children in Auckland.

### 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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

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#### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I think it is important to put focus on engagement for youth across Pukekohe with empowering youth to go to school and better funding for the teachers and teacher aids within Pukekohe.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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

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

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

Funding for education is important to me because I think that there is a problem with the current funding for schools and pay for teachers, resulting in lower achievement rates across all schools.

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# 19653



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** I would not sell the shares in Auckland Airport. Once that asset is gone, it won't ever be bought back. I think council can reduce spending in other areas and borrow more for extended periods of time. AC must continue to trim the fat and unnecessary spending.

### 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 would not sell the shares in Auckland Airport. Once that asset is gone, it won't ever be bought back. I think council can reduce spending in other areas and borrow more for extended periods of time. AC must continue to trim the fat and unnecessary s

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** I don't have a problem with increased spending in this area, as long as the spending is adding value and protecting assets. To often we see a shoddy job done, that needs continual maintenance. Contractors need to be held to account for the work that they

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Every single line item needs a critical eye running over it. Just because it has always had funding, should it continue to do so? Some "nice to haves" such as Santa parades in every town, maybe places could amalgamate, share the parade. Library

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I think every single thing could be looked at.

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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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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# 19728



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Reduce funding to Tataki Auckland and Regional Services. The Tataki programme helps fund services which bring in finance from visitors and tourists- funding is needed to keep the standards of these areas maintained so as to ensure continued business.

Some of the regional services can be reduced- but not services like Citizens Advice, Family Planning. Many of the services appear to require tighter accountability to ensure that they are delivering to the public what they were provided funding for.

### 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:** As a city we will still supply services in the form of roads, transport for the airport so surly we need voting ability for changes that will happen at the airport. Does the current share generate revenue? It could be very short sighted to loose stakes 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

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

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#### Debt

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

**Tell us why:** Don’t delay split between business and home owners. Business should be paying equitably rates , we have all had hard times and I’m tired of business always asking for support but giving little. I would like to know what rate payers are getting that non h

### 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:**As is usual these investments should already be in place for the good of our community. Future planning will be essential to cope with extreme weather and future health threats to our region.

This is more important than Bus Lanes in a public service whic

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** I support continued service to the environment- rescue services and funding commitments. However the other areas I believe are not of high priority and should be tabled.

These services will benefit everyone, the others noted are not available or able 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Climate and the environment are areas we must invest in. The Recreation centre services a wide range of age groups, abilities, sports and community activities. In essence these will benefit a larger proportion of the community.

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

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

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

## 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?** The council provides a non existent service for home spa/ pool owners so to increase their service it would have to be something very smart, time effective, efficient and delivered by knowledgeable individuals. At present it is a nightmare trying to get s

## 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 understand that internally Auckland Council has made a lot of changes. The “innovations” of HUBS at libraries and a lack of people working in areas with none or very little knowledge of their area is a reflection of a Council with internal staff placeme

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# 19804



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## Your feedback

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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Council should spend within its means, without borrowing any further funds. The areas that I would priorities for not cutting funding to, are libraries and the zoo. Council should look at what it can do to run services more efficiently. The number of staff employed by council (and contractors engaged) has ballooned significantly, at the same time that processing times for applications have grown ever longer. Council should not be funding matters that are the responsibility of central government eg employment programmes and homelessness.

### 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:** Council should be more disciplined with its spending, rather than selling off assets to pay for operating costs.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

**Tell us why:** I would prefer to see Council cut costs and create efficiencies, rather than increasing rates or 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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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 increase in budget to pay for this expense should have a corresponding cut in the Council budget elsewhere, so that it is not necessary to increase debt or rates to pay for this.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Council should not be funding matters that are the responsibility of central government eg skills development training, safety messaging. In circumstances where the Council is not currently operating within its means, the first budget items that should 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Maintenance of parks and waterways are core Council activities. Discretionary local grants devolves decision making to local communities. Many of the other items might be “nice to have” but should have funding cut in circumstances where the council is

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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?

Council employs too many staff and engages too many contractors. It is inefficient and there is too much duplication of roles (eg emails about a consent application being copied to 30 staff “for comment”). There is little public accountability eg staff

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# 19824



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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Reduce local board funded activity and work with local businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- 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:** Do not reduce water and environmental quality measures.

Do not pause the commercial / non commercial rate split. Ludicrous to think you would.

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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

**Tell us why:** We have a large low economic demographic that fall into crime. Skill these people so they don't.

I want to protect our environment and general future for my children.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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

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.	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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# 19830



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

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

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

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

**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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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?** Instead of giving food scrapes bin, please provide rural properties with a decent size compost bin so we can manage our own composting.. Etc.

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 19844



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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: ECE 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?** 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.

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

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

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

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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 didn't see from the consultation document what the long term strategy is. How are we going to improve our profitability? Like are we going to change the way we build new dwellings to make the city more efficient?

Also I think Auckland Council can invol

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# 19846



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Not to proceed with reduction of the early childhood education services and the regional grants.

### 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.

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#### Debt

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

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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

**Papakura Local Board**

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:****6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges**

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<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?****7. What else is important to you?****Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**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:** With the big deficit the council is facing, it is a no brainer to get rid of as much debt as possible.

### 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:** By keeping the rates at 4.66% it is manageable for most households any higher will be a struggle for some.

### 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:** If the operating budget is not increased each year, infrastructure will fall further behind and when the next disaster strikes, there will be no funding to cope with it.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why:** It would be good to know if any of these priorities are having an impact, where's the evidence based?

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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# 19930



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** I DO NOT support the following proposals:

1. Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, community empowerment and funding for youth centres.
2. Reducing local board funded activities across all boards.
3. Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reasons:

I believe it is important to financially support local communities to enable/assist them provide initiatives that recognise the communities unique nature.

This is particularly important given that:

- \* Auckland Council area stretches 160 km's long and reaches from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean, and
- \* It incorporates many unique communities of varying population and demographic, and

\* It incorporates both urban and rural communities.

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**Tell us why:** I do not believe owning or part owning a major domestic and international airport is a core activity for ratepayers.

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## 5. Local Boards

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**Tell us why:** All of these priorities align with my wishes for my community.

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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# 19968



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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Council has been picking up the tab for other government departments and that is where these matters should lie. Get back to the core basics of Council - roads, services - water waste water and stormwater and relevant Council-type complaints, resource and building consents, rubbish, parks and reserves. Time to get back to a public service model instead of the current corporate model. Corporate meaning lots of money for the top council echelons and forget about the everyday people in Auckland. Many council staff at the coal face are highly respected. Those faceless uncontactable ones behind the scenes drawing huge salaries are not. Since 2010 council has become very top heavy with ever increasing new departments and therefore the attached management with many unnecessary double-ups. They do not deal with anything. They delegate downwards to staff who are already overworked. They need to start owning it. This outcome despite advice there would be less of this. In fact with the corporate model Auckland Council is seen to be contemptuous of its people. We are not customers or clients, we are just people of Auckland - captive payers and we deserve better. During covid lockdowns some departments were able to carry on and bring in revenue/money but there were many that were drawing off those efforts. Start making sure those that should have, obtain resource and building consents as that has slid badly, especially for works that were carried out during covid lockdowns. Council has been missing out on that revenue stream. In short council needs to get its act together before putting all the pain back on its people and front line staff.

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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 has already been enough selling off of the family silver from other councils amalgamated into the super city, and their ratepayers paid for those items. I think it would be very knee jerk and shortsighted to sell these shares. When these shares are

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Other

**Tell us why:** None of these. When I, as an Auckland ratepayer advise council that the neighbour has a failing wastewater system because they are running two illegal businesses from the rural production zone site, with many people coming and going, and the solution is

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In the past, developers footed the bill for improving infrastructure even when it was a long way down the road to something that would cope with what they n

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** These initiatives are good for the local community and their wellbeing in the Franklin area. Strange that areas that were once Manukau have been lumped in with Franklin. I think the south has already had less than their fair share although paying handsome

**If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Due to the state of the area and what has recently happened with weather/climate issues, this can no longer be ignored. How is the pest free by 2050 control going when many people coming out to rural areas are bringing their businesses, do no weed or pest

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**What do you think of these proposals?** Swimming pools and spa pools area luxury items. Those with these items can pay more or go to the beach full of effluent. If there are multiple bins on one property because of a second dwelling, sleepout or shed being rented out that should not be, these

## 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?

Due to a very high salaries cost, why not put every staff member/manager on more than \$110,000 per annum onto a cap of that amount for one or more years until Auckland Council and CCO's are more solvent and the \$295 million deficit has gone. In my experie

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# 19997



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 20031



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** I do not support a reduction in "Environmental restoration and pest control". Unlike many of the other areas, this is not something that can be 'paused' and returned to without impact. The positive impacts of restoration, and the negative impacts of not c

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Investigations for plans and policy development, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Because the environment could go backwards without being funded, it is harder to pause investment in environmental initiatives than in other areas.

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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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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# 20042



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Waiuku Estuary Restoration Trust, inc. "Mudlarks"

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Feedback from Mudlarks:

We are in Franklin Local Board area.

This info is gathered by majority decision from Mudlarks Committee and we submit the following, which is our response to your activity section "Environment – volunteers" (Tenth one down on tab

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# 20052



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?**

**Tell us why:**

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes

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What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 20070



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** If we do not maintain the little service and cultural support we have, we will turn into a criminal slum.

### 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:** It is short sighted to sell our 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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#### 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

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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We must not loose connection young people. If they are bored and not looked after they will do stupid things and shift towards a criminal life.

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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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.	

**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?

Reduce Crime

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# 20194



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** My suggestion is to sell the zoo.

Zoos are an outdated concept that serve little purpose. They inflict untold suffering on animals by removing them from their natural habitat and forcing them to live in unnatural, restrictive and alien environments. Zoos are cruel, and a blight on the human race. They may have served a useful purpose in earlier centuries when humans had no access to information about animals and animal rights were not considered. They serve no useful purpose now.

The argument that Auckland zoo helps preserve endangered species is quite false. We don't need a zoo in Auckland to achieve that, particularly with animals that come from different countries with different climates and environments.

If the zoo is closed that land could be sold for residential development. This would simultaneously help reduce the housing shortage, while bringing in much needed funds to the council.

I repeat - zoos are cruel, and we should not continue to maintain one in Auckland.

## 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Other

**Tell us why:** We should buy more shares, taking our shareholding to 21%, which would give us a seat on the board and therefore some influence on future policy and actions.

Long-term Auckland Airport will be an excellent and profitable investment. It is a monopoly, and

## 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?** 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:** Putting this money aside now will save us a lot of grief when future disasters strike.

## 5. Local Boards

### Howick Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Howick Local Board performs a very valuable role in the community and gives citizens some feeling of involvement and empowerment.

**If funding for local board 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 grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library opening hours

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Limiting the selection to three is quite arbitrary. They are all important, and deciding their relative importance by this sort of ranking process will lead to bad decision-making

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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- 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?

Please close the zoo and sell the land

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# 20227



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I do not think reducing cost in "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" is the right way to go as arts and culture programmes and events make the city more livable. I think it is also important to continue supporting social services activities.

I rather have the council take on more debt than reducing the above.

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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 think it is paramount to still maintain at least the so-called “blocking stake” in the AIAL to be able to have a say on any future developments.

### 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:** The cost of living has increased significantly and is hard to bear by many households. I cannot understand how you would even consider reducing the general rates of businesses when they often produce a major share of wastewater, have higher amount of rubbish

### 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:** I think a targeted rate for areas that are prone to flooding and storm damage would be more appropriate.

### 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.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?** "Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size" I would support the fee for households increasing their bin size and waive the fee for households decreasing to support zero-waste efforts.

## 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?

Please do not sell all or any assets, this is short-sighted and will only help for the interim, but cause much more issues in the future.

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# 20242



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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** 1) Library services, qualified staff and book buying budgets should not be reduced. Could close for 1 day per week to cut costs, but keep services and qualified staff at the same level. With NZ's current poor level of literacy in students, continuing funding for libraries is a no-brainer.

2) Grants to operate and maintain facilities in rural areas should be retained, otherwise rural communities are disadvantaged.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:** It's necessary unfortunately. Make sure low income families are given rates relief or assistance. Those who can pay, should.

### 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:** Without detail of the storm response proposal, other than increasing the operating budget, it is hard to tell if this will be an effective response.

We need to include a storm /climate change response into everything we currently do, by considering local

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** 1) I do not support Kai Franklin, as I can find no information about the nature or value of the programme. 2) Ditto for Youth empowerment, without detail it is impossible to support.

3) Reducing grants to school pools is irresponsible considering the num

**If funding for local board 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 local grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Local grants help communities achieve their goals and keep facilities like school pools operating.

Maintaining local community facilities like halls is vital in rural areas where these buildings play a large part in bringing people together to share, cel

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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?

Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan expenditure needs to be pruned back or deferred. Vast amounts of money to be spent on cutting down trees when we have a budget deficit and a climate crisis is unconscionable. A World Heritage bid for the maunga is

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# 20293



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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
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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Council have a dual tiered bureaucracy involving employees and consultants. many roles are duplicated within the different council agencies. citizens are discouraged from being proactive and finding solutions to social and environmental issues as they broker the different council employees, rules and delays.

This breeds frustration and destroys the desire to become engaged.

Council staff for the most work to rule and volunteers engage out of work time. Barriers are built. Community becomes disengaged and demanding and feeling disempowered.

Council wages exceed the range private enterprise can afford resulting in private enterprise skills being poached and business paying the increasing cost through rates..

### 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:** Never take an eye off the future and what an airport holding and voice can achieve 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

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:** In an inflationary period the true value of the debt will reduce.

The key will be council efficiency with the money gained. The zero end of year budget philosophy is insane. No business would survive under this regime. staff need to realise how difficult it

### 4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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 clearly defined plan is required without politicking of departments for budget share

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** If supported many community groups can create ongoing tax savings and provide future investment. Thus is never recognized. It is not the amount of money , it is how it is spent.

**If funding for local board 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, Youth connection programme, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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?**

### 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?)** Community development and support, Community lease charges, Community climate action and sustainability

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** The strength of community will lie with its 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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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?** Council compliance and time wasted creates frustration and avoidance. Council inaction can add years to project completion a  
, increasing costs to unaffordable amounts.

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 20304



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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 not proceed with if any:** I think you should tread carefully when dealing with the needs of families and children. Don't make it any more expensive for them to take the family to the Zoo, Galleries, Stadiums etc. Instead, stop doing free concerts in parks 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?** 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 understand we are borrowing at the moment to pay for our shares. That sounds bad BUT the land and the airport are an asset for the whole of Auckland..

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Other

**Tell us why:** I don't think we should pay any % higher on our rates. Auckland Council & Auckland Regional Council employ far too many people and I know from experience they run a very inefficient ship. As far as I can see all rate rises in the last 10 years have

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:** Yes, we definitely need to prepare for future disasters. This should also include assisting with more suburban green areas and much much more help for households to participate in reducing energy consumption and waste. Why are we not being subsidised fo

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Are these new 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Hard to choose three. anything that we can get to keep our community active with personally and as a community.

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.

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**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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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 am in Pukekohe. Does Auckland realise that Pukekohe is a suburb of Auckland?? I'm not agreeing to anything that we're not included in. At the moment we should be getting our rates subsidised for lack of inclusion in most of the things proposed. And,

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Yes plenty, but that'll do for now.

I am very please to have this small opportunity to have an opinion. It is important.

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# 20310



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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:** There is a lot of information here on things which could be cut, and there are suggestions of what might be saved. But except for the Local Boards reduction ('5%' - farcical joke in terms of actual impact on what can be spent) we don't seem given the percentage that the \$20M proposed to be cut is in Proposal A (at least that I could find).

The proposal to cut funding to Local Boards flies in the face of comments made at election time about a desire to move decision-making back closer to the community. I regard the statement "This [reduction] represents 5 per cent of the total budgets that local boards oversee, although some parts of this budget are more discretionary than others" as absolutely misleading and the Mayor and Councillors should be collectively ashamed that it has been included; how much of the 'planning' or 'governance' costs in its 'budget' is a Local Board allowed to say it will not pay? In fact, you are cutting several tens percent from the expenditure that every Local Board has under its direct discrimination.

In my view, if Council was actually serious about moving decision-making back closer to the community it would lump together the funds covered by Proposals A and C, and would move all the centralized funds and decision-making for support of pretty well all the activities listed in Proposal A (Consultation document pages 30-1) back to the Local Boards, and ask them to find \$30M in total between those categories, and fund the other \$6M by taking it from Tupuna Maunga Authority. This will have two beneficial effects:

- We can expect Local Boards to be much better placed to know what the key investments are in their community; and
- If there are any sweetheart deals and Councillor 'pet projects' going at present that linkage will get broken and can get re-evaluated.

The statutory purpose under the Local Government Act 2002 will still be met. The downside is that there would be much greater responsibility placed on Local Board members.

(It appears to me that 'moving decision-making back closer to the community' was just hot air; nothing I have seen suggests the Mayor and Councillors are serious about moving decision-making back closer to the community).

I am happy with Council not being involved in early childhood education, and less involved in economic development a la Auckland Unlimited. Beware the price elasticity curve on things like the Zoo or the Museum - the last thing you need is the ongoing sunk costs but reduced gate takings.

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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:** The proposal does not seem sensible to the layman investor that I am. In my terms, it would be akin to selling off the holiday home to reduce my mortgage; and allowing the buyer to develop the holiday home and reap the rewards. So my view would be to not change the policy, and to live within the existing means. You are expecting all your citizens to do that - time for Council to walk the talk, which might mean fewer staff (even fewer than planned according to Q1) and lower salaries.

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**Tell us why:** The necessity to have such a proposal reflects extremely poorly on past Councils that they have allowed staff to neglect the essential Council duty of 'proactive stormwater maintenance' - the phrasing suggests that Councillors already accept this is the case - and upon the staff who managed the responsibilities but did not ensure they were carried out. There is a lot of verbiage around 'must do' and 'should do' which to my eye is just smokescreen, and tries to imply that Council responsibilities in this area are limited. In my view this responsibility of Council totally eclipses issues such as funding of Polyfest or tree planting on maunga, irrespective of 'considerable community impact' if these were lost, and if there is not enough money to maintain the roads and drains already as the first priority there needs to be a serious revamp of the whole budget. What corrective actions are to be taken to ensure that this money does not get siphoned off into general funds, and so in twelve months time Council is not returning to propose exactly the same additional rate?

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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why these are most important to you:** 'I believe the Council is running a risk of strangling community organisations with its double-edged cuts to funding to assist community activity (whether from central Council funds or enforced on the Local Boards by the cut in funds) and at the same time

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I am pleased:

- At the Mayor's recent statements and meetings with AT, Vector, Watercare and others about the pursuit of 'safety at reasonable cost' rather than 'at any cost'.
- that Councillor Williamson and his committee are chasing hard through the bureaucracy to get a handle on what has been spent and where. (<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/back-on-the-razor-gang>) . I find Councillor Williamson's comments more credible/convincing than those of the Chief Executive (who of course has to support his staff) in his response published the following day.

Further savings might come from having less bureaucracy – I see no reason for the Council to require (of course, for a fee – which of course, the Council will want to keep getting ) expensive traffic management plans for things like Anzac day parades in Waiau Pa, and the like. I have commented in past budget consultations that I firmly believe Council bureaucracy means Council more generally gets charged higher rates for work than members of the public pay. My sense is that using local contractors to do local jobs (devolving decisions to Local Board level) will be less expensive than the Council engaging centralized contractors (whose overheads are likely to be higher), and will also aid local communities more.

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The proposal to cut funding to Local Boards flies in the face of comments made by some successful candidates at election time about a desire to move decision-making back closer to the community. I regard the statement "This [reduction] represents 5 per cent of the total budgets that local boards oversee, although some parts of this budget are more discretionary than others" as absolutely misleading and the Mayor and Councillors should be collectively ashamed that it has been included; how much of the 'planning' or 'governance' costs in its 'budget' is a Local Board allowed to say it will not pay? In fact, you are cutting several tens percent from the expenditure that every Local Board has under its direct discrimination. If Council was actually serious about moving decision-making back closer to the community it would not make any reductions to Local Board funding, and would move all the centralized funds and decision-making for support of pretty well all the activities listed in Proposal A (Consultation document pages 30-1) back to the Local Boards. (It appears to me to have been just hot air; nothing I have seen suggests the Mayor and Councillors are serious about moving decision-making back closer to the community).

So in my view it is wrong to be cutting Local Board funding in this way; and I think it is unethical of Council to cut Local Board funding and not apply the same (if not greater) funding cut to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority (I would not care if

their funding was reduced to zero - that would save you ~\$13 million (supporting information page 116)) and the Hauraki Gulf Forum, which does not appear to be planned.

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The Council should in my view ensure the Manukau Harbour Forum(MHF) is funded out of central Council funds.

Provision is made for payments from central Council funds to the Hauraki Gulf Forum and the Kaipara Moana Remediation (consultation document page 26), but the Local Boards are expected to use their diminished discretionary funds to address the Manukau Harbour Forum costs. At least three – Franklin (supporting information page 128) (despite saying on their Facebook page ‘Few things are more precious than our Manukau Harbour’), Otara (supporting information page 165), and Mangere (supporting information page 147) – have flagged that the decision to lessen funds available for their discretion could mean lessening funding to MHF. It looks like death by a thousand cuts. The Council is happy with that? I certainly am not – but given the situation the Council is putting the Local Boards in I cannot blame them!

I am told by a Councillor that the reason MHF is treated differently by Council is that “HBF and KMR are enshrined by memorandum or established by legislation and as such have likes of treaty settlements and/or crown partnership/funding.” I find this interesting; so the Council allows others to determine what the Council will spend its money on? I don’t buy that, and I doubt any Councillor does either. Mayor Goff denied that the Manukau was the forgotten harbour despite MHF members saying it was (<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/local-democracy-reporting/120215547/auckland-mayor-phil-goff-rejects-manukauss-forgotten-harbour-tag>) but any dispassionate observer would at least describe it as the harbour most neglected by Council over the past decade. This is an opportunity for a new Mayor and refreshed Council to change that. The funding that MHF have operated on in recent years is a pittance that could be taken out of the eight Local Boards funding before it went to them and would make a minimal difference in the Local Boards’ overall budget, let alone the Councils’, but would be potent symbolism. Accompanied by a clear direction to staff that each of the Manukau, Kaipara and Hauraki are to be given equivalent treatment, it would be a good foundation for the ten year budget development.

(Elsewhere in this submission I argue that more decision-making should be at local levels – but by its nature the health of the Manukau Harbour affects a large fraction of the Auckland population and so I think it should be handled centrally, with the local inputs coming from the Local Board nominees to MHF.)

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I see no reference anywhere in these documents to funding the excellent science team that RIMU represents. The long-term series that they have created is invaluable and if you cut the funding for their work you are doing the equivalent of ‘eating the seed corn’ – you may be satisfied in the short term but it will hurt you in the future.

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# 20326



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**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?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**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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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?

## 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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# 20379



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Reducing regional services

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** It is important for a city to keep a stake in its local 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.

#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:** The rate increase is high enough. Many services need to be looked at in the budget such as substandard cleaning services and substandard road maintenance contractors to name only 2

### 4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Other

**Tell us why:** Fix the existing infrastructure to much higher levels of care.

Take a real serious look at town planning. Who in their right mind allows buildings in flood plains? ..and they are still being approved. This is criminal activity that really needs repressing

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** We need to add support for historical & arts conservation 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Arts and culture programmes, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Despite looking at minimising costs, we need to get priorities right & not forget the heritage & restoration aspect important to our area. Everyone can minimise waste, if not encouraged people & particularly businesses but not farming, will sl

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.

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

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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?** Scrap resource management act which is a farce & has not adapted to present situations.

Replace by real sensible town planning.

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

You need to work on zero based budgeting practices, revising all contracts at budget time.

You need to leave regions to manage themselves as their priorities are NOT those of Auckland city.

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# 20420



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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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**Tell us why:**

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# 20489



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Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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**Tell us why:**

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#### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support 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?)** Library-based programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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.	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).
- 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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# 20503



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I would hate to see local board funding reduced. So many amazing local initiatives rely on this funding.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** It has been a good investment, with further gains likely when our tourist market returns to good health.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:**

### 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 be better prepared and more resilient.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**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

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.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 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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# 20532



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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

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).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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?**

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# 20542



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** council water sewage roading priority.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Arts and culture programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

Waste management rates changes	
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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).
- 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?

Roads and transport (Vehicals)

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# 20650



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Clevedon Community and Business Association

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Please keep funding the maintenance of our local facilities, including rural halls, pest and predator control, regional and local parks.

### 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?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Our local waterways, parks, reserves and community facilities are important to our community. Many community groups across Franklin including ours, have benefited from small local grants. It is important that these continue to support local community initiatives

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

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?** We support giving Local Boards more decision-making power about Council-owned property within their local area (regardless of their 'serviced' or 'non-serviced' status).

## 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 support Council working with Civil Defence to update local Civil Defence Plans and making sure the information contained within them is passed on to local communities for use in an emergency.

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# 20671



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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.	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.	

**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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# 20759



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Local community events, Youth connection programme

**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

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.	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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# 20760



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

## 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.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?** Get rid of the unelected statutory board

## 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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# 20769



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

## 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.	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).
- 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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# 20821



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** There are a number of services which have been proposed to reduce under the umbrella which includes Auckland Zoo. Several of these services could be reduced further to balance the fully proposed reduction in costs to the Zoo. Maintaining the ability for the Zoo to function as it does now is one of the most important services the city can provide to allow continued exposure in the community to the climate crisis and the need to nurture the environment in general.

### 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:** This appears to be an arithmetical conundrum. If selling 90% only reduces the interest by less than half what is the interest rate??

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 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.

<b>Waste management rates changes</b>	
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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

### What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

### Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 20923



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Public transport. How can a major city like Auckland, with an already embarrassing public transport system, maintain a reduced service level?

Passing on costs to residents and tourists to visit our cultural institutions is going to make it inaccessible for lower socio economic groups. They should not be locked out.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:** Preparing for the more frequent, more severe climate change related storms is vital

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Arts and culture programmes, Library-based programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** These are the parts of the city that actually build healthy community.

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

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).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 20951



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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:** Balanced approach needed. Keep some assets for the future.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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:** This work must be done.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Recreation programmes in our parks, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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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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.	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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# 20973



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**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

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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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?

## 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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# 21021



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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
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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:** 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.

Having just attended the Auckland Arts Festival (that was cancelled three times over covid), we have been overwhelmed by the incredible arts opportunities that have been produced on our shores and supported work from overseas. The Arts are a vital aspect of the Auckland community, especially for young people to engage with their 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:** Where will the money come from once the 1.9 billion dollars are spent? Auckland Airport will fall into the hands of private hands rather than be owned by the people of Auckland. With the expected return of tourists over the next few years, Auckland Airpor

## 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** It is better to take on debt and hold onto assets than to lose assets and then be in debt too. Once again, the expected influx of tourists and the added public projects over the next coming years will bring in the money to invest in projects and infrastru

## 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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?** Outsource food scraps to the biofuel companies - put the service on them, as they will be making money from the development of biofuels. Gte them to collect food waste.

If you are going to increase infrastructure for climate action, then it would be hyp

## 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?

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, cultu

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# 21049



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

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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.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** It is an asset, tourism is a major source of revenue for the country and Auckland, as the largest city must take its share of gains.

### 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Environment volunteer programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Local waste minimisation programmes

**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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## Your feedback

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** the reduction to CAB, homeless assistance, libraries and museums will be detrimental to the poorest people in Auckland.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** The airport shares sale would give a one off payment. Keeping the shares maintains yearly income, and some control on the use of airport land.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Other

**Tell us why:** Increase rates a little. Increase debt a little. Sell off a golf course or 2. Do not reduce the NETR or WQTR. Water treatment and quality in Auckland needs huge resources to cope with climate change.

### 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:** There is a need for central govt funding to assist Auckland recover from storms exacerbated by climate change.

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 21099



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Don't proceed with cuts to public transport, regional services (such as homelessness funding or reduce regional contestable grants which deliver value for \$\$ way above council investment.

### 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:** I don't have a strong opinion on this.

### 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Do not reduce the NETR or the WQTR. Both were introduced with support from Auckland Ratepayers. Both contribute to climate change adaptation and resilience. Delaying work, supported by these targeted rates, will only increase costs over time. These target

### 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:** Storm response must include investment in our green infrastructure as well as our built infrastructure. We know we need to make our city sponger, and reduce peak flow and flood events. To do this we also need to protect our rural waterways from erosion and

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** I strongly support the restoration of the Manukau Harbour, Papakura Stream, Honour community partnership funding and Coastal rescue 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Arts and culture programmes, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** All these projects will build better resilience in our environment and cohesion in our community. I also support pest control initiatives but could only choose 3.

I do not support funding of the Mudlarks mangrove removal programme. This programme has de

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport including safe cycleways. Anything that will help get people out of cars and onto a train, light rail, or bike. This will include quality of life to every Aucklanders by reducing air pollution and traffic and helping to make our city safer

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# 21138



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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?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Leave libraries and the arts alone. Libraries are critical to so many families such as mine.

### 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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**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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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## Your feedback

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes

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What do you think of these proposals?

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# 21169



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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:** Cultural and Arts funding. This is what makes a community tick. We already have a huge problem with suicide and depression among our people in this country. Artistic and Cultural expression are vital to the mental well-being of our people. This is what makes life worth living.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** It's important for our city to have some degree of ownership of our own international airport as this is a major arterial route.

### 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 accept that rates will need to increase but our people are doing it tough right now. Now is not the time to hit them with more increases.

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:** Yes we need more investment in this but our city should be one of the leaders in the world in reducing our carbon footprint and mitigating the increased climate challenges coming our way.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Please don't reduce funding for FYAB. These young people are our future politicians and should be fully supported and enabled to participate in Local Government.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Arts and culture programmes, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We need to prioritise investment in our Youth, Environment and Mental Health (Cultural and Arts).

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Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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.	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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# 21175



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	Support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

**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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# 21185



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Local board and regional programs should not be affected as the supercity concept has already alienated some communities so taking away these would make their contact with council even worse

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** I think council needs to have some say at AIAL as this is our main transport hub

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Cost of living is already out of control so adding a rates increase to this will break a lot of people - just try spending your money in a better and more controlled manner

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I think youth connection with council is very important as members of groups like FYAB are likely to end up as local council representatives and politicians

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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?** I don't understand the explanation on the bus service/climate action proposal

## 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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# 21196



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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?**

**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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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?**

## 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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# 21202



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 21203



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: I can't afford to pay more rates,

### 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:** Selling assets will help in the short term but not in the long term plan for council. To get the council out of debt comes at a cost, don't get into debt to start with and look at your spending.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Living costs are high enough for households without increasing rates. Auckland is being a city that is unliveable for many.

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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:** Don't use this money is getting reports done and then redone. Make a plan and stick to it

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** Community partnerships is important, they can help with youth services etc

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Keeping our communities clean and safe for everyone

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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** Instead of plastic bags for rubbish, change to bins both rubbish's and recycling for Clark's Beach.

## 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?

Minimising crime in our local community. To much theft and young kids of dirt bike disregarding the law and nothing being done about it. I see this happen regularly even in the Main Street of Pukekohe where they theathened an older gentlemen. Not good eno

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# 21219



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 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:** reduction in parks funding - as Auckland section sizes shrink and the population increases Aucklanders require parks and other recreational services in order to enjoy a liveable lifestyle

### 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?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:** We cannot reduce our spend on infrastructure which is already lagging. However the spend must be on a return on investment and not lining consultants or safety traffic companies. Too much of a projects expenditure is in wasted non productivity and poor ou

### 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:** While the whole of Auckland should not pay for storm areas there is investment needed in stormwater and other assets

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** Franklin has seen intensive growth. Clevedon is about to become a town, with anticipated growth that requires infrastructure. Developer levy's should remain in the area that they are generated in so they can be used for local initiatives and the bettermen

**If funding for local board 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 delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** communities need space to partake in sports and other activities, this provides good social networking for all age groups. Environmental restoration and pest control programs target the environment with dedicated volunteers that deserve support

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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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# 21230



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Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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#### 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** I would not proceed with such a high reduction to the local board 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.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** I think the council should reduce debt however I expect the share price of AIAL to increase as more airlines fly to NZ and the number of flights increases so I don't think they should sell all their shares in one hit. If they were my shares I would spread

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

**Tell us why:** debt is costly and there seems to be no repayment plan for the debt

### 4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:** unfortunately it's necessary

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I enjoy getting outside with the family and spending time at our local parks and beaches, it's unfortunate that the locally in Waiau Pa and Clarks Beach there isn't a decent playground. The pest control programmes are important and if they stop now then t

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

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.	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?

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# 21258



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Other

**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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Recreation programmes in our parks, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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).	Other
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?**

## 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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# 21304



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Libraries should get same funding

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why:** support only the last one

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Library-based programmes, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

Waste management rates changes	
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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?

It should be a hiring freeze, pay rise freeze for everybody earning over 80.000 and far more accountability for council actions and budgets.....

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# 21308



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** I don't know

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Discretionary local grants, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**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**

### Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local community grants, Parks activations

**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?**

## 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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# 21329



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

I don't know

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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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#### 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

### Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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 waste minimisation initiatives, Community lease charges, Open space low / no mow areas

**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).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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).
- 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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# 21344



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 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.

#### 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 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?** I don't know

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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# 21398



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** The changes here will negatively affect public transport, amenities, and spaces. The very things that make a city a city and help instil a sense of community. It is also incomprehensible that public transport spending would be reduced when a) climate change is part of the reason the council needs money in the first place; and b) Auckland's biggest problem is transport, the motorway traffic is one way the city is becoming more and more unliveable.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** I cannot understand the logic in reducing control over one of the main ways tourists and citizens arrive in Taamaki. This is text book short term gains for long term losses. It's like selling your front lawn to a business so they can decide how much you h

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:** Rates are better than debt. Double your raise to \$300 a year and you're looking at what a homeowner will spend on groceries in a week. This is our city, we should be paying for it. It may also encourage people to engage more civically.

### 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:** Sounds like a good idea, we need to be making investments in infrastructure and facilities now so that we are better protected from climate change in the future. Short term loss for long term gain, I'm pretty sure ravens understand that.

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** I think it is fantastic that you are investing in the community and the people that live on this land. This is our home and you are caring for it. Our community is our family and you are supporting it so that it may one day thrive.

**If funding for local board 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, Youth connection programme, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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?** I don't think we should be encouraging people to create more waste.

## 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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# 21409



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 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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#### Rates

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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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

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**What is your preference on 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?**

**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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** The Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust has a 3 year partnership agreement with Council to maintain the lighthouse building and its surrounds . The Lighthouse continues to be a significant visitor attraction for Aucklanders and we are now in the second year o

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?**

## 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.	
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?**

## 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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# 21459



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** These are the programmes I believe should not be cut :

- education programmes
- arts and culture programmes
- funding for youth centres
- early childhood education services

Cutting these will impact all communities, mostly impacting our youth/children. With the rising level of youth getting into serious trouble (eg. The ram raids) we need as many programmes as we can to help develop our children. The more we cut the less opportunity they will have to be apart of the community and will turn to other (less productive) activities which could impact their lives in a negative way.

## 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?** 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?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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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# 21478



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Environment volunteer programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**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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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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# 21520



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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Stop big belching empty buses going round and round in Pukekohe. How about vans.?

### 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:** Best decision

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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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:**No comment

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Too much money is wasted on : woke : ideas. Keep it practical.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Recreation programmes in our parks

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Outdoor sport and games must be a necessity to get people interacting, doing activities and away from devices

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.

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?** Most people I know don't want a food scrap collection

## 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?

What is the Tupuna Maunga Authority . Seems to be too much Māori content everywhere. Stop the rebranding and save a fortune.

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# 21546



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I regularly attend APO concerts and I visit my library almost every day. I do not want to see funding to these important services cut or removed.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:** Auckland doesn't need to own an 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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#### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I've worked for conservation most of my life. Preserving the planet and all it's creatures and plants is vital to our continued survival.

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.

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**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

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).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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).
- 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?

If people want and expect service and facilities, then they have to be prepared to pay for it via taxes and rates. Nothing is free!

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# 21551



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Cycle ways and arts funding

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support 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?)** Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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.	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).
- 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 don't want my rates to go to provide things we do no it use, library is important for children but no to cycle ways and walking tracks

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# 21573



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Environment volunteer programmes, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** There is no Planet B

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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

Waste management rates changes	
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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?**

## 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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# 21617



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Cut them all

### 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

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Local community events, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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?** Stop wasting money on walkways and fix the existing infrastructure like de and ss drains

## 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?

Stop wasting money on giving everything a Maori name and do not go anywhere near 3 waters

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# 21628



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** There is a clear gap in our society wealth as is. This is will even out wealth distribution while also supporting necessary initiatives.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** I would rather have Auckland still maintain its stake than completely step out. While I understand the desperation for money, the price is too high when it comes to selling an important place like this internationally. As we have seen time and time again

### 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?** I don't know

**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?** Other

**Tell us why:** Treating a symptom is not going to solve the problem. People need to move to places with the infrastructure to handle a flood like that while Council builds up the current damaged areas to that state.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Howick 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 support all but see no commitment to or mention of iwi involvement in this. That is disappointing.

**If funding for local board 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, Open space low / no mow areas, Community programme delivery

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** These are the least important to me.

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 21630



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### **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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**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

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?

## 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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# 21651



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 **not** proceed with if any: Central to Auckland 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?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:** Increase rates more for businesses

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

### 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</b>	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

### What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

### Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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- 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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# 21662



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Franklin Active Trails 339 Facebook members

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**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?**

**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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
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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# 21679



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Council funding for community education and arts programmes is often just the seed that ensures these programmes keep going. Programmes that have a huge impact on the overall wellbeing of the wider community and for that matter, provide considerable employment with in region.

Local boards have very limited funding abilities as it is. There funding should not be cut.

Go ahead with cutting 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?** Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** Retaining shares in Auckland Airport is a strategic issue to ensure the long term interests of the city. The shareholding Auckland City at present hold should enable it to influence the direction of the company and the Directors choses to govern it.

Most

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:** We would prefer an increase in both the general rates and the level of debt while council works through this present challenge.

### 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:** Given the issues we face due to climate change we wonder if the proposed \$20m increase is actually enough.

## 5. Local Boards

### Howick 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 and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Arts and culture initiatives

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Board funding for community art & culture initiatives is often just the seed that ensures these activities actually happen/keep going. Art & Culture programmes have a huge impact on the overall wellbeing of the wider community.

The recent

### Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** However we consider the 'Environmental' programmes - restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability - need to also be on that priorities list. Especially given the impact of the recent storm & cyclone.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Local community grants, Arts and culture facilities and programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Board funding for community art & culture initiatives is often just the seed that ensures these activities actually happen/keep going. Art & Culture programmes have a huge impact on the overall wellbeing of the wider community.

The recent

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 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
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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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

**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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	Do not support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

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#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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#### 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:** Anything to regional parks, zoos , arts , youth centres , homeless centres etc. do not cut.

Stop the consulting costs!!!!

Instead cut the number of staff you have that do nothing, or the number of times something has to go around a table before a decision is made. Look at your organisation and plan it correctly with best use of your resources for productivity. Run it like a business

### 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:** Keep the shares. You will make more in the long term.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:** Stop borrowing. Make better use of your funds instead of putting it into useless ideas that will never work for the city.

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:** As above

Cut your staff resources, look at the number of staff you have to make a small decision happen.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Look after the young , the reduce. Stop the culture, we are all kiwis regardless of skin colour

Stop the costal walkways, instead focus on the coastal land slips the blocked drains that are causing some of these slips. The roading needs improvement.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**Tell us why:**

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** It feels like rates only just went up. I don't want them increasing any further, and you can't convince me that it's my problem there is a budget gap.

### 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?**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not increase rates. They only just went up and it's not our fault there is a gap in the budget. Focus on transport, but focus on alternate solutions to age-old problems. Stop wasting money on busways and additional lanes that take years to develop and

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- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Reducing regional services. These are an integral part to the social and cultural development of Auckland. Auckland has a large cultural and economic diverse population. Reducing all regional services will have a profoundly negative impact on all Aucklanders.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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.	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).
- 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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# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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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- 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

## 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.	

**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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# 22029



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**Tell us why:**

### 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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### 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?**

**Tell us why:** n/a

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No

## 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?

## 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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# 22084



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environment volunteer programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 22144



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Reducing local board funding. If anything they are 'closer to the ground' and so will know what is required within their purview.

It is also a little dangerous to proceed with specific reductions within the proposed \$20m, when it means losing research staff who are the gatekeepers of the vast amount of knowledge and history kept in our council archives and research libraries.

Other specific areas where I would caution the reduction of funding are places such as the Zoo, Botanical Gardens and some events. These areas may need better financial management, and less bureaucracy, but if we lose traction with their development we lose their appeal, and we might as well disband them altogether. Not a world class city plan.

Although I would hate to drop all regional services and community funding - let the local boards manage this through grants. Community empowerment will only happen if the community wants it, so maybe don't waste too much 'regional' time on this?

## 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:** Should a council be playing the stock 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.

### 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:** Not a financier, but I believe we don't pay enough in rates. I would like more use of targeted rates in particular areas to address areas of service delivery that are unequal across the city.

## 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:** We obviously need to future-proof what we are doing. Whether climate change is of our own making or some higher power (e.g., Nature) we need to plan infrastructure in this city, and the infrastructure so far is sadly lacking.

## 5. Local Boards

### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

**Tell us why:** It's a massive local board area with unequal service delivery. I would hate to decide what mattered, but I do think that the local board should concentrate on their core services and get those right first.

They can work with local social welfare groups 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Discretionary local grants - can't you make use of these to develop services you establish are necessary in the neighbourhood? I have sat in different social welfare organisation meetings over the years and have been horrified to see the "fighting" over t

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**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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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?** If the TV programme the other night is correct, managing our waste better needs a lot of work. Maybe a few more labourers actually doing the work and not so many policy developers thinking up new ways of doing it, however.

Why are we looking after people

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 22200



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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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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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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Environment volunteer programmes, Local waste minimisation 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.

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## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 22204



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Reduction to community boards and in particular volunteer groups. Volunteers provide far more value to the Council than just an hourly rate. Without their support Council costs would rise significantly in maintenance and other 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?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** It is important that Council continues to own key strategic assets such as the Airport to enable a return on investment in the future.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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#### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environment volunteer programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Volunteers are crucial to Council goals particularly around environmental outcomes. Without volunteers, additional costs to Council will creep in.

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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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# 22274



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Organisation (if applicable): Counties Sportfishing Club

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

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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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 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?

Have your say

Auckland Budget 2023

Amendment to Community occupancy guidelines

The proposed Fees will cripple some non-profit organizations that serve a great resource for little communities. Local board need to look at each organization and execute the

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# 22286



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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 not proceed with if any:** All of them - everything you want to take away is community minded. We are a community and should be able to enjoy activities together to bring everyone together. We need positivity in a time where negative influences in our community are on the rise.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:** I don't believe the council needs to partially own the airport - stick to roading and vehicles - that should be a priority right now!

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Sick of paying higher rates when we live in Pukekohe and are treated like the poor cousins! We get nothing extra out here for our money. You guys need to up your game and start including us in your upkeep. Our parks for kids are terrible! No bike tracks!

### 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:** Our rates increase would end up more than the cost of living allowance - and on top of everything else that's out of control no one's going to have any money left over each week!

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** Can Pukekohe/Franklin area PLEASE have some bike trails out in! There is absolutely nothing out here for recreation to do! Why can't there be a trail from Pukekohe to Waiuku to the forest or out to Tuakau to the river to ride?! Currently I have to put my

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** We need more to do as a community to come together - more connection and positivity. And AGAIN give us some bike trails. Get cars off the roads, get families out and about. Connect us more with bike trails. PLEASE. It's not ok that in Pukekohe we have not

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

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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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.	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?

PLEASE do NOT leave Pukekohe out of your budget planning. Start thinking about us out here!

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# 22287



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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
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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?**

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?**

**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

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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? Yes**

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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:**

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# 22293



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Clevedon Tennis Club

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Do not reduce local board spending as local boards are more in touch with the community to know which spending is most effective vs council.

The council needs to reduce it's arts and culture programs' which are nice to haves vs expenditure on child hood education which has far greater future benefit for the community.

Regional contestable funding can be reduced to save \$'s.

### 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:** Airport shares are not core council business.

better to invest the proceeds to provide infrastructure.

AIAL will want to raise more capital in the future for their development program. so dividends will be reduced and therefore return to the council.

### 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?** 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 is the best way to balance the books.

### 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:** Obviously there is more money required to manage future storm events

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** business's should be funding their own development initiatives, council are inefficient and out of touch with reality.

Similarly businesses should be funding the skills programs, not council.

Council needs to reduce community partnerships while the 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, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** having council community and recreational facilities maintained and in good condition allows community groups/clubs to utilise them, but the groups need to be self funding and not rely on the council.

Waterways are crucial to our marine ecosystem.

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.

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**What do you think of these proposals?** User pays for commercial rubbish

Dont support APTR or DTR

Residents to pay for wheelie bin up grades

## 7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Sporting clubs should pay their way, but only for what they are due.

eg rent of facilities/buildings should be paid for by clubs, but not if the clubs own their own buildings.

(Q6: User pays for commercial rubbish

Dont support APTR or DTR

Residents to

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# 22300



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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?**

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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# 22310



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Keep funding the zoo. It's a huge attraction and is looking amazing.

### 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

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:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)**

**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?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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 services provided by Council are vital. Find another way. This action is discriminatory and borderline racist - it is poorer communities who will bear the brunt of it. If you don't believe they add value - go talk to the communities who use them and amend accordingly.

### 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:** Im not sure on this one. On the one hand, why should Council own an airport? On the other, if we lose it to overseas owners, how does that look after our interests? NZ track record with privatising assets is a long history of the old 'socialise losses and

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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 aren't anywhere near our debt cap currently. Why this debt obsession?? AKL isn't going to run out of ratepayers to help service it anytime soon.

### 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:** Usually Councils just slash infrastructure budgets and I'd bet money that before the cyclone you were going to do the same. Lesson learned?

### 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Surely environmental and waterway restoration programmes could be run with elements of concurrency, by the same people? Maybe part of the budget problem is the way these are set?

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**What do you think of these proposals?**

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#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** There's too many public services that would otherwise be inaccessible, or not available anywhere else.

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**Tell us why:**

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** While I agree with the need for these priorities, they are just the bare basics.

I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE CUT BACKS IN OTHER AREAS.

This whole questionnaire is badly worded, to try to get the public to statistically say they drastic support funding cut 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Arts and culture programmes

**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?

Our Citizens Advice bureau should not even be up for consideration to be chopped.

Its one of the most valuable, and value for money services the council financially contribute to.

Especially when it comes to its legal advice, it allows access to correct

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**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not reduce transport services- motorway system struggles at the best of times. Need accessibility to places like Zoo and other social areas for public and tourist attractions that fall within people's means

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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 is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Other

**Tell us why:** Need to ensure drains, natural water ways and cleared to allow full running to the end points without obstruction.

Ensure resilient building areas not on reclaimed land or low lying areas.

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**Tell us why:** Very important for community/people based 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?)** Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

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# 22548



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** The reduction in public transport, arts funding, social programme investments and regional grants could significantly harm Auckland's people and the environment.

These individual services are required for a functional and liveable city that aims to address social, economic and climate issues that the region faces now and in the future.

### 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:** There might be an initial profit but there would be no long-term gains for Aucklanders if this sale were to go ahead.

### 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:** Ratepayers overwhelmingly agreed to pay a natural environmental targeted rate in order to address significant ecological and environmental issues this region faces. A reduction in the investment into this rate would set the country back in meeting its obligations.

### 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:** Preventing the start of adaption and mitigation plans would only increase the cost of starting in the future.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:** Franklin area has seen a rapid increase in urbanisation and requires more services and investments in order to meet the social, economic and environmental issues.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** The Franklin environment is severely degraded due to historic and current land use changes. Investing in these three options can start to fix these issues. However, investment in local youth programmes and library-based programmes is also of great importa

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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 22574



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 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:** Auckland, North Shore and West Auckland sold their shareholding in Auckland Airport. This was to help reduce the rates costs, they said. It didn't work for long. South Auckland owned those shares and decided against selling them. They aren't everyone else'

### 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

### 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.	
<b>Changes to other rates</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.	

**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?

If Property Owners were hit with the rate increases that were actually necessary, then they might take more notice of the which Councillors they voted on and what they actually do.

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# 22583



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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?)**

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

**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?

Retain funding for CAB

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# 22596



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Cutting back on Public Transport is bad mistake when we want more people using bus and train to get cars off our roads.

Art Galleries and other cultural services are part of our culture and should remain. The reason I visit Auckland is to go to Art gallery or Auckland Museum.

### 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:** By all means sell some but keep some for another rainy year.

### 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

**Tell us why:** Do not make changes to what is already there as Water Quality etc a must have in our Area of Waiuku.

### 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:** Needs to be done to protect our population in times of further climate change.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:** You have got Franklin as part of "Super City". I see very little other than a great Library, a hourly bus service Monday-Friday for my rates.

**If funding for local board 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, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Waterways must be maintained especially with likely hood of more flooding in times to come.

Maintenance of parks and reserves which are used by different clubs during the year.

Library I go to to play Rummy Kub and I am a reader.

Our library is the heart

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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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

no

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# 22647



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Keep citizen advice bureau open as a vital service for underprivileged NZers, yes cut back on eco trails, walkways, non-urgent council projects. Stop rolling out low speeds and look at where no public transport is in rural areas like Clarks beach.

### 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:** Free up cash and stops pay in rates payers money on 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:** We don't get much for our rates but agree it need to be done. Our water pump is sitting on eroded land still not addressed

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** no look at housing infrastructure in Clarks beach, karaka, Pukekohe.

No public transportation in Clarks beach.

Health inequities in community care needs addressing in rural communities. increased crimes needs addressing

**If funding for local board 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, Arts and culture programmes, Council funded community lease maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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.	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).
- 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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# 22670



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Counties manukau Cricket

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

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- Reducing 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:** Do not Reduce regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Discretionary local grants, Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** These services provide the opportunity for our community to stay fit and healthy which saves us money on the long term

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- 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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# 22683



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Transport cuts impossible in South Auckland need more public transport

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:**

### 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:** A very vulnerable community that needs more cultural interactions and sponsorship of events to create a cohesive 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, Investigations for plans and policy development, Arts and culture programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Some of these initiatives can be combined

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

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.	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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# 22762



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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?)** Parks maintenance (including mowing), Library hours, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

## Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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

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.	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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# 22764



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** By reducing transport everyone will need to drive into Auckland.

Local board have worked hard in the community to get where we are if it's stopped it will never come back to the community where needed.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Investigations for plans and policy development

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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.	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:**

- 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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# 22776



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** reduce funding to Ti Taki auckland, (20m) cut back on cultural events, all board remove itself from child educations services keep helping the homeless

### 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:** DONT SELL ASSETS and shares

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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?**

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:** As usual nothing for my 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environment volunteer programmes, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

**What do you think of these proposals?** Should be targeting the packaging coming from supermarket packing Most rubbish appears to be packaging

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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# 22809



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Reducing funding for libraries is an unfair and ruthless decision that has been proposed. What's a city that doesn't have one of the basic facilities which even a Third World country freely provides? I would say that as an Aucklander I can agree to most of the proposals from the mayor but not with the decision to reduce the funding for libraries.

### 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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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Other

**Tell us why:** Sensible intensification as opposed to random wild intensification of Auckland. Also places that are very fertile must be protected from too much housing development which would see agricultural land lost forever. Instead areas which are not fertile and

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme

**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.

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No**

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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# 22842



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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes nurture building positive communities

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:** Fiscally wise

### 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** Residents already face increased outgoings due to 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:** Stop building on flood plains and insist developers pay for infrastructure

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:** Sensible, adding value

**If funding for local board 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, Arts and culture programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Environment is most important

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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:**

- 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?

Spend less on consultants, use common sense, reduce wages of council staff earning over \$100k

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# 22846



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

**What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?**

Proceed with the proposed reductions

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:**

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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

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.	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).
- 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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# 22863



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 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 rates never works - we are on the outer re: the Auckland tag so make our own way

### 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:** Trading away the silver for short term debt reduction is short sighted a- Brown is wrong on this one

### 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:** We expect a high standard of facilities and we should be focussed on a vision of being the highest quality recreational destination - high quality mountain bike facilities should be at the fore

### 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:** Franklin is useless at preventative maintenance like clearing drainage pipes - get a comprehensive preventative maintenance programme going - that saves \$ long term!!!

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:** There is no vision that impacts on physical wellbeing - being a mountainbike hub is good for business too

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Arts and culture programmes, Recreation programmes in our parks

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** There is so much scope to have urban and rural based mountainbike facilities that wouldn't cost a lot and be of benefit whānau of all abilities

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

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?** Invest in the health of the region by supporting pathways project

## 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?

Agitate for a bigger slice of the Auckland pie of rates \$

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# 22890



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 not proceed with if any:** Reducing services, such as libraries, disproportionately impacts lower socio-economic communities

### 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?** 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

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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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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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# 22909



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** I do not agree with stopping support for the Citizen's Advice Bureau and any cultural support (i.e. Māori, & Pasifika), because CAB is a vital resource that should have funding continued and Auckland or all places should be behind Māori and Pasifika events and initiatives, based on the demographics of the city.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** 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 should have a share in their own 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.

#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Other

**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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Franklin Sport and Recreation plan grants, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** I don't know

## 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:**

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please keep funding Citizens Advice Bureau.

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# 23149



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 **not** proceed with if any:

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** 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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Youth connection programme, Library-based programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** L

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

**Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?** No

## 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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# 23208



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Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** so many of these services are already under funded

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:**

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local community events

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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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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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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# 23214



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

### 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:** Because these are public assets.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Rates

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

**Tell us why:**

### 4. Storm Response

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

**Tell us why:**

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environment volunteer programmes, Environmental education programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** The biodiversity in new zealand is in crisis. Everything possible must be done to improve on the current situation.

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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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?** A network of pathways within franklin would bring many benefits to the community.

This exciting and original idea would bring tourism (especially with our proximity to auckland city) to the area, amongst many other benefits.

Many people love cycling but a

## 7. What else is important to you?

**Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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Tell us why:

### 3. Managing rates and 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?)** Discretionary local grants, Council funded community lease maintenance

**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:**

- 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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# 23240



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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:** Do not proceed as planned. There is insufficient investment in the city with the proposed plan. The investment in the city is needed because it will provide continued employment, attract national and international tourism, and provide vital services that add value to people's lives. Auckland's rates are much lower than elsewhere in the country. Raise the rates and and continue to provide these vital services.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?** Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why:** Hold the investment at 10% to provide a future annual income from dividends. Selling all the shares to manage a current funding shortfall is short-sighted. Increase rates.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

#### Rates

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:** Proceed with the increased use of debt at \$75m but also set a higher general rates increase to provide growth and investment in the city.

### 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:**Support.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?)** Investigations for plans and policy development, Youth connection programme, Local waste minimisation 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

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.	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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# 23255



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Do not reduce any funding going to reducing GHG emissions or environmental protection or restoration projects.

### 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:** I don't feel its responsible to have rates supporting an industry that is having significant affects on Climate Change.

### 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:**

### 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:** Kicking the can down the road isn't going to help things, storm related events are increasing and we as a city need to attempt to keep up with the predicted rate of change.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

**Tell us why:** Funding to operations or groups that have negative impacts on the climate and environment should have reduced, operations or groups actively reducing climate and environmental impacts should be rewarded and not have funding reduced.

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Climate Change action is my highest long term priority, and any reduction in funding local initiatives, even temporary is unacceptable, flora & fauna pest control are pivotal in restoring natural ecosystems and an important part of reducing human impact

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

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

**What do you think of these proposals?**

## 7. What else is important to you?

**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 concerned about unchecked stormwater discharge by developers into the Manukau Harbour and estuaries disrupting and destroying natural ecosystems.

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## Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

#### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Invest in Auckland to provide growth attract visitors and provide an increased number of jobs across a variety of sectors.

### 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:** Retain a 10% shareholding to provide a future income.

### 3. Managing rates and debt

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#### Debt

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**What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?** Set a higher general rates increase

**Tell us why:** Increase the rates by a minimum of 2% = \$40m per year. Also, make use of the \$75m debt to provide vital services and investment to enable growth and prosperity across the city.

### 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:** Agree.

### 5. Local Boards

#### Franklin Local Board

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**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Investigations for plans and policy development, Youth connection programme, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Planning for the future ensures parks and libraries, etc are developed to meet the needs of the communities. Stopping these services will result in a failure to appropriately manage these public spaces. Waste minimisation programmes increase the accountab

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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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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# 23292



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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: Arts reduction!!!!

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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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**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

#### Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

**Tell us why:**

**If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)** Protection and restoration of local waterways, Arts and culture programmes, Local waste minimisation programmes

**Tell us why these are most important to you:**

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## 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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# 23326



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Franklin

## 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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Transport reductions in particular is absolutely insane to propose. You're removing car parking everywhere and encouraging increased use of public transport, whilst simultaneously reducing public transport availability. How does that work? Traffic is an absolute nightmare everywhere, and this will be compounded with this ludicrous proposal.

Public services through local boards, cultural programs etc are vital to communities. I do not accept reductions in these. Perhaps look at salaries and consultation fees to reduce costs instead of community services that are required.

### 2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

**What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares?** 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 not sensible to sell all shares, there’s not enough detail and information available to the public in terms of the possible impacts of this. Parking effects? Services at the airport? Need more information.

### 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?** Make greater use of debt

**Tell us why:** With the current cost of living crisis I think it’s absolutely imperative that we avoid rates increases across Auckland. This will most heavily impact those in our community who are already struggling to put food on the table and is disproportionately gea

### 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:** Poor town planning and a minefield resource consent process is compounding this issue for those most affected and they indisputably need assistance. Climate change means this isn’t going away and we need forward planning for this.

## 5. Local Boards

### Howick 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 am incredibly frustrated that we are in a local board area that just does not sufficiently fund play spaces for children. Every other area in Auckland, and indeed many towns nationwide has spent money on amazing destination playgrounds with shade, water

**If funding for local board 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 and pest control, Community facilities and services

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** I think this strikes a balance between important tasks and we can look after multiple areas whilst still reducing the budget. A more global reduction would be preferable to completely axeing things.

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**What do you think of these proposals?** Food scraps rate - this feels contentious as many of us independently compost and would not want to use this service so do we still have to pay? Would be great to have more transparency about this programme.

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# 23336



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Tell us why:

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**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.

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