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Organisation (if applicable):

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Don't proceed with the cost reductions below and instead using additional debt to fund the required costs as both are important services continue to be provided to Aucklanders in my eyes:

- 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

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? Other

Tell us why: Need more information to decide, can it be achieved without further rates increase?

5. Local Boards

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: We are already spending quite a lot in the environmental education/protection space compared to elsewhere in the world, which are less of a priority in my view compared to local community events, and culture initiatives.

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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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 initiative volunteers, Local waste minimisation initiatives, 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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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?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

-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

-providing early childhood education services to save $1 million.

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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:

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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: dont quite like the idea of increasing the rate.. as it is already too high

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

Tell us why:why $20 m every year???

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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 facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: safety is the most important

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Early childhood education and youth centres

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

Tell us why:

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why: Do not reduce funding for water and waste

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: These seem most important. Cut funding for 'nice to haves' and not things that are needed.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't want to increase rates because we are all expriencing financial hardships.

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

Tell us why: It is practical to sell sharws but not all.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: People are having financial hardships

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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: People are having financial hardship

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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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library is very important to everyone

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Tell us why: I do not want to see any additional rates rise on top of the net percentage already proposed.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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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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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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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Mow the bloody lawns Wayne. The place is a disgrace. Parks and Berms look like Detroit

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You've lumped a lot of things together there. Access to the art gallery can be expensive- it's not a requirement. Access to a cheap Badminton court or pool to keep South auckland healthy is essential

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

Tell us why: The bank wants people to spend less money. Raise rates. It's not popular. I wouldn't like it, but a population the size of auckland (small) can't have all the nice things e.g. London has (the tube) without paying for it

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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: You don't have a clue, it's only just happened.

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Tell us why: We have seriously under-invested in our city for a long time in an effort to "reduce rates". While I fully support greater efficiency and reducing wasted spending, it is a false economy to have the focus on paying less to achieve more. I would rather we h

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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 facilities and services, Library opening hours

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Most of the ideas provide selective benefit to a small number of ratepayers. Better to offer these as user pays. More people will use things if they're free which means someone else is paying. If you adopt user pays it will be interesting to then see what demand is.

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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: Request dividends equal to interest payable. A sell down of that level would drop the price attainable.

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

Tell us why: It is unfair for businesses to pay rates components for things like sports facilities pools and libraries.

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Tell us why: We cannot have a repeat of the January floods. Better maintenance and provision of infrastructure is required. This is a core council responsibility.

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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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: our mayor has the ability to manage the council particularly the infarstructure improvements and the overall budget, lets get on with it and asap

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

Tell us why:shared pain versus overall city standards

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: every area needs to do their bit and local initiatives are nice to have when times are good but these days reduced spending by our local boards spread evenly across all areas

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: stick to council core services

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

stop intensification in built up suburbs until ALL infrastructure HAS BEEN UPGRADED to cope and reverse the stupid low speeds around Auckland , NO to light rail, and change Auckland Transports hate of vehicles and tell the government we pay them and you

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

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

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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: Not a good thing to sell down one of the few shareholdings Auckland Council owns.

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Tell us why:

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Please look closely at funding to Auckland Transport. This seems to be out of control.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Arts and culture initiatives

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?

The East is still serviced poorly through public transport. It takes far too long to make travelling into the central suburbs like Epsom and Newmarket via bus from Botany and Howick. The train line must be extended to these areas so that people commutin

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council needs to cut it spending costs

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted 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?

Can we get rid of Wayne Brown and start again with Efoso?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing debt and expenditure is prudent. Concentrate on key issues and reduce all superfluous spending

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: by taxing more revenue means an impact on households. managing lower debt levels is what we expect council to manage. be responsible and ruthless on your own spending

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

Tell us why:we don't want councils to be paying most of their staff over $100000, employing too many people and spending on ridiculous events etc. concentrate on building a better city with infrastructure. a lot of the flooding seemed to be associated with poorly mai

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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 grants, Library opening hours, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: library key responsibility of local govt.

community activities meet local needs

we need to exercise- key responsibility

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Howick Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All the listed spending reductions are important in one shape or form to someone.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: The Howick Local Board area has a lack of urban canopy cover and small urban forest fragments. Such funding is needed to continue their maintenance. Further, current urban forest fragments need maintenance e.g., pest control, weed control.

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Please ensure that there is adequate works and funding to the Eastern Busway. The Eastern busway has made the journey to the Central Auckland area much faster.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing access to ECE will impact on our lower income families as will increasing the price of access to the Zoo, and art galleries. A council should, as it's core business assist with the funding of education programmes, help the city's homeless and assist local boards to do what hey do best n their own areas

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Tell us why: The city cannot afford to sit on such an asset when it is in debt and can't not afford core services. The airport may pay a dividend this year but it can't be relied on the lessen the short fall of the budget

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Tell us why: Currently interest rates are low, even though the press would have it other wise. Borrow and use the money wisely instead of the huge wastes we've seen over the last few years

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

Tell us why: We have to face facts, our infra structure just can't cope with the rain water we've just had, and hasn't coped for some time. Our beaches get polluted when we have heavy rain. Our current infrastructure is failing and needs a major overhaul

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Community facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

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?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No, more reductions needed

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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: Go ahead immediately

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: Reduce waste of taxpayers money and let taxpayers decide what they need

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There is so much money council spend on activities that should be paid by central government or user pays. AT needs to dramatically reduce their spending.

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Tell us why: International Airports are big business and local councils should not be investing or having influence over their operations.

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

Tell us why: With the current rate of inflation citizens cannot afford yet another increase

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

Tell us why: Just more spending that central government should pay for

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? Just more spending and council control. Not making Auckland livable city

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Tell us why: Auckland needs to reduce debt, so sell up the shares.

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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: It's important to support local clubs to keep kids active and engaged in health and wellbeing. Clubs struggle at the best of times, so support must continue.

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

Get rid of the community concerts, movies and other 'free' events. Auckland Council does not have the funds to support these initiatives at present.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not support reducing funding for Proposal A areas: (a) education programmes, as the most cost-effective 'investment' for resilience against climate disaster (among other things); (b) Citizens Advice Bureau, since accessible general legal advice is crucial during tough times; (c) homeless support and youth centres, to avoid growing issues of public safety; and (d) COMET, as a key advocate of educational equality and STEM subject uptake.

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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: AIAL is an important national and strategic asset. Also because shares give financial return, it would be more cost-effective to (temporarily) cut less efficient services or increase rates.

The proposed policy changes to decision-making must not proceed a

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Tell us why: Support pausing the business rates reduction for longer, in order to mitigate expected future budget shortfall.

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Tell us why: Consider a targeted rate from companies much less affected by recent events.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental education programmes are the most cost-effective 'investment' for resilience against climate disaster in the long term. Library and community services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau are crucial during tough times and for supporting educa

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: These will supply an income in the future.

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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 increase our debt or rates. We need to manage what we have by better efficiencies such as the road workers who NEVER have all staff working. Our pavements are currently being replaced & each day I see more than half of those on

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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: Do things properly to start with. If roads were built properly instead of taking the cheaper option, we would not have some of these issues. Ensure streets are cleaned & drains regularly checked. Be proactive.

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Tell us why: I don't see Councils role as supporting business awards.

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What do you think of these proposals? The food scraps bin is a waste of time & money. Most people who separate their food scraps, use their own compost bin. Monitoring fencing is also a waste of time - spend their wages on something that is needed. Waste is a core Council service and sho

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Reduce the Council wage bill by reducing staff or their hourly rate. Maintain lighting, rubbish, roads & other core services but stop spending on events & Water parks etc. Refocus the priorities to those that are essential. I believe the OURAuckla

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Tell us why: Comparing only expected dividends with interest payments neglects to factor in future increases in share price, which undervalues the AIAL stake. The world, especially the large tourist source China, has only just come out of Covid lockdowns, and air trav

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Tell us why: Don't reduce the NETR and WQTR. The proposal to increase general rates across the board while reducing the NETR and WQTR is a sneaky attempt to shift the rates burden from one group of residents to another. The fact that none of the feedback options menti

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Privatising the airport does not help us with the financial issues that Auckland is having, this can and will only cause more issues. It is incredibly short sighted to just “sell off 18% of the airport” and it is possible to get his money elsewhere.

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Tell us why: It will most likely be done in an inefficient and poorly executed way. I will not agree to this unless a proper plan is presented that has been collaborated in with countries/cities that have large amounts of experience in this eg. Japan, Denmark, and oth

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Tell us why: neighbourhood watch and community patrols have never been seen in my neighbourhood, ineffective and irrelevant they shouldn't get further funding. Introduction of a city wide regulations office that ensures public order, for traffic, parking, small misdem

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Tell us why these are most important to you: There are no local community events, no local environmental education, nobody has ever cleaned up any local waterways, the last environmental initiative that took place was more than 6 years ago, communities in New Zealand are unwilling to learn about sus

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1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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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: Probably a bad time to sell Auckland Airport shares with the current market conditions. Should hold until the airport is back to full strength like before Covid. I'd expect about 5 years at least, then sell partially to reduce debt servicing but earn inco

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We have a lot of people living in Auckland. Use this population growth effectively please. Don't take on debt, we'll end up paying the price later on...

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: The first sensible proposal! Let's get Auckland in a good shape and working from a position of strength!

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Minor cuts to help with budget

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

Tell us why: Short term proposal - better to keep potential earning assets

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Tell us why: Don't like increasing debt

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

Tell us why: Make operations more efficient

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Tell us why: First three could be left to focus on water issues and renewal and maintenance

If funding for local board 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, Sports and recreation grants

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Limit maunga activity and leave existing trees

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million. My 2 children attend the Howick Kauri Kids ECE. My partner and I both work full time in relatively well paying jobs. This service that is being provided is not just a service but something that my family rely on. The cost of the ECE compared to many in my area is a more affordable option especially when you have mortgage and rates costs as high as they currently are. The teachers are absolutely amazing and my children are well cared for. As parents we have all agreed we wouldn't mind increasing the costs of the ECE to help save money and stop it from closing. We think there are many other ways we can save $ within our communities. If this service was to end I don't think I could afford to continue working and would possibly need to get some benefit support to help with mortgage costs. Please please keep the people working who want to work, we pay our tax and rates and want to set a high standard for our children

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Would love to see some decent playgrounds for our kiddies. We often have to drive to other local areas to find better quality playgrounds. With the cost of our rates it would be awesome to see this implemented

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council daycare, council run gyms and sports. All these make a community better. Get rid of CABs, a waste of money. People have the internet now.

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Tell us why: Shares price will increase in the long run. Selling them now is very shortsighted.

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Tell us why: Live in Auckland. We need to pay for the facilities. Also be mindful of the cost of living. This is a hard one.

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Tell us why: Auckland has to pay for storm response. There is no other option

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Tell us why: What is community empowerment. Why do we need business awards. Just cut back on non essential services, like business awards. Improve roads lighting, look after the young and elderly. Never mind business awards.

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

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What do you think of these proposals? Just too many choices. Rates are for essential services. Climate is the Governments responsibility.

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I don't even know what that is. I can't read or speak Māori.

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

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

Tell us why: Important to hold onto our shares as otherwise we all lose from selling off and getting an increase in airfares to meet forprofit ratios

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Unfortunately the cost of living has increased in all aspects and we all need to contribute so we have a city that is worth living in

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

Tell us why: We need a livable city. Council should also buy back all areas that are a high risk to flooding in the future

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: We can all agree that the current mowing contractors need to be replaced.

Great idea to have no mow areas that regenerate into natives, but this wont happen just by not mowing, you will end up with pests and invasive plants. This should be a planned cost

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: These three things mean we have a great area to live in and work with. Without the basics of green areas, clean areas, and buildings, nothing can happen!

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

Think smaller. Stop using individual contractors and instead have smaller dedicated groups who service EVERYTHING within a certain area - clean buildings, minor repairs, clear streams, mow grass, plant natives, remove branches, clear drains etc.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland Tourism needs continued support to enable businesses in the region to boom. As the gateway to NZ we need to provide a high level of service to visitors and be attractive as a destination. Therefore please do not proceed with 'Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further $27.5 million, with effects on service delivery'

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: An important asset to hold on to. Could leave Auckland city in an uncomfortable position in the future without the shares.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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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: No need debt to fund shares

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Urgent

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Tell us why: Good for community

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Tell us why: Good balanced approach in these difficult times

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Tell us why: Floods in downtown Auckland were substantial resulting in hardship and loss for many. Much better storm water culverts etc required

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Tell us why: Would like to see a user pays approach for community services rather than be included in rates ie rubbish collection swimming pools and libraries etc

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

Far too much infill housing which is affecting drainage in areas due to more concrete and lack of soakaway areas. Many roads cannot cope with increased traffic, parking and additional bus services ie Clovelly Rd in Bucklands Beach

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

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Tell us why: There are some very important services dear to the public that will be negatively affected and so will have a negative impact on the public.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: There are many facilities which are helpful for us especially libraries. I've been going to the library since I was a toddler and it's very important to me. I love to read and having so many libraries and options to choose from is great. Plus the service

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

Tell us why: That's a huge boost in money to receive in sales but holding on to some shares also provides opportunity to receive dividends on ongoing income right? However, I don't agree with selling our assets to overseas investors at all. They own enough of our coun

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Tell us why: It's about equity. Homeowners pay rates - if they can afford to own a home then don't cut services to low income whānau that can't even aspire to such things and struggle enough as it is.

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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: Hand resource over to the community groups that are already doing this mahi.

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Tell us why: Business awards? This is what $ would go towards really? There are more important things to spend on.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All the environmental points here are important - I feel this is pretty obvious now more than ever and doesn't really need further explanation. I would also hope that animal welfare should take some priority too.

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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? We shouldn't even be looking at bin sizes at all let alone spending money on this. Teach whānau how to produce less waste in the first place and stop overwhelming the landfills.

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?

Just get rid of Wayne Brown period.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe that public transport should not be cut as the traffic is insane and we need more consistent and reliable transportation

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I think environmental education is extremely important

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Tell us why: Any shares that the Council is selling should be offered to Auckland residents/ratepayers to ensure the control is still in Aucklanders' hands

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What programme the central government has regarding Three Waters in the next few years - including further funding and expenditure related to Auckland Council

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:I am paying too much rates already. Find a solution that pays for itself over a period of time. Cant just keep on adding more to rates.

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Tell us why: For Howick board, Keep these 3 services:

Auckland Libraries open 7 days a week.

Water quality

Environmental restoration and pest control

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What do you think of these proposals? Audit why you need such a huge budget? And Rates is not an endless piggy bank.

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- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I fully understand budget cuts need to be made. I would NOT proceed with the reduction of regional services to arts and culture or social services. I have proof that many community buildings in rural Auckland outreach area's are not being utilized fully or at all but still being maintained to a high standard by council. For example, the hall at Orere Point or Kawakawa Bay, Beachlands etc. These buildings are a huge cost to Auckland Council to maintain. Auckland Council should sell them OR reduce them, a large amount of income could be gained by doing this. Community halls like these were built decades ago and before people could transport themselves to wider areas. Auckland Council needs to look at the user list and attendees in these buildings to see the waste of council funds. Arts and culture programmes and other social service activities are imperative to the cohesion of communities and provide essential services to the population groups living in those communities. In less secure times, communities need these options more and more. UXBRIDGE Arts and Culture is a hugely important hub within the Howick area. The provision is expansive and encourages attendance and participation from a wide range of users. Many people attend events, classes and workshops from the areas mentioned above so proof that people will travel if the delivery is what they want.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Continue to invest in early childcare.

Stop libraries from opening on a Sunday

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:A lot of info structures is old and with all the new multi residential building go up it put too much pressure on all facilities

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Tell us why:

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

-Reducing budget for regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes.

-Reducing local board funded activities.

Why:

- These are events and programmes that keep us going and help us gather as a community in our area.

- They are an important part of our well-being, especially after COVID and the social restrictions. They encourage children/families be social again and reconnect. Supporting mental health in our community.

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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:I don't believe these will be used properly unfortunetly and some of the prevention on these areas should have been identified BEFOREHAND. Maori people are right, if nature remained it would have mitigated the damages.

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Tell us why: YES

to Implement safety initiatives BUT safety is important, but please have police on instead of promoting delation amongst other comminity members with neighbourhood watch.

WHY promoting business awards how does it benefit anyone in the community??

Y

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Efficient transport and maintaining the little fun we can have locally with the activities proposed by local providers

Howick Local Bord

HOW ABOUT - HIGH PRIORITIES:

Fix the transport so we can move in Auckland. There are many functioning cities in t

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Tell us why: Beggars cannot be choosers. If I am financially short and starring at the thought of bankruptcy, my very first thought would be to sell the family silvers, either partially or in whole.

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Tell us why: Like everything else in our daily lives, prices are constantly going up. This is reality. Rates should go up year after years consistent with inflation. There is no incentive for Manufacturers or service providers to continue to make products if prices ar

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Tell us why: Climate change is a reality now so the Council must budget enough to cover future storm damages and to adopt measures to mitigate those from happening in future.

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Tell us why: Like I say before, beggars cannot be choosers, I would like to have all sorts of amenities and facilities to make my suburb a great place to live, but at what cost? There are a couple of things I can suggest to cut spendings. One is the public rubbish bin

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No matter how efficient an organisation is, there are more efficiency to be squeezed out. You just need to continuously examine the work processes to identify inefficiencies. Doing this is not a one off, it's ongoing. Staff need to be given targets and a

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We need to share the debt but rate payers are already paying too much.

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

Tell us why: You are a council and selling the shares will help reduce the debt and running costs

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: My rates will go up by $380 and I understand the increase however debts need to reduce

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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:I am on a pension and don't want any additional cost. Why aren't you stopping in full housing.

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Tell us why: We all need to lose in tough times

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community programme delivery, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the least affecting me and the others are need to ensure the area looks tidy and safe

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? It comes down to user pays. That way it affects all population and not just ate payers. Share the load

7. What else is important to you?

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

I want to know why only rate payers must pay. why isn't there an auckland user tax per person. Every adult who is working between 20 - 60 pay this tax. That is fair and can be collected by the tax man

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Tell us why: It is important that the council maintains blocking stakes in strategic assets in Auckland

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Higher rates will be hard on everyone given current high inflation

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

Tell us why: Fund the 20 million by cutting other services

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Important to help maintain basic fitness levels, recreation areas provide basic community services used by majority of local population

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What do you think of these proposals? Council needs to reduce operating expenses and focus on maintaining and supporting basic essential services

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Tell us why: Council's should not be managing airports. let the global companies who run airports manage it.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reductions in some areas are poorly directed. For example there are opportunities in AT to reduce off peak passenger services. Reducing Library hours needs to be avoided.

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Tell us why: Owning the shares in AK Airport is not core Council business. The recent floods have shown that the Council needs to focus on core infrastructure that is going to protect our citizens

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Tell us why: In recent years rate increases have been too high

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Tell us why:I think that $20 million is probably too light

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Tell us why: I do not agree with any reduction in library services. The increased housing density has meant that libraries become an important part of the areas social framework.

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Other

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CCOs that are not performing should either be re-organised or got rid of altogether. What does Panuku do? We have no use for a waste of our resources and funds. Auckland Unlimited. Firstly, a stupid name, Secondly, it is doing what a sub0committee can do without paying for the members to be in a council affiliated organisation.

Ports of Auckland - Get the right people to run the show and go public like Port of Tauranga. Then there will be no hanky-panky. Don't know how to run a port, invite Singapore to teach you, of you need to pay for their services.

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

Tell us why: We are not your bank. AC spends money just like the government. Please get this straight. NO government or council has their own money. All that they have belongs to the people and it is held in trust . New Zealand should have a law to introduce Criminal

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Tell us why: Use our present rates to cope with the upgrade. If you can't, get the hell out of the council.

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Tell us why: Support is only given on the condition that funding is NOT reduced across all boards.

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What do you think of these proposals? There should be no increase in rates, unless and until the council starts giving us basic services efficiently and regularly.

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Basic services. The rest are unimportant. Only after you have served the main,then only the dessert comes.

Manukau Council was doing just fine before the amalgamation. If we had a problem, all it took was a phone cal and the job was done. Why did we have

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I'm sure there is the potential to make more significant cuts particularly in the areas of Marketing and Events, and within the CCOs, especially Auckland Transport - the biggest culprits for wasteful spending. Also, Panuku should be shut down or sold.

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Tell us why: Never sell all the family silver. Aucklanders (and New Zealanders) need some protection from the airport falling into international hands. Also, is it the right time to sell?

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Tell us why: Aucklanders have been had to meet high rates increases over a long period under Labour led councils and now, under high inflation. We cannot sustain continued high increases when incomes for many have either been static or reduced. Furthermore, additiona

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Tell us why: The Council needs to mitigate this by reviewing the unitary plan i.e. slowing down the intensification process and the infill housing developments which has largely been responsible for much of recent weather related issues.. Developers should be require

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Tell us why: Local boards tend to be a bit frivelous with spending - spending too much on the 'warm and fuzzy' stuff. We can do without that for a year or two

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Open spaces are critical to the community's well being from both a recreational and aesthetic perspective - long unkempt grass on our reserves looks unsightly, is attractive to pests /vermin and can be a fire hazard and limit physical activity.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Services are already stretched. The 'Super City' must be completely revamped into smaller Town Hubs.

No contractors unless they are experts in unusual fields not regularly required. i.e Geotech's.

Employees not contractors as permanence of employment in their local area, speed up work to be done and eyes on what is required. Ratepayers will see that they're receiving a 'better bang for their buck'

Also contractors and the way tasks / jobs are done currently wastes not only time but places a heavy cost on the environment - vehicles/ fuel / roads / time.

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

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

Tell us why: A bulk sale of shares will see a reduced share, reduced dividends and the possibility of Foreign purchasers of a NZ asset.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Introduce a 'PoleTax' Then local government cost are spread far and wide not just on the ratepayers!

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: Double the operating budget for Storm Response. Set hard and fast By-Laws to assist Nature to mitigate the problems we currently have with storm water, beaches, cliffs etc.

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: focus on ecological and environmental initiatives.

If we don't we will be shooting ourselves in the foot!

If funding for local board 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, Environmental initiative volunteers, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Mental and physical health by being outside and with like minded people.

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?

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Plant plant, plant all Natives/ Endemic species - Reduce or remove and non native trees that are deciduous!

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed cuts are all to areas which need more investment, not less. It is straight out of US Republican playbooks and is a disgrace.

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

Tell us why: Because it's a no-brainer. The city makes more by selling, and gains a near $2B windfall.

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: Firstly, the council should not be subsidising business. If a business needs reduced rates to operate, it should be in business. Meanwhile, those in greatest need have their rents by the most.

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

Tell us why: The city should be spending a lot more than $20M, which is a drop in the bucket compared to the needs. A single storm surge combined with a spring tide would wipe out far more than the floods did and zero mitigation is being taken. The council's prioritie

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Tell us why: Business awards? Seriously? Not a thing council should have any involvement in.

Also, spending money on community patrols is just absurd. The patrols do nothing beyond giving a few oldies the chance to feel that they're doing something. We need more poli

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change is the single most important issue for any authority. The costs of doing nothing will far outweigh the cost of mitigation now. And leave libraries alone - they are the most important of all council services.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep early childhood education, youth center and homelessness funding. They are all essential items.

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

Tell us why: Over time there will be cost benefit

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 have recently been hit with a 43% rate rise. I do not need another rise.

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

Tell us why: Stop the intensive 3 to 5 storey building projects that have been imposed on citizens and concentrate all efforts on storm response

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Renewal and Maintenance of assets is the big one. Present maintenance on roads and parks has been well below par.

If funding for local board 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, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they are all slowly decaying

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What do you think of these proposals? We are satisfied with our present waste management facilities

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: roll half the debt to next year when in a better position

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Tell us why: as travel improves so will revenue

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Tell us why: because it can be variable later

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

Tell us why:get the infrastructure in place first

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: makes sense

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get the city up and running

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: The Auckland Airport is the gateway to not just Auckland but New Zealand. Its important that ACC has a say in how its managed. Now is not the time to sell all the shares as over the next few years profits from the airport will increase dramatically. Keep

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: I am concerned at the cost of debt. Get the money now from rate payers rather than have them pay the cost of the loans plus interest in the future. New York went bankrupt. We don't want Auckland to do the same.

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

Tell us why: Infrastrtucture simply has to be improved. I am tired of seeing beaches closed due to contaminated storm water

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: If its not done now it will cost more later and impact on our quality of life. Too often we plan for now not the future wellbeing of our city.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change, environmental and health and safety issues are created by not undertaking these tasks.

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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? User pay. Non swimming pool owners should not subsidise the cost of pool inspections (I have a pool)

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why: Airport will eventually return to profitability and generate good dividend returns

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

Tell us why: Property owners need to bear the pain of increasing rates for all the work that needs to be done to sort out the engineering problems

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Tell us why: Very necessary

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Tell us why: Business awards are unnecessary and inappropriate use of ratepayers money

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

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What do you think of these proposals? Food scraps program is unwarranted

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

Urban cycle ways program should be scrapped altogether, or at the very least should be deferred until the council finances have improved.

Food Scraps Program is equally irresponsible at this point in time, should be deferred until the city has better fina

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Too much waisting, focusing on the most important things for everyday used, such as roads and stormwater jobs.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 we save our shares for? But our country needed to be fixed and repaired everything we need the most and don't rely on overseas fund.

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

Tell us why: Because more people's used those public parks, facilities and housing NZ, than own a house. I'm an landlord the rates is sky rocket to the he'll.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 fixed those flooding issues and area's and maintenance well, not just fixed when it broken.

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Every citizen holder in NZ are all courts, every plan's you guys plan's is for every New Zealand people's lives and pay taxes.

If funding for local board 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 and civic events, including ANZAC events, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities , Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because those are most important issues in our local Board.

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Because mostly people's lives in our Local Board community are owned more than 1 houses, we are paid more taxes.

If funding for local board 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, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Mostly important.

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why: Good for all the community 👍

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Most important to everyone.

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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?

Needs more lights and services on every streets and roads.

Motorway lanes on the auckland city, connecting together with Sky city and Wesley Road, Why this??? Blocks the Exist to West Auckland,??????cause the delay on the Motorway everyday.

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Tell us why: No requirement to invest in air transport

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

Tell us why: Makes sense

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Tell us why: Need to be prepared for the next time!

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Tell us why: Drop the business awards…. not directly a council priority.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Offload others to central government where possible.

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What do you think of these proposals? A user pays focus on specific items

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Review of councillor's and board members expenses.

This ISN'T about a job for life!

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: borrowing to solve financial shortfalls is never a good solution. There have to be other options to meet the shortfall, including an even greater increase in rates

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

Tell us why: this seems a logical choice of selling off assets to meet budget shortfalls.

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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: as stated in question 1, increased debt is not a good solution. Besides the fact that interest rates are increasing, there is also the issue of how you will pay off that additional debt. Borrowing without a sound fiscal policy to come out of debt is ju

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 impact of the storms was substantial and Auckland must do better at being prepared in the future

5. Local Boards

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

Tell us why: increased funding for safety is a good idea, but it seems a better police presence and more stringent enforcement for the lawless elements (looters and ram raiders) seems a better option

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: REduce contestable grants funding to charities, especially those that are education-related as education is already government-funded. Do NOT cut funding to support social programmes such as helping the homeless, running animal shelters - these are markers of a civilised society. Also do NOT cut arts and creative funding - these provide the soul of a community and bring people together.

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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: Now is not the time to be imposing higher rates on people! Our city should not make it harder for people to survive during a cost of living crisis and natural disasters.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I think business awards are not something that the Local Board needs to be prioritising at this point in time. Perhaps when the economic situation is better these could be added back to the priority list. Ditto the ecological and environmental initiat

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Our Mayor is the face of our city - the role is one of leadership, not just management. I hope that we will see the Mayor step up to the role he believed he is capable of fulfilling. If he is not capable of doing the whole role, he should step down.

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

Tell us why: Again.. only presenting unpalatable options. Rates increases of late have been abominable, and I deplore the fact that council say " we have to increase rates because costs have gone up" when the root cause is actually inefficient operation. Where is th

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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: How about you assess the damage, come up with a plan, and then assess the cost. This is supposed to be a once in 100 year event, and damage from these types of events are supposed to be covered by insurance.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: I find this budget unimaginative.. painting a lose-lose picture for ratepayers.. more cost or less services, and I would prefer options to make services more efficient.

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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?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reduction to transport as it encourages less road traffic.

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Tell us why: Try and reduce debt is what everyone wants in their private lies, and it applies to Auckland. Sell all the shares as long as the money is not squandered on some nice to have things but ALL used to reduce council debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: It seems to be as well balanced as is practical, so better to do it than the other choices.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 this can reduce the harm caused by future storms then it is well worth it, plus we need to know that the council is getting ready for the next one.

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Tell us why: As someone who lived near the Howick Stream I think it is money well spent.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I use the library a lot, I live near ponds and I want waste reduced.

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Traffic congestion around bus stops. A bus stops and immediately blocks the inner lane. If a bay was cut into the berm/pavement the bus could be out of the lane enough to allow traffic in the inner lane to continue moving. How ever in some areas this will

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

Tell us why: Auckland airport will only get busier and therefore more profitable, so the retention of 10 percent shareholding would benefit Auckland for the future.

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Tell us why:I cannot understand how increasing budget by 20 million is in line with spending cuts?

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not cut services like CAB which serves to provide usually disadvantaged individuals. I suspect some of these services could charge a small fee say $15 for example to help off set costs.

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Tell us why: If shares perform and return a dividend all bet it on some occasions no return they provide revenue. Auckland never purchased these shares

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Tell us why: Larger rates increase and increase debt when rates are good

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services and community services is a truly disastrous proposal. In a digital age, programs such as these get communities together and understanding one another when normally they would not interact. Culture cutting is has also proven to be a severe short sightedness. To quote Winston Churchill: "The arts are essential to any complete national life. The State owes it to itself to sustain and encourage them. The country possesses in the Royal Academy an institution of wealth and power for the purpose of encouraging the arts of painting and sculpture … ."

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

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

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Only cut public transport on very low usage routes. Look to increase public transport.

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Tell us why: Council does not need to own a non council service

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

Tell us why: In light of 7% general inflation this is a low increase

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Tell us why:

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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: Don't support reducing services to local communities

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Mow the grass and keep our city looking loved and cared for. Crime prevention. Sports and park facilities maintained to a high standard. Improve public transport. Trains and ferry more reliable.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with all of them aside from the $1million early childhood service. AT us utterly useless anyway, so no-one will notice the reduced "service".

Remove EACH of the the "Rich List" occupants? They suck away millions each year and are utterly useless in service delivery. Replace them with competent intelligent civic-minded people who want the work, not just the cash, and employ them at responsible public service salaries.

Sell ALL the water infrastructure to government under Three Waters and let them manage that. You lot have stuffed it up so royally that the government would struggle to do any worse, and you can use the revenue from the sale in your budget.

Sell Ports of Auckland. That is a huge waste of money for Auckland and does less for the country that Tauranga and Whangarei can do. Whangarei in particular needs the economic injection, and they are already set up to handle our sea trade. You can use the revenue from the sale in your budget. That alone should see rates drop by 20% or so and make them barely affordable (as opposed to the suicidal unaffordability that they currently present!).

Amend ALL council staff employment contracts, yes, that moronic mayor as well, to require them to commute using your diabolically useless bus and rail system for EACH work-related activity, INcluding commuting between home and work

and to and from meetings, and sell each of the cars that you have issued to council staff. That will free up parking in the city for the public, reduce (at least in your dream world) the carbon emissions from cars, and save millions of dollars on the council-provided cars and fuel and parking expenses!

Sell off 90% of your pointy orange toys that you so gleefully play with in our streets. You do NOT need so many! And, use only ONE truck to play with them! You do NOT need two or three trucks and their operators to play! Sell those trucks to another council who wants them, or on TradeMe. The proceeds of the sale, and the reduction in maintenance, replacement, fuel, and wage-related operating expenses will inject millions into the council and help to reduce our rates as above.

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Tell us why: Why do you even have shares in AIAL? That's been on the news for years already, and it's a grossly irresponsible waste of my money!

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Tell us why: Hell NO!

You reprobates were the ONLY council to cripple us financially during the pandemic when EVERY other council in he country held their rates constant at ZERO PERCENT INCREASE!

You do not need to increase rates at all! You need to DECREASE RATES I

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Tell us why: Hell NO!

Sell the ENTIRE water infrastructure (or whatever remnants you have left after decades of contemptuous failure to maintain this) and completely avoid the need for ANY increase in rates!

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: The Howick Little Theatre is useless anyway, they can't even be bothered to answer a simple email enquiry about a show, so they add no value in my mind.

Pest control? Does that include the swarm of vagrant cats that kill every native creature in the are

If funding for local board 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 and pest control, Environmental initiative volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you: It's our environment!

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

We CANNOT continue under the existing system.

Council is a gargantuan bottomless pit that you lot keep trying to fill with my money.

The entire council structure MUST be heavily pruned, and that very specifically INCLUDES getting ride of busy-work staff

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Retain funding for CAB which provide essential legal and other advice to Auckland residents who would not other be able afford this. CAB services address many social inequities. This services are provided by volunteers and so the cost/benefit ratio is extremely low.

On the other hand, Council should not be in the entertainment business, social events such as Movies or Music in Parks, support for vintage car rally's, "creative spaces" for art lovers and even events such as the AAF are items rate payers cannot afford in these times.

Auckland Unlimited (formerly Regional Facilities Auckland) venues should operate without ratepayer subsidies (including the costs of AU "shared services (administration, IT, finance, engineering etc) , if subsidies are required this should be by way of a targetted rate on businesses that benefit from tourism.

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Tell us why: If interest cost reduction is greater than the projected dividend, there is no financial reason to hold the shares.

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

Tell us why:

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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:$20mi is a guess as "we don't yet know the full costs" without a plan this money will not be spent wisely and there is a real risk that this will lost in "use it or lose" expenditure mentality of some consultants and council officials.

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Tell us why: Scale back library time (close on Sundays as commu nity services such as JP, CAB are not offered on Sundays) consider closing some libraries that are close to each other (e.g. Panmure & Pakuranga)

Reduce mowing operations in open spaces

Retain suppor

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These potentially reduce the risk of flooding

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Council needs to return to the basics of managing the use of land and common resources. Funding of entertainment and leisure services whilst desirable is discretionary. Many people prefer fun events over house chores, but the latter are necessities and C

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:A lot of the pressures on the infrastructure are due to the irresponsible granting of infill housing with adds greater strain on infrastructure across the board. For any new infill developments, developers should be made to pay for the necessary improveme

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Don't increase rates or debt, find more ways of cost cutting instead.

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: The proposal doesn't gove any detail so hard to know what to vote for here. You need to provide more information.

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:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the basics. No luxuries.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Keep costs down. Only provide core essential services.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:we need robust infrastructure for our city

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? For the food scrap services, there would be many families who live vey frugally and do not produce food scrap. That's not fair to force them to pay for this service charge that would be very expensive to their low income level.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is important that our Arts sector is adequately funded to provide Auckland cultural events that reflect our city and country. Music, Art and Theatre provide nourishment for the soul and are even more important when times are tough to keep our spirits raised. Our Arts sector has already been hard hit during covid and a cut in funding now by the Council will have a severe effect.

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

Tell us why: This just seems prudent at the moment.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We need to retain important Council funded things such as the Arts sector, Citizens Advice Bureau, roading infrastructure etc so we have a beautiful and functioning city. I am prepared to pay more rates to fund these things.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 maintain and improve out infrastructure and it cost money.

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

Tell us why: Do not increase rates at all. In fact reduce rates. Fund it all through cutting wasteful expenditures and or selling Auckland airport shares.

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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: Manage it with common sense (prohibit building in vulnerable areas) and proper maintenance of storm water drains

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Tell us why: Cut spending is the key. Now go cut it.

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Overall thrust should be to cut unnecessary spending and concentrate on core council services only like waste management, park and open area maintenance and such. Everything else can be reduced or chopped.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million. Encouraging public transport is paramount for the future of Auckland. Without adoption, it will die. With adoption, it becomes more worthwhile, and hopefully with enough time self-sufficient.

Don't reduce:

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

Tell us why: It's important to keep ownership of our key assets to avoid privatised price gouging. Quick cash injections like this are shortsighted. Solve the root causes of money issues, rather than just temporarily injecting the council with capital.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Even though I own a house, increasing rates are important for making sure the council has enough cash to work with.

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

Tell us why: Increase rates by 0.5% and budget $10 million instead.

Do not use this money to bail out people's homes impacted by the storm.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep Movies and Music in the Parks

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Ruce the funding to Tataki with particular focus on Stadiums and venues and also consider the area os cxontestible grants what ever they are !!!!

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Tell us why: We have a minority interest in the airport but no one on the board and the Airrport will require funding in the future to cover a second runway an d terminal esxpansions.Simply, we can not afford to hold this asset.

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Tell us why: 4.66 is a low increase and We can stand a slightly increase plus maybe some more debt.Say a further 1-2% on rates.

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

Tell us why: Blatantly we have not spent enogh cleaning drainns and on infrastructer

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Tell us why: Local board members must be prudent in what is essential as oposed to nice to do.Over to them to focus.

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What do you think of these proposals? Building fees already seem excessive given other fees charged around NZ

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It seems crazy to pay for the romoval of exotic trees leaving the ,maunga bare particular when we need mature trees

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Tell us why: Selling Auckland assets puts us further behind in the future.

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Tell us why: Rates need to at least keep up with inflation.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe we should take all the budget reductions now and all the extra reduction options as well to get back to a good place to restart a better planned recovery. There will always be some slippage in the proposed savings plan.

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Tell us why: ACC can always invest again later if needed.

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Tell us why: Given inflation 4.66% seems OK.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 do a tidy up and improve our storm water capacity is some locations and longer term therre will be more costs.

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: We need to pull back for a year or more. Start hard and fast.

If funding for local board 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 education, Community climate action and sustainability

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

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? Pull the brakes on expenditure hard in all areas to exceed the savings targeted and then look in 18months time to see what has changed and if prioities are different then.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am really concerned at the reduction of key services and quality of life for Aucklanders. These reductions are likely to affect our most vulnerable and are in complete opposition to the delivery of equity across the city

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to $75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I am fundamentally concern at the reduction of funding for local boards given the value, and connection they bring to communities

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Pls go ahead and sell AIAL shares. Time to refocus on what matters for our infrastructure, safety and cost of living. Stop wastes by AT on fancy roundabouts humps and cycle ways that no one is using.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why: This seems short sighted

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Tell us why: Am happy to pay more rates to see improvements

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep funding for homelessness. People at the bottom always need help. Cut the rest.

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: Sounds the best financial option.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Do not reduce the Natural Environment Targeted Rate because it is important to keep looking after our kauri trees and wider conservation issues.

Do not reduce the Water Quality Targeted Rate, we need to keep up spend on clean waterways and sea.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 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, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Increase public transport frequency rather than reducing, this proposal fuels into Auckland's traffic madness

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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BETTER ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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

Tell us why: I prefer to hold the shares as travel shares are recovery strongly. Rather the council should consider further reduction of its costs! Or investments in some unnecessary infrastructures.

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

Tell us why: Rates is already high! You should consider useing the money more wisely rather than just ask residents to pay to whatever you want to spend!

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

Tell us why: Council should review its poloicies in building rules to prevent future disasters harm to properties. But Storm or other natural disasters should be handled by insurance company.

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Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why: Our communities need to be guided in realising/better understand the value they get for a relatively small portion of their income.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Council can make better use of the funds and create a bigger saving than the total of the dividends it receives,

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They apply to all Residents, not just a select few.

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What do you think of these proposals? Residents with pools etc should pay the full inspection sots.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further $27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

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

Tell us why: Sale of all shares seems short-sighted.

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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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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: do not cut youth centre funding

STOP all the music in parks / movies in parks expenditure - NOT councils role this is not a CORE SERVICE

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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: If borrowing is for INFRASTRUCTURE (not anything operational) that is going to last for 30+ years - borrow the funds and get it done

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Tell us why:we absolutely cannot afford more rates increases at this time

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why: Capital Gain & Dividends over the long term will far exceed any interest saving on borrowings.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Although reducing funding for tourism venues might sound like a good idea, it is indeed very poor. Local businesses will suffer as typically free/inexpensive options are suddenly more expensive. It locks many public venues behind paywalls that even some locals will not be able to afford. This will result in the long term degradation and possible removal of these sorts of facilities.

Given Auckland's issues with youth offending, an increasing homeless population and a reduction in interest towards arts programmes, I'm sure cutting funding to these is not a serious proposal. You are talking about $20mm savings at the cost of permanently damaging the culture of Auckland. Tourists are already driven away by homeless populations which are not cared for due to a lack of community funding, and if you reduce funding towards cultural programmes you start to undo the work that has been done to revitalize the Maori community and culture for our country. These efforts will drastically change the way in which New Zealand is viewed by overseas potential visitors.

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Cutting early childhood services will cause many low-income families to further struggle to support themselves. Directly the opposite of what the government has been trying to do with regards to reducing child poverty.

Instead, increase rates? Why would rate increases not BY DEFAULT match or exceed inflation? Home owners increase rent for tenants by inflation - many receive pay rises which match inflation - but the social services provided by the council instead do not match inflation? This only negatively impacts one population, those living paycheck-to-paycheck.

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Tell us why: Because you aren't reducing the debt ceiling - we will re-borrow the amount we pay back in no time and then be losing the $40,000,000+ in annual dividends from the airport we expect now that the borders are open again. Once again, increase rates to fix th

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Tell us why: Audit the local board spending. Ensure there is no conflict between local board members and the contractors receiving this funding. Ensure the board members cannot allocate funds to services which they themselves have a vested interest in (local clubs etc

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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: All my previous comments apply. I completely agree with the reason for your proposal, but it must be done out of current revenue. It is the expenditure side of the equation that is way out of whack and MUST be reigned in.

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What do you think of these proposals? Get your expenditure house in order first!

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The potential problems or benefits of any financial arrangement are difficult for the average person to measure. Sometimes, the value to consult some specific details from residents is little worth.

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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: same

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

Tell us why: People should do some for the city.

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

Tell us why: Building a city is a long-term and arduous task. Basically, the process should be a sustainable.

My suggestion is that Auckland need a city positioning setting, considered the rapid development of science and technology, the great challenge in the wor

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: In fact, I am very willing to talk about those big companies (Vector, Watercare) how can do something for average people. I hope those companies could offer service to people serious, responsible and affordable.

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What do you think of these proposals? It is right for people to enjoy life, but it is also the responsibility of all people to create social wealth.

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People need a safe and calm living environment.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'keep assets, raise rates and cut costs (where possible)

re: the bulletpoints above:

- increase bus services. the whole thrust behind solving AKL's traffic problem is to create more transport options for people. whatever the case make sure it's consistent. no surprises for people on the day e.g. cancellation/delays

- reduce funding to stadiums and other venues, they can get by on their own through ticket sales, sponsorship etc.

- but only reduce funding to zoo and art gallery if they are struggling to get by on their own. they may be able to get by on sales/sponsorship, but at least they provide an inherent value to the arts and environment. stadiums provide value too, but... you know. it's easier to fill those seats.

- reduce local board activity spending but only by $1 or 2m. cutting by $16m is an absolute gutting.

- ECE shouldn't be funded by the city. that's a central thing. or private.

- no preference regional contestable grants

re: other services not mentioned.

- homelessness services

- youth services

- community empowerment programmes

- citizens advice bureau

the community needs these. keep them and give them more funding.

we desperately need these to make a city function.

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Tell us why: it's a decent asset to hold onto. maintain the debt. don't throw out the goose with the egg.

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Tell us why: or set higher and/or make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why:wait until 3 waters has been decided.

do repairs and replacements for sure, and keep up maintenance of public assets, e.g. clearing sumps, headwalls and filter socks etc .

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What do you think of these proposals? private pools and spas are luxury items. superfluous and ostentatious. i really couldn't give it a second thought whether they're fenced or not. if you can afford a pool, you can afford someone to watch your kids.

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The effects of climate change can be avoided. Work on reducing emissions and long term strategy, rather than simply building resilience.

Some people say we shouldn't mix emissions strategies with the ETS because then you get conflicting incentives. cross

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Tell us why: AIL is a cash cow for the future. Make AIL pay more rates only. They QU Andre money on a daily basis with bureaucracy.

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Tell us why: As a city we must be prepared to accept that there has been poor town planning in the past. We must have a nest egg.

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Tell us why: This is growing on a monthly basis. Invest in its development. The people want to live in a safe and well resourced council.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Times are tough. Community events and recreation help people relax and strength their mental resolve.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Reduce parking buildings in the city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not think libraries need be open 7 days a week & should be cut back to 6 days a week.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the food scraps rates as I have both a compost bin & a worm farm so do not put any food scraps out for collection by council.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I think it's important to restore public transport services.

I think it's important to continue to fund education programmes and social services.

I support reductions in Council's spend in early childhood education , community & arts programmes,contestible grants, tourism and economic promotion.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

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

Tell us why: I do not consider that this is a good time for Council to divest shares in AIAL, because the valuation is currently depressed below it's true value.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: I do support Council's use of debt to fund capital programmes and do not support the drive to reduce Council debt at this time. Interests rates are higher than they have been for a while, but are still not high. Council has a role in long term infrastruct

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

Tell us why: Council has neglected its infrastructure for too long and needs to make both short term repairs and long term changes to prepare for a difficult future. $20M may not be enough.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: I support safety and infrastructure investments. I support ecological monitoring, restoration and protection.

I support rationalising community facilities.

I do not support business awards, and recommend restraint in spending on community events and or

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: All the priorities are nice to have, but some are central to repairing the damage of the past and taking responsibility for our impacts, which must continue

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What do you think of these proposals? I support the ongoing delivery and enhancement of public transport as a key priority. I don't really consider that the CATR was established to fund operational costs of existing bus services, which should be funded from general budgets. CATR should be spe

7. What else is important to you?

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Ongoing investment in infrastructure to support safer and more attractive walking, cycling and public transport is key leadership which Auckland needs Council to provide. Delaying investment in initiatives to drive mode shift and decarbonise our transpor

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I strongly object to current reduced number of public transport services. The Council needs to increase the public transport services instead.

While the government always encourages people to use public transport, the public transport services are being maintained at a low level. That means people have to reply on their own cars to commune. We live in Somerville in East Auckland. My daughter, who is studying in the Auckland University and wants to avoid traffic jam, parked her car in Botany Town Centre near the bus stop to the city. She recently got a 65 dollars fine from the Botany Town Centre for long hours of parking. The fine is also mainly due to Auckland Council's lack of parking lots in that area for those who want to take buses from Botany (due to much more bus lines with longer operating hours) to the city for study or work.

Moreover, my daughter has been very frustrated on the sudden cancellation of buses and long wait of buses from the city back to Botany at night. Please note that there is no direct bus from the city to Somerville from 5 pm or 6 pm.

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Tell us why: I prefer maintain a blocking stake so as to ensure good quality of services in airport. Auckland Airport can be a public image disaster if services are bad.

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

Tell us why: I opt for NOT to increase any council rates. In 2021, your Council increase rates by 30% or more when the property prices were skyrocking at all time high. I wonder if there is any obvious improvement on your services due to such change. Property owner

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: But reduction of expenses should not affect the health of residents, e.g. bad water quality and increase of insects or others due to low rate of grass mowing. Actually, most people in the area have been paying their own gardener to mow the grass belong 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Health of residents is very crucial.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Improve your bus services from Somerville area to the city.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further $27.5

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Why national response to storms should be covered from local rates? I pay a lot of taxes that could be used to cover this

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Tell us why: Cannot see where is support for small business? I would prioritise it higher than last two points

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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Tell us why: Need to stop repairing roads that don't need to be repaired and invest in infrastructure that helps with weather type issues like flooding or heavy winds, like for my street there is still power lines that are hanging, put them into the ground to prevent

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Tell us why: Put all power lines into the ground, that is something I wouldn't mind paying a higher rate to have see done.

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Tell us why: Need to have the power lines put into the ground, there are still plenty of places that have that issue and need to have that resolved for future climate challenges or changes.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They are important as those will bring life and people to our area of Auckland and improve the chances of people visiting which will help local business and that in turn will bring a stable economic environment in East Auckland.

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I think on Richard Avenue Bucklands Beach, I think that road needs one side to have yellow lines applied since it is always a driving hazard to everyone and always jammed during school hours which eventually accidents can occur. Also the power lines that

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Your local board: Howick

Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I'd like to see council go back to their core business which is supplying services to their clients (ratepayers). It seems to me that we've lost that simple formula somewhere along the way.

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'd be fully supportive of anything that reduces/removes debt. Again, keep it simple please.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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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 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, Library opening hours, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: From my perspective they seem most 'ratepayer' orientated.

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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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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?

Would be great to upgrade kids playground on Prince Regent Drive.

Thank you!

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The last three bullet point items

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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: Protect our assets and gain from the investment through its shares

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

Tell us why: I accept the reasons for the proposal but not happy with the alternative options. Business should contribute to more. Will the council services improve because of the proposal?

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

Tell us why: Is the $20 million per year limit an estimate or a guess? Agree with preparation for natural disasters but disagree on the proposal to deal with future storms.. it's short sighted and sustainable when only preparing for one type of natural disasters.

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Too much focus on elite events and ignoring initiatives that benefits everyone. Finding recognition is great but too much patting people's backs. Address the needs of the community first!

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environment for sustainability

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why: While recognising the impact of COVID, it's time to move on. COVID is not a reasonable reason to sponsor community events. Partnership with Māori community is honouring the Treaty of Waitangi but don't agree with funding Māori initiatives. The community s

If funding for local board 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, Strategic partnerships and capacity building, Open space low / no mow areas

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Yes - reduce funding, but the focus should be on maintaining services with INCREASED EFFICIENCY, ie, aim for maintaining services with a no-frills approach - examine every single AC activity to find creative ways to cut the frills & maintain service, including excessive bureaucracy, admin costs. Most definitely stop building cycle & bus lanes that reduce space for traffic to flow and stop work on the light rail project.

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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: the focus should be on maintaining services with INCREASED EFFICIENCY, ie, aim for maintaining services with a no-frills approach - examine every single AC activity to find creative ways to cut the frills & maintain service, including excessive bureau

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: the focus should be on maintaining services with INCREASED EFFICIENCY, ie, aim for maintaining services with a no-frills approach - examine every single AC activity to find creative ways to cut the frills & maintain service, including excessive bureau

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

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5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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

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

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What do you think of these proposals? I will not support any action that has the word climate in it.

I support anything that improves environmental sustainability and promotes reducing waste and/or increasing real recycling initiatives.

7. What else is important to you?

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

The Tupuna Maunga Authority has made a complete mess of caring for our maunga - I do not support them. These areas should all come under AC parks & Rec and be properly cared for. Doubling bureaucracy never achieves improvement. REDUCE BUREAUCRACY. Alw

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I disagree to on this action: because tourism and local events and venues will promote local spending and provide revenue.

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Tell us why: Having an investment interest in our main hub in to the country and city is critical for any future growth and stability of the city.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Insurance companies should be charged a rate to cover commercial and residential properties within their portfolio. This could fund the councils response to natural events.

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Tell us why: I do not support the waste management and water quality proposals. This cause cause long term issues which would increase costs

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Missing the reduce water quality. This is important to me. We should not reduce.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Some of the proposed reductions are detrimental to the community and will do more harm than good.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Agree with all reductions to try and save money. I think there should be increases to / more user pays eg. library, pools, zoo and council operated business. Very unfair to those who never use them. I have not used any in over 30 years and yet I have been contributing to them.

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

Tell us why: I am unsure as to the impact of selling off. I haven't done enough research on this, however I don't want rates increased so if this will keep rates down, then I would have to just go with sell.

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Tell us why: Picking this because its the less increase, however I think 4.66% is even too much.

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Tell us why: Happy for non urgent things to be put on hold to fix up the cyclone mess. Its about priority and also keeping rates low.

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Tell us why: Not sure why business awards is a necessary way of spending rate payers money, also provision of play spaces. We already have sufficient of these around. They aren't important at the moment and can wait. Fixing crime in the area is more important, I'd

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What do you think of these proposals? I support charging for bins, however if it is damaged by the Waste Management truck (as I've seen how rough they can be), then there should be no charge.

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

What is important to me is what I have slightly mentioned, make things more user pays. There are a lot of elderly struggling on the benefit and rates hike is hard for them. I know a lot of them and all that I know don't use the library, pool, gym or oth

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Good. Cut spending to non essential areas.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? 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: Do not de-fund ANZAC parades. These are important and should be a priority for funding

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: There are other benefits to (indirect) public ownership via the council that should be preserved, rather than a full sale. Interest rates will change as will the dividends over time, so I think a partial sale is preferable over a full sale.

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

Tell us why: The increase of 7% in existing property rates is around the current rate of inflation, so it is effectively a 0% real increase. I believe 10% would be more appropriate. Wages have risen (including minimum wage) and employment is high. Assistance should be

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
I don't know

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The council should ensure that all new builds (1) adhere to environment guidelines e.g more grassed areas

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Make use of sale of AIA shares to fund storm but please no rate increases.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Highly support supporting community groups such as neighbourhood watch and community patrols as crime is getting rampant now.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of those are an important value/required service to Auckland and provide much more than blind economic numbers. By neglecting any of the above services, Auckland is made a worse city.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Increase the rates on businesses, especially large ones that don't have competition and make excessive profit, such as supermarkets and chain franchises.

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Tell us why: Further and more transparent communication with meteorologists and climate scientists should be had before reactionary throwing money at a problem.

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Tell us why: Environment and community are important, though some of those points are not worth spending budget on (eg business awards) when it is evident that the council is intent on murdering public ammenities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: For as long as I can remember we have put off doing what should be done, pandering to those who don't want public transport, housing for the less well off, Mayor Robbie's rapid rail, proper water management of storm, water and drinking water. Oh they say we can't afford this etc, well we have to afford it, we can't keep putting things off. Let's start by reducing Wayne Brown's salary as he is nowhere to be seen, and yeah right because he's an engineer he knows how to do things. Humbug.

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Tell us why: Because Manukau City didn't sell them , and while I don't mind everyone sharing in the benefits of owning them if they are sold all monies should go to the old Manukau City area, all other parts of Auckland benefited from selling theirs a while ago. Oh I

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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 future residents of Auckland have to pay for infrastructure. Let's take all the politics out of it and make honest decisions based on what needs to be done, future proof it and look after it.

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

Tell us why: Because we can't keep doing the same thing and expecting to get a different response. Let's make Auckland a wonderful liveable city, proper planning, learning from recent and past events.

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Tell us why: Because they are pretty bad at doing anything but listen to people they shouldn't be listening to, the wealthy ones who object to so much. They don't have programmes for the eradication of moth plant which is not only strangling our area but all of Auckl

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are important, we can't afford to cut any of them. Once again the idiots are in charge, cutting costs, tell me what will we be saying in 1,2,5 years time about how shortsighted it was. We know covid had a huge impact but we have to live wit

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What do you think of these proposals? We put out 1 bread bag do rubbish for at least 50 weeks of the year, we compost our vege waste and recycle soft plastic to the local supermarket. We try not to buy plastic covered food if possible. I'm astounded by how much rubbish and recycling people

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I want a liveable city, easy to get around by public transport, clean and pest and pest plant free. I won't people to take pride in their city, do their bit and pick up rubbish, mow the grass berms and not leave the grass clippings on the footpath and ro

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

Tell us why: I think that property owners should be paying more in rates, if that means that wider Auckland will not have to suffer cuts. As a ratepayers myself, the fact that I own a home puts me in a very financially privileged situation, and I think that a slight i

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 prepare for the future, previous generations have ignored climate change and we are now suffering the result. If those generations had planned and invested better, we may not have been so heavily impacted hy these weather events, and I think it

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are initiatives this area need to prioritize, as this is a financially well off area that may not necessarily require such high spending elsewhere

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Churchill was asked to cut funding to the arts in order to support the war effort in World War II, he responded “Then what would we be fighting for?”

Well, I know we are not at war as such but we are fighting climate change because of our own stupidity. But

definitely no funding cuts to the Arts. Our spirits always need to be uplifted in times trauma and strife.

Also definitely do not stop funding for early childhood centres, are you stupid or what! That shouldn’t be even in question.

Also the Zoo needs all the money can get.

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

Tell us why: Auckland airport needs our support. It is one of the major gateways to the country

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Sounds sensible

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Tell us why:

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Yes, I would like to see a group who can connect empty council buildings to artists to use as cheap studios to use.

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Tell us why: Dont spend money we dont have

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Future revenue source. Balance immediate problems with legacy/long term thinking.

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

Tell us why: Less debt! Other areas of Aotearoa pay higher rates already. Room to move with increased rates.

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Tell us why: Give more funds to communities that need it more.

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

Get back to core services. Getting out of ECE's is a great first start but services need to be axed (or privatised). Stop trying to do so much.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation initiatives

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Cost of living is rising so not keen to see rates increase.

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

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: None. These are all essential to a healthy city

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Tell us why: Demand for services would keep this going as a commercial proposition so there's no intangible public good serviced by this investment. Reduce debt and allow investment in other areas that would serve the common good.

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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: Introduce a progressive rate structure where the rate percentage grows with the total value of the property. Owners of high value properties have seen absolute property value gains far greater than average properties, and also greater percentage gains tha

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

Tell us why: Climate change is real. If we aint going to stop burning fossil fuels then we gotta pay the mitigations.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Lower rate increase but look to further reduce operational expenditure in exisiting departments. Absolutely gut Auckland transport and it's wasteful spending on speed limit changes/raised pedestrian crossings with traffic lights that are installed but not

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Tell us why:

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Other

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Although my kids are over 5ys old but not good to cut the funding

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am concerned that public transport reductions will get more people in cars we should try and figure out what is wrong with the system and put back services people need ie many people drive to panmure to catch the train from bucklands beach Howick , how bout some express buses to help link the train to areas near by. Public transport should be cheap and effective(ie fast) , its key to keeping the city moving and more environmentally friendly

I think that consultant fees probably cost alot too - why cut funding from child care and youth centres that seems unfair

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Tell us why: good , sounds like a bad investment

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

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Tell us why: Are these really priorities , neighbourhood watch seems like a outdated concept i dont know of any in our neighbourhood . We just talk to the neighbours and watch out for each other so what are you funding? Pies? Community patrols are good but are the p

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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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 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, Library opening hours, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport, community services and early childhood services should not be cut. I'm not in favour of cutting Auckland Zoo either. Do not cut CABs. The only things I could countenance cutting are Panuku spending and spending on so many council offices. Panuku spend seems to be largely poorly designed Street furniture.

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 having a voice in the airport is a good thing.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: Yes to the rates increase but you can go for more debt if it is spent on essential services

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

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: You can skip community empowerment and business awards

Keep safety, sustainability and maintenance

If funding for local board 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 initiatives, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries and tangible environment

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Keep citizens advice bureaus and don't touch the libraries. You could mow less. Fund stormwater and sewage improvements.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Homeless funding as we need to get people off the streets to make the city livable for all.

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

Tell us why: I don't that future council budgets will just end up pushing the debt back up because they will feel more freedom to do so with it getting paid down. At least the shares give some future income. If some rules were in place forcing future councils to balan

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We can't just keep pushing the cost off to the future.

I prefer higher cuts but if we can't do that then rates > debt.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Can lead to longer-term savings

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Should not increase the rates

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Reducing debt is something this council should do. AAL should be in private hands. Council have no business being a shareholder, using ratepayer funds.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why: Its is time to stop trying to prevent global warming. It is GOING TO HAPPEN. We need to prepare for the likely consequences. The recent floods are a wake up call. WAKE UP!

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The transport reduction - currently there is no public transport in many new areas. Travelling by personal car and parking is:

1. Time consuming

2. Costly - private parking daily is not effective.

Would like to use public transport to support environmental concerns and save money but there is none available. Also one rail line per year is not operating therefore there is costs saved in 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? 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 seeing growth - therefore in the future the retruns on investment should be higher, thus making it a viable investment

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: Proceed with increasing rates for business - they tend to use more than the average household. Look to get sustainable funding - ie.e low interest rate funding for projects that look at making Auckland more sustainable. That way borrowing costs are lower

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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: An emergency fund should be within the budget already - no need to increase cost to rate payers. Remove useless spending on projects such as barriers that installed and removed within a year and other items that cost the city money

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Tell us why: Owning airports is not a core activity of councils. Water, sewerage, stormwater, roads is.

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

Tell us why: Find more savings!!! eg Gym's are not a core role of councils and should not be owned/managed.

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

Tell us why: You should have expected flooding before not after. It is a core function of councils!!

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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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: CORE FUNCTIONS OF A COUNCIL

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Reduce any expenditure that is not related to water, sewerage, stormwater, roads.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This survey is shit - I should be able to givr feedback by line item. Agree with public transport continued reductions, agree with Tātaki auckland reductions, agree with local board funded activities, agree with contestants grants - reduce further - STRONGLY disagree with the reduction of community and education services, STRONGLY disagree with closing early childhood centres. Increase fees charged for early childhood centres to break even. The childcare facilities are already there. Be smarter about how they are run.

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

Tell us why: This survey is so shit - it biases responses. The response is not "keep shares and increase rates or debt" - an option is "keep shares and prioritise alternative areas to reduce debt, with the aim of reducing interest owed by $40-87 million per year." AND

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Tell us why: Increase rates on properties that are not lived in by their owners. Landlords have had it too good for too long while us new home owners in our 30s and 40s have been crapped on at EVERY turn. We finally manage to buy a first home and interest jumps to 7%.

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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: Do the repairs. Then leverage industry experts and urban planners, climate change experts, people already working for you.. Listen to advice being freely given for years, instead of increasing operating costs on Council beaurocratic nonsense. Work with re

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Tell us why: About 5 people benefit from these. They're cute but not vital. We can make our own fun. Parks and streams will be fine this year. Continue to invest in education initiatives instead.

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are a hub of knowledge learning and safety. Local pools and rec centres are great for promoting health in all age groups. Community programs keep minds engaged and have addition health benefits through human connections. Environmental learning

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

Cost of living is literally at a crisis. Please for the love of goodness stop increasing rates while house prices tank and interest skyrockets - give us a break. When interest rates come back down ok fine, increase the rates back up. It hurts to be passed

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Some of the cuts to community projects and grants, library opening hours

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You are doing the same thing again. You have a plan and will impose high rates and remove community initiatives at the expense of honest citizens. The tax payers.

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Tell us why: Again why are rates the only options ?

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Tell us why: How can people afford the new OCR hike, higher interest rates and highest rates bills. This is extortion!!

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Tell us why: You have not given us the facts to make informed decisions

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: your questions are very deceiving to a lay person - not well explained - the options given are not enough.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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overall the questions listed are not explained in an understandable manner - it is very deceiving for a lay person. the options given are limited.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do NOT increase rates for any options- it is already tough for so many Aucklanders dealing with increase in costs and mortgages, you would really be stabbing at the hearts of average kiwis struggling to get buy. It isn't fair to target just a specific group of Aucklanders like that - (ie home owners). The burden should be EVERYONES to carry.

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Tell us why: Doesn't seem like the shares are doing much for Aucklanders at this time-

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What do you think of these proposals? Please do not increase rates. As a middle income home owner, we feel completely singled out and targeted as a subset group in Auckland. For some reason you the council thinks we are all made of money, this is completely untrue and we are all struggling. A

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland council and Auckland transport are over staffed and ineffective in their delivery of services. We need a complete restructure through both organisations and deliver KPI's of remaining staff to be put in place so they are clear on, and accountable for their results. Plus it will save/free up a massive amount of money at a time that Auckland needs it the most. Excellent proposal.

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Tell us why: Because it is very important to reduce debt and interest charges in the current global climate, but also the local climate as well. We would be silly to continue to have shared when we could be paying down negative debt and interest so the pressure was of

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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 it is smart and the right thing to do. At last we have some commercially efficient leadership in Auckland.

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

Tell us why: Because we are future proofing and lower risk of future storm related costs by pre planning. It is the smart thing to do. We should check the CV's and backgrounds of more council and political staff, as you should be a subject matter expert in your field,

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Howick stream spend is non essential and should be stopped. Focus on people and infrastructure related items also safety, self sufficiency as mentioned.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they matter. The remainder are a nice to have, and should be paused and reviewed in the future once Aucklands overall debt and interest are reduced. Along with when we have someone qualified in the project priorities decisions team in place.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1. CAB. If this is not an efficient organization, please manage it more efficiently rather than scrapping it altogether. It is very useful to many people.

2. PUBLIC TRANSPORT. Buses are not fully utilized as they are not always user-friendly (very comfortable and a pleasure to ride in, but OFTEN do not go where needed).

Instead of decreasing the service, perhaps increasing it (by increasing frequency of buses, and increasing available bus routes) will increase its usefulness and thus increase its use by the public. Postulate: Increasing use will increase revenue and cover costs.

Has a thought been given to using smaller, less expensive vehicles, more frequently?

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Tell us why: Properties have increased in value sharply over the last few years, so by default have already passively had rates increases.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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It is proposed to reduce funding by $16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this 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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reductions to services that people enjoy will be palatable to everybody, just as some parts of this plan will affect some and not others, however, the time has come when something drastic has to be done to stop the ever increasing spiraling of costs to ordinary citizens who have no means to increase their own incoming revenue stream. I think that overall, the reductions planned are, while in the short term rather painful to some, necessary.

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Tell us why: Initially, I was against this proposal as I was under the impression that the dividend was more beneficial to the reduction of rates than is actually the case, based on the figures the council has supplied. It seems to be of more benefit to reduce debt wi

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Tell us why: I have opted for the first preference as it seems the most logical and fair system for all ratepayers across the city. While I, as an older resident would obviously like my rates to decrease, I am not a dreamer. And while I could say "Increase debt and l

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 an unfortunate fact of life that the severity and frequency of '100 yr' storms are increasing. We are fortunate in Pakuranga Heights that the main waterway has been left as a stream, with overflow areas on either side. Even these are often at capaci

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: We elect candidates to our local board to oversee local issues to the best of their ability and for the good of the community, within the budget constraints that are present. If those are the priorities that they feel are most deserving, then we should ba

If funding for local board 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: There are obviously many on the list that are important to the well-being of large parts of the community. I selected LOCAL GRANTS because I feel that as a community, local organizations contribute more than most to the well-being of society as a whole. P

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What do you think of these proposals? The only proposal that I voted against is to extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year. I feel strongly about this as this new 'service' is the first that should be ditched. I have lived in the same hous

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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Preference to NOT proceed with reductions on regional services as well as directly providing early childhood education services - these are essential for many Aucklanders

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 ensure our infrastructure and storm water is up to scratch for Auckland

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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It's extremely important that we continue to look after our most vulnerable people - e.g. homeless, children, those in need of permanent housing

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would prefer to keep what the Council does instead of reducing it and I am prepared to pay higher rates to maintain services

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

Tell us why: Keep our investment in strategic assets. Long term income better than short term problem solving.

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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: Avoid the debt by having higher rates we need to invest in our infrastructure recent floods show us that we need better drainage.

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Tell us why:

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Keep the investment in the Auckland Safety Collective

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Overall, I strongly support the council in their efforts to reduce debt and work within their budget. This is the only sensible long term strategy that is responsible. However, some cost savings such as selling parks and land that could be used as parks is definitely not responsible (or acceptable) in view of the building intensification in Auckland, rising population and quality of life long term strategy for Auckland. That said ...

1. Agree that no longer directly providing for early childhood edu is reasonable and support that. Adequate services available to do the job. AC needs to concentrate and focus their activities to do what they need to do well. Also, cost saving.

2. As a short term measure and because of the size of the savings I agree that the reduced transport services should go ahead. However, ultimately we want to encourage public transport and therefore, it really must be a short term measure.

3. Reducing contestable grants and local board funded activities also seems reasonable because it is a small amount spread across a large number of boards. Next comment is also relevant.

4. Reducing regional services is problematic because there are so many things included in this bucket. Some items listed such as lawn mowing are very clever since reducing the number of times a lawn is mowed will decrease the visual

amenity for a community but will not impact the value, use or long term maintenance. Other items listed such as supporting volunteering are less smart. In fact, this should be an area of investment. Strategic volunteering is where the council could really make a significant impact in many ways. a) help Aucklanders to engage, contribute and buy into their community promoting social cohesion and inclusiveness b) cost saving by utilising experts and general labour c) support elderly by providing a purpose and means for them to stay connected, for improving self-efficacy in caring for themselves and their peers. d) means to empower people to get initiatives done in their communities (and city) that are important to them for wellbeing and quality of life. So some items I agree should be subject to a reduction in funding while others I do not agree. This needs more detail.

5. I think that the funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited is also problematic because these are venues that are serving large groups of Aucklanders who are proud of these facilities and do generate business and tourism. I believe that while some price rises can occur this needs to be carefully assessed not to actually deter people eg: from visiting the zoo with family because it's not affordable. However, I also think they need to work harder to generate income and support. For example, I am very interested in the visual arts but the Auckland Gallery is one of the worst city galleries I have seen and I have travelled widely. I believe it could do so much better at representing Auckland and Auckland's artists and raising awareness and education in art. The Zoo, I'm sure, works on lots of innovations, environmental improvements and has animal stories to tell but where is this information to be found? Their stories would help improve attendance, support and ultimately income. So I wonder what the current funding is actually being spent on in these buckets and where the council could help them do a better job to support themselves. Funding here needs to be strategic. This needs more detail but overall I would agree.

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Tell us why: Makes good financial sense. Although the dividends are income, they are not holding their value compared to reducing the debt nor a good long term strategy for income based on the changing circumstances at AIAL.

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Tell us why: Nobody wants higher rates but we must reduce AC debt. It is wasted money. For an emergency, you have to take on debt but it shouldn't be normal operational effort. The point is that it is financial sense to pay off debt and I don't agree with generating

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

Tell us why: It is important and practical to prepare for climate change and storms. I think effort should be made in this regard. However, I think the council should think about a different revenue generating source than simply taxing Aucklanders more especially si

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Very hard choice. I think local waste minimisation is already something that is tackled in schools and other promoting bodies. Low mow areas makes sense. Sports and recreation, arts and culture are important to me but don't impact everyone in the commu

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

What do you think of these proposals? Each program needs to be able to fund itself. For instance, the fencing program should charge what is needed to run the program at the very least.

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

I think the council should work on generating sustainable income, improving its income streams and generating more volunteering from Aucklanders to support its programs. For example, many young people struggle to get jobs. Why doesn't the council list s

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am ok with the proposed reductions but would caution against reducing funding for other social services such as homeless funding. While this is not unique to Ak it is an issue that wont go away or is one that can be differed. It is likely to get worse even with exiting funding levels so a reduction could see further social problems arising if its not given an appropriate level of priority.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 see this as a strategic asset. Sure you could argue that it is but its a publically listed company that the council is minority shareholder in with no board representation, so cant be that strategic. My support is contingent on it being used to

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: I would prefer a higher rise now than a bigger rise in the future.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:better to start providing for it sooner rather than face a larger problem in future years.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Unfortunately budget cuts will result in reduced services. This applies to all so its a matter of prioritising and i am ok with what's suggested.

If funding for local board 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, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: These benfit the whole community whereas others are focused on smaller groups within the community

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

I think council should also consider a bed tax for accommodation providers, including air BNB. Bed taxes are common over seas and they bring in revenue from overseas tourists as well as domestic travelers although we could have an exemption for domestic

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Early child education services should not reduced

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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: At present share market has dropped so much, it's not a good time to sell shares .

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Tell us why: Many households have great pressure under high inflation and flood hit.

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Tell us why: It will benefit us in long term.

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reducing the number of public transport services. The current status of public transport system is appalling and the city needs a good public transport system to reduce our CO2 emissions and to grow.

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This entire approach is simply to avoid increased rates/taxes for the richest, while removing services from the poorest in our city. It will undermine well-being in the city at a time when many communities are struggling severely. It undermines efforts at equity and community cohesion, when this is most important to our resilience. It reduces NZ 's largest city's appeal to tourists, one of this country's largest export earners. It cuts action on climate change in the face of a mounting climate crisis. It fails to invest in the city's decrepit, patchy and wildly outdated public transport systems. It cuts action on biodiversity in the middle of the Sixth Mass Extinction. It seems to be driven by someone who sees no value at all in art or culture, unless it matches their individual tastes which they are affluent enough to pay for. To reduce debt, and increase well-being and resilience, Instead of those in the most expensive homes experiencing LESS rate increases as a percentage than those in less expensive homes, this should be reversed, so that those who are the richest help others/their community and their city to thrive.

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

Tell us why: I believe public funds should not be invested in unsustainable businesses, which includes airports.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: We're only seeing the start of these climate driven events, and we need to invest now if we want to have any hope of facing them with resilience, especially in light of the proposals here to undermine that resilience in a variety of ways all over the city

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Tell us why: It's heartening to see Howick maintaining a broad programme, including ecological activities.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: If our natural systems continue to die, we're done for.

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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 ask the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to seriously consider developing a longer term succession plan for the introduction of native plants and trees to the maunga, which does not require wholesale destruction of the current introduced species.

I would

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

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

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep me and my kids healthy, educated and socialized

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We have many "nice to have" activities around Auckland and surrounds. Unless we reduce or take away some of the less utilised activities we will never know what are the ones that are supported by the majority of the general population of Auckland. Activities can always be reinstated if required. Often if an activity is partly subsidised by Council but further supported financially by public, this activity will be more appreciated. Time will tell. None of these activities you aim to reduce or remove are life threatening and we are a "country/city in crisis" and bold steps need to be taken and those "living off the public/ratepayers/taxpayers" need to be more accountable for themselves and their families.

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Tell us why: this generation of ratepayers should not get all the benefits of this sale and some should be left for the next generation or the next disaster - and there will be one coming ..... Or if we need the total sale of all shares NOW to shore up replacement an

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Tell us why: We have a infrastructure problem that needs to be addressed. I think all ratepayers would be happy to pay more if you can guarantee all monies will be spent to make Auckland and surrounds safe for us and our future generations. All our "like to haves" m

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Tell us why: This is important to us all and our future generations and NZ in general.

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Tell us why: Local Boards must provide good and safe roading, lighting, all infrastructure, but play grounds are all important and must be safe and maintained. With intensification children have less land to play on and rely on local parks for large muscle play activ

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Very difficult to choose only three as they all have enormous merit. We must look after our youth and provide activities and programmes to stimulate and attract them together and remove them from hom and devices. How you do this is the challenge.

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste Management. I do not think we should be giving ratepayers larger waste bins. Ratepayers should be finding alternative ways to reduce waste eg: sinkeraters, worm farms, freezing waste vegetables for later soup or stock making. We need to teach peo

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland council funds are grossly mismanaged..high wages to high level staff and corrupt

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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: Auckland council funds are grossly mismanaged.....inappropriately high wages to high level staff and corrupt

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent 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: The council increased the valuations of properties which is not appropriate to the current market rates...and on top you want extra rates...how dumb..can 80% of Auckland properties sell at CV now?

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: Auckland council funds are grossly mismanaged.....inappropriately high wages to high level staff and corrupt

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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

Tell us why: No amenities for kids in Flatbush...no tennis courts no swimming pools nor proper play grounds for activities

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are basics

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce salaries to officials acting they are busy at office

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Freeze rates increase until inflation is controlled

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We already wasted a lot of money by previous city council. Under current situations reducing the cost of spending as well as unnecessary spending is the only way to avoid increasing tax for the people living in the Auckland.

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

Tell us why: We try to avoid to increase rates but we still need money to keep the city running, so sell some of shares to meet what we need now, in future when economy gets better we can buy the shares back. Don't really want to sell public assets to the private comp

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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: Currently not only city council needs money to run the city, every family lives in the city also needs money to run their own lives. It was not the right time what I believed to increase the rate as previous council wasted too much money

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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: Currently don't need, considering when economy getting better

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We need to at least maintain the services, otherwise, Auckland will look uninviting to tourists and new migrants/ workers.

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Tell us why: I don't think the timing is right to sell shares when the world sharemarkets are down by so much. Therefore, why not make a partial sale and sell the rest when the markets pick back up again?.

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

Tell us why: I think this will be quite manageable by most people, given that most houses in Ak are values at over $1M.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 quite logical to me. No-one likes any increases, but the reality is, the money has to come from somewhere.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Not all of the priorities are essential, so there needs to be some cutback.

If funding for local board 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, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are important to me, but not sure how others feel. All the rest on that list is not critical at this stage, especially with cutting back on funding.

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What do you think of these proposals? None

7. What else is important to you?

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Most things have been covered.

We need to keep up with the council lawn mowing programme and weed spraying & kerbside gutter cleaning.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Live within your means like everybody else

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Maintain current brates and maintain existing expenditure - reduce staff if necessary. Live within your means.

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Council must live within its means and accept that rates increases are not automatic. Bureaucratic staff must be cut back if necessary.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: The council, like every ratepayer must, I repeat, Must live within your means. Selling shares is false economy and will come back to bite us in the future. Take the council back to the core services and stop the ridiculous spending that AT etc does. Ratep

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per 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? Other

Tell us why: Reduce expenses as ratepayers have to do and live with in your means. all you are doing is passing your inability to manage your income onto ratepayers who

you treat like a bottomless money pit. as you know ratepayers are already hurting, how many will yo

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: This is a knee jerk reaction, man made climate change is not real. If you upgrade storm water and other infrastructure to cope with the additional infill housing you have allowed, this will go along way to mitigate the occasional sever storm.

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 any priorities

Tell us why: Local boards must cut what they cannot afford.

If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Action on climate is un-necessary.

Arts and culture should be user pays as are most things. The same applies to community grants

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Fundamentally your approach seems to be charge ratepayers more. If council went back to core services and operated as any professional business would, I am certain the would be more than enough money for your operations.

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Howick

Your feedback

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Council should be providing services they are not proven operators of businesses

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

Tell us why: Cut council services so that not to increase rates

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I believe minorities are over, represented when it comes to local board, distribution of funds and activities

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Sport gives children, structure and life skills. The rest is self-explanatory.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Need to live within means - Council has got into far too wide a role

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Tell us why: partial sale makes sense

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

Tell us why: Council and its operating arms need serious expense reduction - head count is ridiculous and salaries are overblown. I'd suggest doing a major line by line review by an external group not the managers themselves. When you have done that - come back to us

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

Tell us why:you are liable through poor local planning - find the money without using rates

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Tell us why: Howick is under threat of chaos with out of control infill housing meaning streets are gridlocked - tried driving in the valley?

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Tell us why these are most important to you: they are only place council adds value

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What do you think of these proposals? Time to drop all pointless activity and make yourselves fiscally responsible - never ask for rate rises when senior managers in council and AU get incomprehensibly high salaries. Its even worse when these pompous fools then prove incompetent.

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Reducing debt is a long term saving in interest costs

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Tell us why: Keeping options open just in case the need arises in future for extra income.

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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: Think businesses ought to have a higher percentage of rate increases than households as they have more incoming money.

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Tell us why:

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Outdoor events, i.e. music in the parks and various societys' events to be self-funded rather than at present at a cost to the rate payer.

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

Tell us why:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proposal A - reads as 'reduce/removing funding to anything and everything that might help Maori and Pasifika communities, the Rainbow communities and people from the lower end of the wealth scale receive fair and equitable treatment across the board'. The council should be ashamed of itself. - How about you sell some of those Golf Courses instead!

1. I do not agree with the removal of Education services that teach our children about environmental issues. This one is so tone deaf I almost can't believe it! The lack of knowledge on these issues has lead to the older generations being in complete denial of climate change which is detrimental to their children and those generations who will now bear the brunt of trying to clean up/ repair the environment. The damage from the current cyclones should be enough for Council to understand that teaching our children about how human habits cause damage to our environment and the longer term impacts this is likely to have, is something that should always be available.

2. Community events are the sweetness of life after spending our best hours of the day working. I believe careful consideration should be made about what funding should allowed for, but do not agree with it's complete removal, unless other funding streams can be guaranteed.

3. Grant funding for Citizens Advice Bureau should not be removed (unless other funding streams can be guaranteed). Even those of us who are fortunate not to be classed as poor cannot afford to hire a solicitor. The CAB is the first port of call for legal advise for many people, and again, this is removal of support to those at the lower end of the wealth scale.

4. Homelessness funding should not have been added to this list. How we treat those who less fortunate that ourselves speaks a lot for our population as a whole, and I do not believe this is a good look!

5. Proposal A section 7 basically reads if you are not White, Straight or Old, you will not receive funding for community support! I wholly disagree with everything in this section. Funding should not be removed for community support which helps marginalised groups in our city, find the support and help they require.

6. Another anti Brown People proposal. We need to keep on top of initiatives that help raise the social and economic outcomes for those in our communities that are being left behind, because current societal views place white supremacy above all else.

7. I do not believe in any initiate that reduces or removes funding for climate action (unless other funding streams can be guaranteed). The likelihood the repeat of weather that we have had in the first 2 months of this year is only going to get greater if we do not take action.

8. I do not believe in any initiative that removes funding Education our people and helps provide them with skills.

9. Before agreeing to reduction in environmental, waste and regional planning reductions, it would be helpful to know what exactly the reduction would look like? Further information on this point is required.

Proposal B

I do not agree with the removal/reduction of grants for Environment and Historical Heritage

Proposal C

These proposals seem to me to read 'save money at the cost of the environment'

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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 we should retain 10% of them, to ensure some income from them in the future (for future generations of Aucklanders)

If Auckland Ports is such a poor financial performer, why don't we look at selling shares in that to make up the short fall?

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: I don't understand the need to reduce debt so radically in a one year. We are recovering from a pandemic the likes that no-one has seen in our time, and the reduction in spending seems to be aimed at taking the joy out of life by removing funding for comm

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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 has to be done. The updated Unitary plan (with it's ridiculous infill plan) has said that developers can replace 1 house on a piece of land that generally sits at 50% impermeability, and replace it with as many houses as can possibly be squeezed on w

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not agree with removing/reducing fees for Environmental or Ecological restoration and pest control programmes/projects, community climate action and sustainability or water quality programmes in any way shape or form.

I do not agree with the removal

If funding for local board 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 and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: we have made many gains with regards to Environmental protection and climate change action, and it would be a massive waste to lose that momentum.

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

I do not agree with the proposed cap of $75m for debt, it is less than half of the allowable and cuts too many services to the public of Auckland while you threaten to raise our rates if we do not agree! How about instead of threatening us with higher rat

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Tataki Auckland Unlimited. We should keep the same funding as we did, they are the "window and door" of Tamaki Makaurau. Once we cut the funding, it is a extreme risk to our tourism income and other entertainment income for the city or even country.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by $16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding**, what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Art is extremely important for our rangatahi, and they need this education for future experience. Community lead projects is where people can do what they want to do, and we want this place to be saved for the futures.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	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
5	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
1	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
2	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why:

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West Auckland is where we sdhould develop in the next year or beyond, both culturally and socially. Art sector needs the funding, art is the future and they cannot proceed without funding

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Those in favour of not reducing expenditure you will find are not rate payers.

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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: Use the capital instead of borrowing more.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set a lower rate rise and reduce the obscene council spending.

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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: Use better planning in flood areas

5. Local Boards

Howick 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?) Arts and culture initiatives, Community programme delivery, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Rates should be used for rate stuff not a charity

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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?

Rate charges should be used for running the city. .. They should not be used for social spending. If that was done everyone should pay a contribution not just the rate payer.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce current transport services, ie. routes and timetables, but reduce management levels.. reduce regional and cultural event funding

do not reduce community education programmes or early childhood funding.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:at the same time STOP issuing resource consents and building permits on cliff top properties (e.g. Clovelly Road) where the cliffs are receding and on townhouse developments WITHOUT adequate drainage provisions....this will save everyone a lot of money an

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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 grants, Local community events, Arts and culture 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't need any rate increases

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

Tell us why: As per proposal 1

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Tell us why: Don't want any more rate increases

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

Tell us why: If the wastage of rate money was curtailed there would be more money available for sensible projects. eg AT's speed bump mania is huge waste. Do they have shares in a fuel company?

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Tell us why: Don't need business awards.

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What do you think of these proposals? No

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AT just wasted who knows how much, to reduce accidents around a local school whose accident rate is already zero.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: By all means vut funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. What a bullshit HR stunt that is! (*actually read up on them and disagree with most of their standing. Get rid of the middle guy and support communities to promote themselves)

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Tell us why: This makes sense 👏

If you don't have enough money to do everything you want to achieve, you have to sell assets to get there. Looking at the proposal, the overall value makes it worth it. We can always by it back.

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Tell us why: CAUTION: The people of this city have been personally hit just as hard as the city itself. Caution is advised in askikg more from them without equally offering transparency and tangible goal/outcomes with consequences for unmet promises. We, the people, u

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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: How much can we really prepare for "an act of god"? If we prepare for storms, what if it's an earthquake. And if it's not an earthquake, what if it's a tornado? How prepared can we really be? If we emptied the storm drain of stupid masks and $2 shop tonga

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Tell us why: I think we throw money at venue and event that generate little interest or engagement. I also think a community will survive if they have to ponch purse strings for a couple years! Nothing is forever but pitching and supporting to drop free-events to enab

If funding for local board 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, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think the library provides a safe space for anyone who wants to better themselves. This is an important resource that, where possible, should not be restricted.

I think waterways should be looked after and I pest management benefits all as well.

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What do you think of these proposals? The food scraps one is interesting- why add more services to the mix when the recycling services we have aren't really working. How much of the collected recycling is actually sorted, processed and sold? Why do many things half arsed? Why not instead do I

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Please stop spending stupid money of translating forms, names and brading into another language. I understand we are a melting pot but the legal language is English. Accommodate others where possible but lets try not to make everything look like the instr

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Does it really need an explanation? Cutting grants for arts, culture, community services means making us all culture poor. Enough of making money more important that people.

Also, get rid of that disgrace of the mayor. And make voting for local government compulsory so we dont get into this situation again.

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Tell us why: I dont know who hold the rest of the shares. It should never be private. It should never run billions of profit.

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Tell us why: Do NOT reduce NETR and WQTR!!! How do you even answer this question?

Tax the rich!

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Tell us why: We need to be prepared for weather response.

That said, ambulance at the motto of the hill is not going to solve our problems,

Protect environment. Think of the future for our kids. Stop being selfish and ignorant.

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Tell us why: BUT do not cut funding for local boards.

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

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Your local board: Howick

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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.

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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 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, Library opening hours, Open space low / no mow areas

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport. Youth and homelessness funding.

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

Tell us why: Returns and dividends will be more than the interest.

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

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Continue with cycle paths

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Support environment

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

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

Please creste cycle away between Howick and Manukau.

A path across driveways where people walk is not safe.

It needs to be along the road like the but marked off so cars know its a cycle path or seperate

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Education is so important especially waste reduction, learning about our environment & being responsible citizens. My children went to Enviroschools & this programme is so important if we are to become Waste Free.

The arts and culture are important. They make us a civilised society.

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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: It is an income stream so don't sell it all.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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've got to be prepared for climate change. It's happening.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to educate the future. If we don't, we'll pay for it later.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would get rid of contestants grants.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Private could do it better.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Best of both worlds.

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Tell us why: Get smarter town planners to figure out where to build houses that are not prone to flooding.

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Tell us why:

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Library selection of books, community gyms and community events!

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Most of those services listed are rge central government's responsibility, not rate payers.

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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: Public servants should not have anything to do with running profitable businesses. They are terrible at it.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Sports grounds should be maintained and upgraded

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community services and long term investment must be the priority

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Property owners can afford an increase and a progressive,properly funded, Council is in their longer term interests

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is obvious all these things cannot continue until we are out of the financial mess councils past and present have got us into

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Tell us why: Council needs to pay down debt DO IT

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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: Hopefully it will not be forever once the debt is cleared provided we have good management and not people who are only there to line their own pockets

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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:because councils waste money on projects not required stick to the basics and off load unnecessary projects and put your house in order. If we have another disaster there will always be money found from other sources.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not want to live in a rodent/pest area and it stands to reason we NEED clean waterways and the Library is used extensively by the community.

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What do you think of these proposals? leave things as they are appears to be working well

7. What else is important to you?

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

Ido not know what Tupuna Maunga is I do not speak Maori

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Continuing with the reduced number of public transport options as this leads to more vehicles on the road.

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

Tell us why: We should retain some ownership of the airport as it is the gateway to our city

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Caught between a rock and a hard place here. A lower rate increase will result in higher debt and lower debt means a higher rate increase. Instead of increasing residential rates, look to increase commercial rates as rates are tax deductible for businesse

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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: We're playing catch-up here as we under-invested in infrastructure for some time so why should rate payers be made to pay for this under-investment

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: I support greater safety measures and environmental initiatives however local board awards and provision of play spaces is not a priority.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are important places for learning and cater to both young and old. Community facilities are important as a focus and meeting point for the community as well as health and fitness. Community climate is essential for future generations.

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What do you think of these proposals? There should be more targeted charges for services relating to fencing and pool fencing

7. What else is important to you?

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

We don't need Music or Movies in the parks. They are nice to have but they don't work for all people, not everyone is interested and this year there has been more cancellations that actual events. The money for this should be channeled to other needs tha

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Tell us why: Without Auckland City Council share the airport will fall into foreign ownership.

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland is not a high tax city.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?**

Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation initiatives, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am deeply reliant on public transport and don't have the resources to use alternative transportation

Also the library is the most crucial service to the mental well being in my community

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: High interest rates would require higher servicing costs down the line. Improve Auckland with what we have

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Tell us why: I do not support business awards - public money should not go towards this

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are crucial to the community and provide a safe space for people of all backgrounds (who may not feel safe in their home)

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't you dare take away early childhood education.

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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? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: You're just going to have to borrow money like everyone else. Maybe Wayne could ask some of his rich mates to contribute for once in their lives.

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

Tell us why: It's only going to get worse and we underestimate the impact at our peril

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: There is no point in my saying anything to Maurice Williamson, the man doesn't even know what Chinese food looks like

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Community climate action and sustainability

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Make the rich pay

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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Donot increase any rates...we are paying too much in rates ...I am retired and on pension and cannot afford any increase in the rates

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million...KEEP FUNDING 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around $87 million per year

Tell us why: The cost of holding these shares exceeds any return, and forecasts suggest this situation will not be reversed for Auckland Council as a shareholder in the foreseeable future. Share to be sold must remain in New Zealand and no overseas buyers allowed.

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Tell us why: Set the rate increase over a 2year period. 2.33 % per year over 2 years

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Tell us why: Accept that we have had a 100 yr event . Add a storm levy fee for the next 5 years set at less than 1% per rate payer per year.

Adjust this rate if the 100 yr event happens repeatedly. Reduce to omit the levy if no event has happend after 5 yrs. Set thos

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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 grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community well being and local waterways can create serious heatlh issues further down the track .These two items sit on top of the triangle that feed down to the other catagorys

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What do you think of these proposals? If you reduce your bin size DOWN you should NOT be charged a one off fee. If you increase your bin size UP you should be charged a one of fee. You need to encourage reduction.. Waste bin cost should be increased every two years at a very small amount to

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Spend money on what we have and keep it well maintained. Pull back on superficial 'pretty" non urgent works. Cull the workforce at council and keep it tight and reject inflated high cost 'pretty' spending.

Knuckle down - tighten the wallet and spend on re

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Ratepayers can no longer afford to pay rates due to excessive spending on just about everything. Concentrate on drains roads thats all. No more buss or bike lanes. Get rid of all bus routes unless busses are at least 50% full.

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Tell us why: The council has too much debt. Sell.

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: Forget trying to save the planet. We need to save Auckland. Spend only on drains and Roads

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: There is no drain maintenance at all. Trees in the streets are not maintained so all the leaves block the drains which are never cleaned.

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Tell us why: I dont support business awards, I do not support sustainability and self-sufficiency,

If funding for local board 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, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: The other items are either silly or irresponsible to fund during such tough economic times.

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate Action Targeted Rate should be removed. It is silly.

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Maintain Drains and Roads. Number 1 priority. Close down Art Galley.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Other

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Tell us why: No rate increase. Fire all incompetent council and AT staff.

Tourism tax just like they do in other countries

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Tell us why: How about pay freeze for all council, water care, AT incompetent staff for next 5 years. They are the biggest waste of rate payers money for the last 10 years. Stop wasting money on useless projects like building a pitiful two lane bridge only to be used

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Tell us why: I support reduction of fundings but first thing needs cutting is the councillors salaries. Same group of useless fat cats gets elected each year who are either useless or powerless to make any positive changes to east Auckland residents. Increased crime,

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours

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

Transportation is the biggest problem in Auckland currently managed by a group of incompetent people at Auckland Transport who are never held accountable for any of their actions. Auckland is now grinding to a halt due to the idiotic ideology of “road to

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I want local boards to be affected.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: My children attend Kauri Kids and your plan of reduction will have a high negative impact no only on my family but on many families and teachers relying on this service, which for us, is our extended family.

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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: Invest more of that budget in sustainability to avoid storms becoming the norm

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Tell us why: There are some significant strategic reasons.

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Secondly it is a major transport hub

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Tell us why: Auckland has been under significant financial strain over the last couple years with covid and flooding, now is the time to utilise debt to rebuild stability.

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Tell us why: Climate change will continue to significantly impact Aucklanders, and will have continued cost both in response and preparing and building resiliency for future climate events. We need to have financing for this.

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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:

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 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, Community facilities and services, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce regional services or public transport. Increase rates rather than making everyth ing worse

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Tell us why: Privatization is a cancer on this world

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Tell us why: Just fire the mayor

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They actually help unlike sports grants

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would rather pay extra on my rates than to see cultural, community & learning opportunities taken away from my children. We already have one of the highest suicide rates in the OECD. To take away from these children what gives half of them their purpose would just raise it even more. Also think about parents who rely on the education system for the betterment of their child's academic & alao for their own mentality. We haven't even touched base on the public transport system!! It's pathetic as it is now, imagine what it'll be if you reduce it more!! Think about the people in the long run, not just the money!!

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: do you guys even see what it is like for the traffic in Auckland? and you still want to maintain a reduced public transport? this is a joke?

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

Tell us why: it's very simple. you owe money, you sell asset to pay for the debt. you dont borrow more to pay nor you get others to pay for your debt

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Tell us why:time to improve our third world infrastructure in New Zealand i'll say :)

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: these 3 are a good to have, not a must have

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: - I am strongly against maintaining the reduced services for our public transport (PT) system/network. Why is such an essential service to many Aucklanders even being considered? The reduction in productivity alone of people who miss work due to late or cancelled trains/buses feel like they would far out way the short term benefit of helping the budget deficit. Such a large majority of Aucklanders rely of the PT system. The system as it is is already struggling against a growing population and major network maintenance that MORE funding should be allocated, not taken away. It feels completely bizarre and counter intuitive that this is even being considered. It would be a short term gain with short and long term pain that Aucklanders have suffered enough of through inaction and poor planning.

- I am also strongly against cutting funding for regional services around Auckland. It feels crazy that this is even on the chopping block; reasons listed below:

- Funding for community and educational programs and initiatives is essential to building strong and resilient communities. These programs help to create a sense of belonging, promote social cohesion, and increase civic engagement. By cutting funding for we risk weakening the fabric of our diverse communities.

- Arts and culture are an essential part of our society and contribute significantly to our economy in Auckland. They promote creativity, innovation, and self-expression, and help to preserve our unique cultural heritage. We risk losing valuable contributions to our city and NZ overall by cutting funding, as well as the economic benefits that these industries generate.

- I believe cutting funding for homelessness initiatives would have devastating consequences for those who are already struggling in Auckland. These initiatives provide critical support and resources to some of our most vulnerable population and should continue to be funded through council as an essential service of the city.

- Long-term impact: We may save money in the short-term, but it could have long-term, detrimental and far-reaching consequences for us as a city. We may see an increase in crime and social isolation, which could end up costing the council more in the long run. And by cutting funding for homelessness initiatives, we may end up with a larger homeless population that requires even more resources, support and initiatives.

- Funding for these critical areas should not be cut due to how essential they are to building strong, resilient, and inclusive communities. They provide critical support and resources to those who need it most, and contribute significantly to Auckland (and NZ) society and economy. They should continue to be funded for the long term benefit of Auckland and Aucklanders.

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Tell us why: It would seem a waste to sell all shares. Selling what's necessary in the short term and re-examining in the long term feels like a more logical approach.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: I think the council has to finally bite the bullet and raise rates. Homeowners have shown investment in Auckland by buying a house, and this investment should continue, with dividends shown in the way of a reliable PT system, effective and vital regional

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: Seeing as climate change is happening and seemingly here to stay, investment now might be too little too late, but it's better than doing nothing.

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: All priorities listed are important but there should be a list of non priorities to truly get a good idea of what you have deemed priorities over others.

If funding for local board 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, Environmental restoration and pest control, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: '- Local community grants offer localised, targeted impact on the community that directly impacts locals. People see real results within their communities that create positive outcomes

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not agree with reductions in 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, as well as early childhood education. These services are crucial not just to keeping Auckland a connected and healthy place to live in, but are necessary for many such as the homeless and least advantaged. These reductions will worsen inequity and deprive many from equal opportunities.

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

Tell us why: The airport should be publically owned as much as possible to improve services to the public rather than focusing on the individual shareholders' profits.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not feel neighbourhood watch and community patrols inherently improve safety, safety can also be achieved from reducing inequities, creating safer spaces and improving a sense of community and belonging.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Early childhood education needs more funding. Our tamariki are our future and we need to invest in them

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: Not keen on the sale of an asset so compromise on some of it to reduce debt

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: Household are at breaking point

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

Tell us why: It's obvious we need to prepare for these events

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These are important for well being and mental health

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Tell us why: With climate change, major weather events will become more common. We have to prepare 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 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, Community programme delivery

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: They are all important to the people who use them. Don't lose sight of who the council serves-a growing diverse community which needs public funded services. Do NOT CLOSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES OR REDUCE PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS

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Tell us why: Not sure why Auckland council needs shares in the airport

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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: Just don't waste the money you get please

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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: Government needs to step in here not local councils. This issue is national not just local. Lack on investment in infrastructure and we were caught out. Government needs to sort this through our tax system and insurances.

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Tell us why: Play spaces safe waterways and security are key but again the council can only do so much with what it has so prioritising and partnering with other volunteer or organisations to get the jobs done

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is not the time to keep reductions to public transport. We must grow PT use. Why defund arts and community services during a period of high inflation and economic stress - these services can help all Aucklanders afford and appreciate new and different things in life.

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

Tell us why: The interest costs on debt are not related to the shares in Auckland Airport. This is a good asset for future generations of Aucklanders. Owning shares might be necessary to ensure better public transport options to the airport in the future.

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

Tell us why: Debt is not something to be afraid of.

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Auckland maybe a city, but it is made of communities. Do not cut our services that help bring us together. Public transport, libraries, community events and arts funding are important.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce transport services. Auckland is a nightmare to get around at certain times of the day. Trains are vital and so are buses and safe cycle lanes.

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Tell us why: Rates should be based on the number of people living in a house,so some rates should increase and others decrease.

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Tell us why: There should be no more homes built in flood prone areas.

More attention needs to be made to clearing out drains and pipes and gutters to prevent major floods in future.

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Tell us why: My area was not included in this list, so I chose Howick as it is close by.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local waste minimisation initiatives, Community facilities and services, Library opening hours

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So are parks and open spaces.

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Tell us why: Auckland International Airport is a strategic asset and the council should NEVER sell it's shares. During Rogernomics, Roger Douglas sold NZ Rail to his mates for a song and they ran it into the ground. Don't let this happen to Auckland International Air

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

Tell us why: Set a higher increase of rates for businesses (say 10%) than residential properties as businesses are able to write off rates as an expense, thus lowering their overall tax. Residents do not enjoy the same luxury.

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Tell us why: Maintenance is a core responsibility of the council. Any mayor or councillor that votes to cut funding for maintenance should go to jail for negligence and corruption.

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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?

Auckland Council should never sell shares or privatize assets without a referendum. Cut mayor and Councillor salaries to reduce costs including Finance advisors who recommended selling assets such as reserves or parks.

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: Keep the shares and buy optional shares if possible. Selling the shares or any part of them would be like this generation selling the family silver and so robbing the past and 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:

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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: Rate increases are inevitable but a balanced approach is best.

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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

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 two priorities, environmental and maintenance of assets.

If funding for local board 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, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Totally support present and future environmental measures and community facilities and services

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? nil

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We don't spend more than we make. So should council. Try not to waste our money.

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Tell us why: Try a bit of both.

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

Tell us why: U can't go increasing every year. Wayne promised to keep it constant. Why the increase? We did not get a 4% pay rise, so pls f don't put it up.

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Tell us why: Can't spend more then we can afford..

If funding for local board 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, Arts and culture initiatives, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These proposals will only kick the can n will cost us more in the future you cannot save at the detriment of our youth n childhood education

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

Tell us why: This is the time after Covid that Airports will be making profits n we are selling the cow that will provide us milk

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: To use our debt wisely to get the mist benefit out of it

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

Tell us why: This the time to invest for the future

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: What is the point in the Eastern Busway if there are going to be a reduced number of public transport services provided? You could of saved millions by not doing this work if that's the case. This logic doesn't make sense. I would not proceed with this.

You should not proceed with Reducing your funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

You should not proceed with Reducing regional services.

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

Tell us why: Free up the funds, sell your shares. Auckland Council does not need to have shares in the Airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: It's less than 5%, less than inflation. Increase rates.

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Tell us why: Additionally, you should stop letting development happen in flood zones and areas of high risk.

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Tell us why: The only priorities the Howick Local Board should be focussed on are:

1. Implement safety initiatives, including dedicated grant / fund to enable increased safety in public places (e.g. lighting) and supporting community groups such as neighbourhood watc

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: With the increased cost of living, people rely on having affordable and free things to do locally, so those assets (playgrounds, pools, libraries etc) should be fit for purpose so we can continue to enjoy them. The Lloyd Elsmore pools which service the en

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What do you think of these proposals? Yes I do and I am a renter

7. What else is important to you?

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

I don't envy your job at all and the budget looks impressive. It's important to me that solutions are actually implemented and not just talked about. There are a lot of people in the Eastern Auckland community that do not have the same priorities as you h

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I think we should increase rates more for residential than for businesses. Residential should increase 7.2% in line with inflation. I think residential rates should be higher than the rates for businesses because businesses are productive and good for the

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

I have lived in Auckland for 25 years, my entire life. My family lost our house in the GFC, and we have been renting ever since. Over the last 15 years, I have lived in 8 different houses/flatting situations. I could walk to every place I have lived in Au

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

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

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

Tell us why: I work at a bank debt is the killer for companies. Stay within your means

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

Tell us why: People just can't afford it. Sell shares and reduce outgoings and if needed top up with debt for capital expenditure only

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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: Redeploy staff already employed surely in a storm there is staff that can't work in the office but could in the community

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Business awards let MBIE do that and neighborhood watch etc probably not crucial in our area and people have means for their own security systems.

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: We are destroying the earth o

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't put up rates. People can barely afford cost of living as it is.

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

Yeah reduce waste and emissions, introduce a need for header tanks in New builds and 6 star rating to reduce heating and air con admissions

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland council libraries and swimming seems to benefit people. Considering the minority population such as swimming pools for women twice a week would impact potential health outcomes for communities of colour and religious.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South, Grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
4	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
3	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
5	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
2	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
1	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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Parks activations and programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South

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 don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Public health and safety are critical to protecting our communities. Service like sports and swimming should be provided effectively to all citizens in a healthy way.

Such as pools that I have seen is very bad condition the water is not clean enough to

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Stadiums need upgrade eg. Mt Smart

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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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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Rubbish must be priority our streets are a disgrace

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Early Child Hood ,Citizen Advice Bureau , Art council reduction as they are front line citizen supportive organisations

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Tell us why: No Change in ownership rather increase user charges from Airlines.

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Tell us why: This is good

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

Tell us why: Built corpus through cess for infrastructure /natural calamity

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community programme delivery, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why: Reduce debt first. Live within your means! Once debt under control then focus on issues needing attention.

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Tell us why: Board should focus on maintaining existing resources within the community I.e. keep them in good condition. Once this is in place then focus on other things.

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Tell us why:I assume a proportion of the damage to Council owned properties will be covered by insurance. However, premiums will increase in the wake of the recent flooding. "around an additional 1%", seems pretty rough. Obviously the exact amount required will be

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Tell us why: The priority items listed are carried out for the benefit of residents in our area. Some local residents volunteer to assist in implementation. Council involvement is required so that a safe, professional result is obtained when these activities are per

If funding for local board 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, Environmental initiative volunteers

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? 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 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, Community facilities and services, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Changes to other rates	
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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1. Reducing public transport services in a time when we need to be reducing cars on the road to reduce carbon emissions is a terrible idea. Please run a full public transport service and continue to charge half-price fares to encourage people to get on public transport, and to make it accessible for all.

2. Reducing funding of community programmes, education programmes, and arts and cultural services in a time when people are suffering because of multiple disasters and upheavals reduces the opportunities for people from all economic situations to be enriched, re-trained, and uplifted by these programmes. They are essential for the well-being of the population.

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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: 1. Selling Airport shares reduces our capacity to earn in the future. Assets must be maintained for the future.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Proceed with the plan to split business and residential rates increases. Do not reduce the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Targeted Rate. These are essential services, which is particularly obvious post-flooding and cyclone damage.

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: Rates increases, particularly if the split between business and residential rates goes ahead, should be sufficient to fund this.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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CAB - Citizens advice breakout, please do not touche these - if anything, increase the services offered.

Library services across all of Auckland, our libraries are our hubs, we all need to access these services as an essential part of our lives.

As a rate payer, I strongly urge you to accept my submission

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clean waterways and ridding our natural areas of rubbish.

Recreation spaces, pools, parks, sports and gym facilities, halls etc.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I appreciate that some economies need to be made in council spending. However, in my view, there are some services that should be sancrosanct. These are free libraries, free pools and Citizens Advice Bureaus. These are the very amenities that poorer citizens need to be able to access at no cost. I am unsure exactly which costs come out of local boards' budgets but would hate to see the current regime of mowing berms and reserves get any worse. Even the richest suburbs has dozens of unmown berms due to overseas owners.

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

Tell us why: The Airport has a huge capital budget in the next few years which means the returns on shares will be less. Also with the recent flooding at the airport, more capital will be necessary to safeguard the airport from any future such occurances. With su

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Tell us why: Obviously, we need to adapt to the new reality of floods and slips. Council having a dedicating branch clearing out drains and streams would go a long way to mitigating flooding in suburban streets. It is YEARS since any drains have been cleared in our

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Tell us why: Strongly support priorities 1, 4 and 5, do not support 2 and 3. With such a budget shortfall, this is wasted money

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Tell us why: Maintain funding for local activities in each 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?) Local community events, Library opening hours, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Perhaps reduce library hours at individual libraries but have different libraries open on each day. Eg close Highland park on Saturday, and Howick on Sunday.

Local events attract spending to local areas and provide a sense of pride in our city.

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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.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Your 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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not under any circumstances increase residential rates. Auckland is looking so disgustingly scruffy with the useless company that is supposed to keep the berms and areas and also the road edgings weed free. Weeds growing all along road edges and footpath road edgings. It's a disgrace. We used to have the big weed sprayer truck come round. Have not seen them for years and the weeds growing badly in all our streets. Please bring back the pride to our city and surrounding suburbs. Do not increase 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around $87 million per year

Tell us why: Do not increase household 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:

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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? Other

Tell us why: Do not increase our rates. It is cost prohibitive for us pensioners.

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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: Do not increase our rates. We cannot afford to pay more.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

The whole bus lane debacle is shocking. The heart of Pakuranga is ripped out and what are we left with. It's very sad to see the houses gone , when we are crying out for homes and houses. This has been very upsetting for us all.

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: DO NOT proceed with all the proposed reductions especially in the area of community grants, ece, public transport and community programming and services (eg libraries). Rate increase for home owners with 1 or more properties or overseas investors who are spending large and paying very little in taxes. Make the rich accountable.

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

Tell us why: The effects of losing shares in the airport seems miniscule in comparison to the losses incurred by losing community programs, services and events.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Proceed with proposal but make use of budget that is allocated to develop suatainable, long term options for housing/roads/drainage etc that will be affected in the event of another flooding. ,

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library hours are most important to me because these spaces cater to diverse communities and have the ability to connect people from different cultural backgrounds through books, services, community events etc.

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

The recent response by Council to the flooding and all aspects related to it is a reflection of the poor choices afforded by the new Mayor during this time. The organizations ability to grant building consents for inappropriate building expansion across A

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Children education

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives, Sports and recreation grants

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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, Environmental initiative volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Improving public transport and all climate action initiatives.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce local board funded activities as they are a way of getting communities together and participating in something they are passionate about. Do not fire anymore Auckland Transport staff as they are already short staffed as it is and services are already reduced or cancelled because of it.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: It is a stupid decision meaning a lot of activities will be reduced to nothing.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: As part of a community band it is my only source of non work related fun activities that helps me get out the house and socialise. If I cannot go I will spend more time at home in front of a screen and worsen my eyesight in my later life

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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: Debt interest will be very high

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Tell us why: People are suffering living cost

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with rates increase.. we are already paying ridiculously high rates..

Instead cut your spending on all the ridiculous road and transport changes ie bus lanes, reduced speed limits, unreliable public transport

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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? Other

Tell us why: Do not proceed with selling of Auckland Airport Shares or rates increase.. we are already paying ridiculously high rates..

Instead cut your spending on all the ridiculous road and transport changes ie bus lanes, reduced speed limits, unreliable public tr

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Rates

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Debt

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

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

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

Tell us why: Stop allowing all the infill housing. 3 sections sold consecutively next to each other on one residential street in Pakuranga and 18 units being built in replacement REDICULOUS ! Our city cannot cope with this increased housing.. when it rains the water

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Run the council like a business. Rate payers are councils customers. Sell the services at a costs. Value add services, cut inefficiencies, measure ROI and productivity. Turn the council model as a surplus generating model - surplus to be reinvested for fu

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

Tell us why: Lower rates - include basic services. For additional value added services, sell the services value and run it like a business model. Turn council employees into employees who need to be performance measured.

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Tell us why:

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

Cut wasteful expenditure. Every manager has to contribute to 15% savings in his area of operation or the team take a wage cut of 15%. A scheme where teams are paid handsomely for saving costs and penalised for wasteful spending.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting tourism and local activity will be detrimental to lower income areas

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Local community grants fund, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental education activities

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Not reducing public transport as we need to reduce emissions

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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: Need to keep some investment for future proofing

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Instead of reducing debt by increasing rates and decreasing services, why not reduce the pay rises that the council bosses get?

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Tell us why: Selling the nation's share in their airport to outsiders is akin to selling your stake in your own country. Little by little NZ will no longer be NZ, but it will become a part of some other bigger nation.

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

Tell us why: Instead of reducing debt by increasing rates and decreasing services, why not reduce the pay rises that the council bosses get?

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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: With increases like how will the pensioners afford? Reduce dole or keep it for a set period like done in UK.

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 any priorities

Tell us why: For safety would suggest that the police force is given more powers to manage.

If funding for local board 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, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Maintenance of theses keeps us and our pets healthy

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Holding the shares has no strategic purpose as the Council has no say in the running of the Airport, other voting for director selection as a minority shareholder. The Government some time back ruled that the Airport cannot be sold into foreign ownership

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Tell us why: Seems the right balance to me.

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

Tell us why: There needs to be a major program to improve storm water drainage, with further council savings to be found to increase the $20.0 million. Bigger spends in this area will lead to longer term savings and better care of Aucklanders.

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Tell us why: Cut on money spent on business awards and nice to haves.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The Council should ALSO look at other areas where costs can be saved. Funding should not be taken as a granted by any Department - each and every expenditure should be looked at and scrutinised.

Have we done a cost-benefit analysis of the services that we provide?

Did we look at alternatives?

Could we have done a better job than giving cleaners new 4x4 utes to pick up rubbish?

In the commercial world, redundancies are made when the costs don't stack up. In the councils, funding is continued to be provided no matter what.

In the real world when we are facing difficulties making ends meet, Councils should also tighten the belt.

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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: There should be an option here where we enable a partial sale of AIAL shares, maintain 10% shareholing and not increase rates. Shortfall to be covered by cost savings in other areas.

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

Tell us why: There should have been another option:

Find cost savings from other areas, and have little to no increase in rates.

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

Tell us why: Increase operating budget by around $20 million each year, and fund this from cost reductions in other areas.

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Tell us why: STOP funding for those areas that give benefit to the very select few..

Eg. community led movies, community run events, including all of the below:

Browns Bay Christmas Parade, East Coast Bays Community Project, Mairangi Christmas Parade, Mairangi Bay Fo

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Strongly against reductions proposed as they would adversely affect our communities well being bith now and in the future

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

Tell us why: This is an important ongoing asset for the community - selling share would be shortsighted and harmful

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Tell us why: This is not simply a necessary response to storms but rather the impact of climate change as a whole

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Tell us why: Funding priorities should involve improved water quality at our beaches, climate change resilience, funding for at risk youth and family violence initiatives

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am more than happy to see local board funding and regional contestable funding reduced but do not support a reduction in arts and cultural or social programmes or reduced public transport . I am completely against a reduction in funding for the zoo and art gallery but would be happy to see an increase in charges for use of stadiums and venues.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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: Some of these items seem like nice to have and are not core business. Why would rate payers want to support business awards or sustainability initiatives at a local 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?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Community facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: These all enhance our community in different ways and support people and places.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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, 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? No

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't reduce any of the great community services in bullet points 2 to 6 listed above

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing spending on public transport being as woeful and unreliable as it is already is not a good proposition. For the customers public transport services serve, it remains a necessary lesser of two evils - the other being traditional passenger cars. Reducing spending here would entice more people to go back to their old but ultimately more reliable modes of transport, adding to increased emissions and further compounding on road congestion.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why: Instead of increase rates get money from selling of airport shares

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library is very important for the community do not reduce opening hours Change panmure library opening hours to

Mon to Tue 9 am to 5 pm

Wed 9 am to 7 pm

Thu to Fri 9am to 6 pm

Sat to Sun 10 am to 4 pm

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes. These programmes provide access for middle and low income families to activities they would not be able to otherwise afford. The well-run programmes in local recreation centres can actually create revenue.

I would continue to provide funding to local board activities as these help build strong community feeling.

I would not reduce any funding to our libraries. We should be encouraging reading levels to increase, especially for our young people. Library access is also incredibly important to elderly Aucklanders.

I would not reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited as the pricing of many of these venues is already prohibitively high for many families.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: I would prefer a higher rates increase if it meant the continuation of easy access to Auckland Libraries, Recreation and Leisure Centres, local Boards and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: These most directly target families and the elderly in their every day lives.

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As I mentioned earlier, I oppose any downgrading of our community facilities. Our Recreation Centres and libraries are community hubs. Libraries are about more than just providing reading material, they serve as centres of learning, professional developm

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Would be happy with an extra 1 or 2% increase in rates

Don't support removal of funding for childhood education

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Object to the rate increase, the rate has been increase nearly every year now!!

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Tell us why:why all the money need to come out from the rate payer's pocket? Have you ever think about the rate payer's salary hardly get increased by 1% each year?

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Tell us why: never see anything happen around us

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

Tell us why: Its a big regional asset its important, the council maintains a stake.

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Tell us why:budget better

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Tell us why: I think community empowerment and partnerships could be cut loose

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Yeah no free lunches for councillors

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Howick Local Board

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cut all these over paid staff that do not do their jobs. That would save heaps without penalizing other areas.

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

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

Tell us why: If infrastructure was build correctly in the first place we wouldnt have the issue. Its not our job now to bail it out. Developers pay contributions towards upgrades. But upgrades are not done so where is all that money???

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Tell us why: Ever other ward gets money for santa parades? Why isnt howick??

We need a destination playground like other wards especially out west have!

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What do you think of these proposals? Urgently needing a raised crossing on paparoad road and or litten road. Feeds 2 large schools. Dropping to 30km doesnt mean they will do ot or stop. Its not safe to cross these unmanned crossings

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Tell us why: Ideally it would be good to hold the existing shareholding but given the dire state of the Council finances there really is no choice.

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Tell us why: Push Central Government to do more

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport. It's needed an important for those without cars and need to entice those of us that would use it if it was more accessible and available!

Reducing regional services seriously wtf! So many programs beneficial to community. Libraries are absolutely important. I use them frequently. Not just books but the computers too.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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Tell us why: I support the priorities but not at the expense of local services that will be cut. Find another way

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Library opening hours, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: It's not fair to ask tax payers to cover the bills when your city council planners mess up.

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What do you think of these proposals? As far as I'm concerned, Auckland council has way too many incompetent overpaid staffs. STOP INCREASING THE RATES.

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If the government genuinely care for people's welfare, why not reduce the GST on food and necessities like other countries do. Keep increasing the minimum wage is only going to make more and more people struggle.

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Tell us why: another thing the council should never have been involved in due to no understanding of sharemarket

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on 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 am slightly in favour of keeping all our AIAL shares. My thinking is it will start creating income in near future. All borders are open and people are travelling again. I would like more information or cost-benefit analysis on this option.

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Tell us why: Funds for this should come from central government. Their lack of focus on infrastructure is partly to blame.

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Tell us why: Current financial times calls for reduced spending. I only support maintenance of critical infrastructure like lighting or other safety services. Community project or grants need to go hold for now.

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

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Tell us why: Reduce costs in other areas. Make Council more efficient. Stop overspending on non-accountable contractors who do a terrible job. Stop setting up "Committees" who do nothing to achieve the outcomes. Reduce office staff and middle and senior management

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

Tell us why: You can't increase rates when individuals already can't afford cost of living. More rates = increases in rent. It just adds to the cost of living and is a crazy idea. We pay more rates - but get less services.

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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 is not affordable to increase rates.

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: Safety Initiatives = YES< absolutely. The others don't seem they should be a priority. There are other more pressing issues in our area. PUBLIC TRANSPORT is shocking, ROADING, collecting inorganic waste annually (without booking) so less rubbish aro

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: It's lacking and is why we pay our rates.

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What do you think of these proposals? A one off fee for a bigger bin is fine. Infact make it $100 a year. The other services are essential for every household - a bigger bin isn't, so they can make do or pay extra. But inorganic collection (annual like it used to be) was great to get rid o

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Inorganic collection - bring it back. BIG fines for people who dump paint and chemicals into waterways. NOISE CONTROL - it's out of hand and needs to be funded. BAN FIREWORKS. Have a safety focus in the area. Have more libraries - not less (such as o

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Would prefer that public transport services not be reduced any further - this area need ongoing investment. Also prefer that Early Childhood Education services remain given the low cost of savings reductions to this service make. Happy to pay slightly more in rates to compensate.

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

Tell us why: Prefer that these shares be retained due to their income potential. Also important for Council to retain ownership and therefore an interest in the Airport which includes future development and the benefits a stakeholder like the Council need. Understan

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Tell us why: Happy to pay a slightly higher rates rise in relation to Questions 1 & 2 already answered. Agree with level of debt being suggested. This also allows for future additional debts should this be warranted.

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

Tell us why: Climate change will affect all areas and as we've seen parts of Tamaki Makaurau Auckland are not exempt. Provisioning for this makes sense given Council has previously declared climate emergency.

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Tell us why: Clearly everyone has to consider increased costs and reduction of services to meet the budget shortfall. However, in future years, what is the guarantee that services that were reduced for this years budget will be returned to pre reduction levels of exp

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Tell us why these are most important to you: If the Council is planning $20m of specific climate sustainability funding then it is only fair that this expenditure be extended to local board climate action funding as well. Good to keep events and services if possible too as these are often hearts of

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What do you think of these proposals? Not sure that proposed changes in this section make a huge difference to the budget situation. Suggest keep changes in line with the general rate change.

7. What else is important to you?

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Happy with Tupuna Maunga Authority as long as the Maunga are being looked after properly by this entity.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. These cuts would hit the poorest people the hardest.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I only support: Continue to focus on ecological and /or environmental initiatives, for example, extending the Howick Stream Improvement Programme for greater stream restoration and protection of native species habitats.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There is to much in this group

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

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Tell us why: Having lived in cities where the airports are privately owned, the service is terrible, limited flights has meant the movement of people has slowed to a crawl. In NZ's largest port, which in my opinion is an essential service to the nation, it needs to st

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why: This would eliminate the likelihood of accumulating more debt and reducing the debt already accumulated

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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: because rate payers need to invest in their community and accept this is nessarsary for aucklands future.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Climate change wont go away,we need to recover and move forward

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Parks,weeds,toilets road weeds all need to be maintained first and foremost .taking pride in outdoor areas is of vital importance.

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parks,weed control berm spraying is an essential service to keeping the community looking good.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why: Some of these are not as important as looking after the germs and parks

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Environmental restoration and pest control activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because our open spaces are a special place for the public to use

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase rates ,reduce swimming pool opening hours ,library opening hours.

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What do you think of these proposals? I support bin price increases,however public transport is important .increase the price of fares .

7. What else is important to you?

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

Road and berm maintenance is important alongside parks maintenance

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The only reduction I do not agree with is "No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million."

My children attend Kauri Kids Howick. Kauri Kids offers affordable, flexible day care options (Saving us over $600 a fortnight). If Kauri Kids shuts and I had to send my kids to a private day care, 90% of my pay would go on day care fees meaning it would make more sense to stop work and go on the benefit.

Kauri Kids also offers flexible hours that can be changed week to week which no other day care offers. This is so beneficial to me as a relief teacher and also to so many other parents that I know who work shifts and their work hours are constantly changing every week or month.

The councils reasoning for shutting kauri kids is that the market is saturated in day care facilities which is incorrect. I did my research and in the East Auckland area the average wait for getting kids into a day care facility is around 6 months as their is no space for new students. I believe the council is looking at kindergartens as an equal to day care centres. Kindergartens have reduced hours and are not open during the school holidays which makes it almost impossible for working parents.

Kauri Kids Howick, as well as some of the other centres, are not working at a loss so will not contribute to the $1million in savings. As an alternative could the council shut the Kauri Kids that are working at a loss and keep the ones open that are running at a profit. Even slightly increase the fees of the ones that are running at a profit to make revenue for the council.

Please do not shut the Kauri Kids centres that are not costing the council as revenue loss. This would be a massive loss to our family and so many other families across Auckland who really rely on affordable and flexible day care options that no private sector day care offers.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Libraries, services, etc

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Tell us why: Shares are currently undervalued, therefore selling below market value

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

Tell us why: Reduce other council costs

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Tell us why:

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I don't know

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: sack half the dead beats you have sitting there doing nothing.

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

Tell us why: sell them all

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: sack all the bludgers

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? food scrap bins is the biggest con going, hang your brainless heads in shame of such a stupid idea, throw your scraps out for the birds.

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

stop giving all your money to stupid ideas for Maori's, give us a break from all this PC bullshit.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services re arts and homelessness

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Tell us why: Money needs to come from

Somewhere

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

Tell us why: Rates are already Sky high in Auckland and people are doing it

Tough in current climate

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

Tell us why: This is a no brained given the years of underinvestment

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Creates community

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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?
I don't know

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed reductions make excellent sense as all of them are nice to have but not a MUST.

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Tell us why: Debt reduction is more important than owning shares as debt interest rate is high whereas receiving share dividends are low.

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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: All households are currently struggling with high cost of living. The current rates which we are paying are consider high already. With higher rates payment will eat into the household budget.

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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 body could predict the future. There could be no more storms.

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Tell us why: They are nice to have.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The three services as mentioned above aren't important, could save a lot of money.

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What do you think of these proposals? People having swimming pool/Spa Pool Fencing are well off and can afford with the increase in fees.

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

Just patching up potholes is good enough instead of scrapping off the whole road surface and resurfacing it. Save costs and manpower.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Instead we need to defer some the proposed Capital Infrastructure and environmental spending that the previous Mayor over commited the City to spend. He created this mess and then left everyone else to pay for it.

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

Tell us why: Don't sell the shares. Instead we need to defer some the proposed Capital Infrastructure and environmental spending that the previous Mayor over commited the City to spend. He created this mess and then left everyone else to pay for it.

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

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

Tell us why: Instead we need to defer some the proposed Capital Infrastructure and environmental spending that the previous Mayor over commited the City to spend. He created this mess and then left everyone else to pay for it.

4. Storm Response

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

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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?) Local community grants, Community facilities and services, Community programme delivery

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? Instead we need to defer some the proposed Capital Infrastructure and environmental spending that the previous Mayor over commited the City to spend. He created this mess and then left everyone else to pay for it.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would like to see further reductions and with the current economic climate go back even more to basics of roads (not cycleways) and rubbish etc.

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

Tell us why: The rainy day is here. Sell them.

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

Tell us why: Don't increase rates, cut the dross. Had a pool inspection the other day. Guy was on the property less than 10 minutes. Used common sense. Previous inspectors if they're less than 45 minutes you've been lucky. How many inspections was the latest inspector

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

Tell us why: Stop the intensification of greater Auckland and open up the boundaries. Better identify areas of concern for no building, then let Auckland find its natural boundaries.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: The volunteers you're getting for free so use them. The low or no mow areas is a good idea. Sports involvement in NZ is reducing so needs to be encouraged.

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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 do not support any further increase in climate action funding

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Everyone is having to make sacrifices to survive so should the council.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Enough already.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please fix the roads, thanks

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: community funding, as events builds a community

i will be really sad if events like lantern festival no longer go ahead

transport is already bad, if reduce funding it'll make it even worse

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed cuts are to very basic public services which would significantly impact all residents of Auckland (especially our most economically vulnerable) directly or indirectly (I.e. economic impacts).

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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: AIAL is such key infrastructure for Auckland so it's important for the council to retain some power and influence in the company's affairs and decision making

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

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

Tell us why: The WQTR programme is such a critical piece of work to address historic infrastructure issues that impact all Aucklanders, why would you reduce investment?!

And NETR is also very important to maintain environmental efforts - if programme work is reduced

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 events, Environmental restoration and pest control, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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You could reduce operational costs that aren't actually important, like the newsletter posted with the rates. Rates can be emailed to most and the newsletter dropped

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Money gets wasted through bureaucracy

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland needs to focus on boosting economic resilience and essential support to communities after the Covid-19 lock-down impact. Some services such as the current transport service are unreasonably costly to which a system re-design is necessary. However, I disagree the reduction of funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 share will create immediate cash income then to reduce the significant amount of bank loan interest.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We cannot afford to reduce regional services such as community and education programmes and social services activities. These programmes have very high outcomes for our community and are completely necessary - these should be increased as we still have sectors of our community that are underserved, undersupported and disconnected. Empowering and connecting communities is crucial to social wellbeing and within the remit of local government to deliver. The local-board funded activities in my area are important to me, and both contribute to community building and better environmental outcomes. The state of the environment is dire and we cannot afford to cut any environment restoration programmes - we need to be supporting these further. I don't think the hours of our libraries should be cut either, libraries and youth centres are a hub for the community and a safe place for many to go and spend time. Library staff do an excellent job.

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

Tell us why: I would rather see this happen than any of the cuts to regoinal and local board funded services. But are these shares a source of income? If so it may be shortsighted to sell them all.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We have been underinvesting in our infrastructe and environment for years, we cannot cut this spending now. Auckland rates are quite low compared to those in other cities - I support increasing rates.

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

Tell us why:I would support an increased operating budget above this. I think more funding needs to be available for investigating flood mitigation solutions, supporting the community to be resilient to emergency events and flooding in each local board area, especial

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment is in a dire state, and increasing community awareness of their impacts on the local environment is vital to improve it. We need increased investment in these areas.

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What do you think of these proposals? rates should be increased to enable investment in our infrastructure and prevent cuts to spending that supports community empowerment and environmental restoration.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council and the CCO's have expanded into areas better serviced by the private sector and which in some instances compete with the private sector, the ownership and operation of film studios being a prime example. Auckland is better served when the public sector stays "in its lane"

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

Tell us why: There is no valid economic reason for a public sector entity to own shares in any publicly listed entity. If it were otherwise, why would Council not borrow every dollar it could and invest in the stock market?

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: The benefit of borrowing needs to outweigh the cost, but borrowing for the sake of borrowing without addressing costs and revenues is a 'debt trap' that will impoverish us all.

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

Tell us why: Find the money from other savings, including quitting non-essential services like business attraction and other functions that belong with central government.

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Tell us why: Its not that one priority is more important than another, its just the money spent on them must reduce or come from cost savings elsewhere.

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Safety! Reduce crime. Local patrol.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas, 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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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?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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? Other

Tell us why: I feel that the current wasting of money due to Auckland Council NOT being vigilant in keeping track of the money spent and the value for money received in by services being paid for. ie, Ventia - Auckland is in a disgraceful mess , berms not mowed , pa

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:

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Tell us why: No accountability by board members .

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We are not cash cow, can't pay higher rate, look the living cost each week.

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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? Other

Tell us why: The govt need to make better plan, not just spent too much on the operation costs.

reduce the govt staffs, to cut the cost.

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

Tell us why: The govt didn't do the storm pipe, build better road, review land use cause the storm damage.

The water care CEO need to resign, PM should go home.

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Tell us why: We need better public transport.

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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Please develop Greenmount recreational activities for the residents of East Tamaki

If funding for local board 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, Open space low / no mow areas

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What do you think of these proposals? Let the people be able to afford rent and food before thinking about the environment

7. What else is important to you?

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

Develop Greenmount hill and plant more trees in the East Tamaki suburbs including housing areas and open spaces. Pohutukawa (or other native) instead of imported Magnolias everywhere.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: A city is its people. Art and culture are intangible goods.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not reduce any. Surely cutting funding to community services as proposed will mean youth have nothing to do and boredom leads to trouble. Ridiculous idea and I feel the council are seeing this as money on paper and not how much value these services bring to the people of the city.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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: Ensuring Auckland can survive weather events is critical to wellbeing and security. This should be a priority. I am happy to increase my rates 1%for this purpose only.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all important and it is disturbing you can only select 3. The funding provided to all of the current activities is what makes Auckland such a great city with a community multi cultural feel.

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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?

A hike in rates and costs is ludicrous in this current economic climate. Auckland is already unaffordable and these proposals will increase poverty, mental health issues and crime among other things. I do not support.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community and education programmes

Local board funded activities

Early childhood education

By taking away the funding for these it will have a detrimental effect on the children. Please do not do this!

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Instead of reductions can we please FOCUS on EFFICIENCIES?! There seems to be no budget accountability when delivering projects at Council or its CCOs resulting in no accountability for any misspening and no delivery of value. There seems to be no discipline around project and change management for Council and its CCO projects.

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Tell us why: Public sector should clearly not be directly invested in private sector as this is a conflict of interest. How does the public know AC is not prioritising projects that would contribute to share value of AKL increasing?

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

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Tell us why: Reducing water quality, waste minimisation? Unacceptable given the mishandling of funds by AC and its CCO funded projects...infrastructure ones being key example, or even other projects such as no value add events held in the city (e.g. Lights festival)

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing 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 it inconceivable and Im shock and disappointed its even being suggested. Also no longer providing early childhood educational services is again beyond my comprehension . It scares me to think whose on this board of council

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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: partial sale makes more sense and would clear the debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:this needs to be done to reduce cost in the future

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts and culture here are what makes me love living here. The festivals in Howick and the Theatre are the light of it

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts and community support should not be removed. - they need support and provide valuable broader community inclusion and support programs for children and communitities - that are often already vulnerable

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Provision of clear milestones and accountability on the works needs to be made public also

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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 facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

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What do you think of these proposals? Our area is NOT well serviced for public transport, interested in understanding the cohesive public transport plan for eastern suburbs as growth outstripping any capacity and frequency/ reliability still a massive issue to integrate into day to day use.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rate increase will affect badly as burden a lot of households who's been hit with high interest rates. Also reducing fund for arts/kids programme/sports ect sound not very good either as what we are looking forward our future(which is our children, as a future country's most important assets) to be ignored and not considering. I am unsure what would be the best solution but one thing for sure you don't want all auckland homeowners are thinking to move out of city, or you don't want to destroy many children's opportunities to enjoy a lot of sports and arts etc.

I think perhaps putting a Auckland museum, art gallery, etc make small compulsary gold coin donation or make certain entry fees for local residents as well and increase higher fees for foreign travellers, so like that kind of money raising scheme. Some of the countries have the city entry fees for the tourists, I think New Caledonia does raise money by charging tourist city entry fees. Since Auckland council supports a lot of tourist industries, why don't you raise money through tourists, rather than squeezing the local people who's struggling through holding their house and pay the kids, fees etc and increasing fees for the local kids art/sports benefits wiped less, sounds really short sighted and not looking after your own citizens.

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Tell us why: I don't think you should sell the countries' main gate to foreighn share holders. What's different becoming colonised. I think you should keep it and raise money through tourist yet again, they wouldn't mind paying little more for the city tax to travel

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

Tell us why: I think we should again try to endeavour to find other way of money making, rather than trying to put more hardship on ordinary most of the people. Perhaps raise the higher rate for the houses, the milti milion dollar properties, or of those riches would

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

Tell us why: What do you mean by the operating budget? If you mean making the sewages and pipes better and larger to reduce the problem for future, yes, please do so, otherwise, you are going to use all that money into consulting only - minimise all that talking only

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Tell us why: I wish Howick local board do something about ease out traffic problem. Let's focus on assisting making people to work better, while you want to tax them than please make the road better for going work easier. Traffic is absolute night mare in the East Au

If funding for local board 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 initiatives, Community programme delivery, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: kids are our future assets and also healthy citizen can make/bring money too, rather than spending more of your fund if become ill.

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

I think we really need to focus on providing good healthcare and good roading system in the city, which make the people be able to work better and can bring more money to the city. Charge foreigners, they have travel insurance, no ACC for them either. C

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Also selling our shareholding in Auckland International Airport (currently around 18 per cent of the Airport's shares) is very short sited and we should be using this shareholder stake to our advantage to increase revenue.

We need to put a temporary 6mth to 1 year halt to all NEW projects (unless they are funded by the government). New housing developments, their associated infrastructure and connections to existing council infrastructure, should be paid for by the developer as a part of their permit.

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport needs to be at least partly owned by the council to ensure it remains in public hands.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Implementing safety initiatives, including dedicated grant / fund to enable increased safety in public places (e.g. lighting) and supporting community groups such as neighbourhood watch and community patrols is not a high priority. Community groups should

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Without funding rhe community facilities will fall into disrepair and will cause a much larger impact on future budgets. Arts and culture are an important part of a community and provide respite from the city hustle, but sadly is often one of the first th

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

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

More public transport means less traffic, less wear and tear onroads

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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: Reduce shares ONLY if they will never give us a profit.

If chance of profit in future need to keep them.

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

Tell us why: Increasing rates probably has to happen, but increasing rates and decreasing services to clear debt is unfair on householders, who face even bigger interest rates, and also general public face increase CPI in increase cost of living.

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

Tell us why: Fixing storm water now will save money later on, by minimizing further devasting flood effects.

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Tell us why: Priorities are not enough to provide feedback. need to know exactly what they will reduce in the area.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waste minimization VIP to minimize climate change.

Library VIP for all who have no computer internet access, area of warmth and support and community groups.

grass needs to be mowed as fire risk

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't charge $40.00 if reducing bin size as this is less waste.

Don't charge for food scrap service.

If can afford swimming pool/spa can afford increased cost of inspections

Don't understand CATR question

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

Christchurch and Dunedin has had for nearly 15 years a large green waste bin for garden and food waste, emptied fortnightly.

I asked Auckland council to start this and they indicated it would not happen for years .WHY this is a waste minimization initiat

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council does not have to provide "everything" for free/discounted. Things like child care is/can/should also be provided by community groups like churches etc., they are closer to the community than council and can be more effective if empowered (i.e. remove roadblocks).

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

Tell us why: The interest saving equals a large portion of the rates increase. Interest rates will be high for some time to come, and more financial disruptions anticipated.

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

Tell us why: Proceed on condition that you define what the average value residential property is. It is not acceptable/ethical to claim an average increase without defining on what valuation, and is one of the reasons council often is not trusted.

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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 is easy to wave the "climate change" flag, but a large portion of the flooding in Auckland was related to a lack of maintenance/clearing over a long time in an effort to make budgets look good. Focus first on improving efficiency, repair road with met

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Tell us why: Migrate some community support/initiatives/programs to community groups/charities/volunteers.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel these are the basics that are important, e.g. it is not important to mow all the lawns. Support community, have some events, and protect the most important part of nature.

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What do you think of these proposals? With the proposed increases, there will be increased illegal dumping, which is already out of control. You will make the situation worse. With the food scraps, we have to pay for the special bags and then also pay a targeted rate? It feels like a lot o

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Airport is necessary investment, privatizing it will cause loss in long run

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Tell us why: priorities seem low impact and costly, focus on bang for buck especially during economic downturn

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Transportation, Quality of areas i.e. lighting that isn't making light pollution, climate change

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining the reduced public transport. Public transport needs to be increased and improved.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Government spending is too high. They do not need more money.

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: Ok. We need to be better prepared for climate change.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Should not increase public transport rates. We need to encourage public transport, not discourage.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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: Didn't sell land to overseas companies who will charge the country more in the long run.

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Tell us why: Fire the Auckland Mayor.

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Tell us why: Put funding into transport and the homelessness crisis. Don't waste money voting for a store that did their job? That's why they have customers.

Fire the Auckland mayor.

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't raise the fees for public transportation. People are already struggling.

Fire the Auckland mayor.

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

Don't cut funding for the homeless, mental health, or addiction services.

We NEED the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Not everyone has money.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: please DO NOT proceed reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes. it's all about our children and future. I believe there is so much more to a happy, healthy and cohesive community than just roads and storm water. Art, Education and community are more important., I believe.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Auckland Council should not be in the business of having ownership interests in privately held businesses.

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

Tell us why: Don't increase rates and don't increase debt! Cut costs MORE. Sell assets. Auckland Council should not be involved in social services. That is the role of central Government. Auckland Council should stick to its core tasks.

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Tell us why: Watercare are responsible for fresh and waste water infrastructure. They depreciate their pipe assets over a long period of time. What has happened to the cash that should be getting put aside to cover that depreciation? The Auckland Council has a flood p

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Tell us why: Stay within the budget. If you cannot, cut some of your programs. Stop taxing people who own homes.

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Open spaces are good for families, particularly those with kids. Community services and facilities can be enjoyed by all.

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What do you think of these proposals? Get rid of the Pool Fencing Compliance team. Get rid of the CATR and all the people involved. Then you won't have to worry about increasing rates to pay for them! Council should not be an activist group. And should not be involved in tasks that are the re

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1. Council owns 1,200 properties. Sell them all. Council should not be in the business of real estate.

2. Maori Outcomes should be scrapped. Maori are just Aucklanders, like the rest of us. 3. Roads are cheaper than rail.

4. All activity with Climate Ac

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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 good to keep some 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

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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: Our rates are expensive enough

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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It is proposed to reduce funding by $16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this 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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Water quality very important

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I support the council's proposal to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources. Maintaining the current reduced number of public transport services is reasonable given the ongoing uncertainty around COVID-19. While reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and regional services, and local board funded activities, may have short-term impacts, they can be seen as necessary steps to reduce costs and ensure essential services can be provided. Reducing regional contestable grants and no longer directly providing early childhood education services can also be reasonable cost-saving measures. Overall, I believe these proposals strike a balance between reducing costs and providing essential services to ratepayers.

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

Tell us why: I believe that the proposed amendment to the AIAL shareholding policy should not be made. Selling all or part of our shareholding may reduce the council's debt and save on interest costs in the short term. However, this would also mean giving up potential

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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 moderate rates increase and the prudent use of debt will help the council address its budget challenge while minimizing the impact on ratepayers.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is a very general proposal, ut doesn't explain what exactly is going to be reduced and how that will affect some services. In terms of arts and culture you need to review your numbers, which project actually benefits the public?

Some buses are driving around empty, that is not sustainable and

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: You need to set up a special initiative / department for emergency situation where through events, founding, business cooperations and government and other ideas money is raised for emergency situations.

Increasing rates for residents will just resul

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Tell us why: Howick board needs to be more visable and active in the community and get youth & volunteers involved in their projects (for instance for enviromenral , conservation projects as a collab with local schools - young generation needs more educatio

If funding for local board 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, Environmental initiative volunteers

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What do you think of these proposals? All council's run initiatives need to focus on numbers and their actual useage. For instance how many people are actually using some buses ? Do we need such big buses on some routes? Perhaps a mini bus service will be more suitable and cheaper to run?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Library opening hours should be reduced as the online library is available 24x7

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The information that has been released out the public is not accessible. Is there an indicator on how much has been spent of the community funding? There has been a lot of crimes in our community and there needs to be more community funding accessible to institutes to help best support our youth as if they are engaged in a community activity we may not be in the situation we are in now.

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
4	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
1	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

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reducing community and education programmes and arts and culture programmes and regional events is concerning. These things bring our city alive.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland council should be looking at all areas to reduce costs, which have blown out ever since the Super city was formed. In approx 12 years, our rates have increased from $1800 per year, to $5250 per year. with no changes made to the property. This is outrageous and unacceptable.

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

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Tell us why: Our property had a 22% rates increase last year, with no alterations or improvements done in the last 20 years. I oppose any rate increase, and propose Auckland council makes better use and choices with the rates they are already getting. All you are doi

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Tell us why: This work should be included in the normal day to day responsibility of the Council.

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Tell us why: Stop wasting money and do the job council was set up to do.

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Stop increasing Rates just so you have more money to spend. Have you not heard of "living within your means". The rates increases are just driving up rents and the cost of living in this city. You are driving people out of the city because it is too expen

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Tell us why: Must reduce debt but maintain some voting rights in the Airport

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Councils should not be in the business of stock market investment. If I had a massive mortgage on my house, and was using the money to invest in shares, most advisers would think me stupid. The only guaranteed return on investment that will generally beat

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Tell us why: Rates should never have to rise at a rate greater than inflation unless the council is providing its rate payers with better or more services. If expenditure threatens to exceed income then cost savings need to be made, whether by staffing cuts, better ne

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Tell us why: This is a typical knee jerk reaction to a problem that has been a long time in the making. The council needs to seek expert guidance on the ways to mitigate climate change weather events. Stopping all further residential development that encroaches on per

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Tell us why: Local safety and crime prevention initiatives are OK. Giving discretionary grants to virtually everyone who puts their hand out is unnecessary.

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What do you think of these proposals? There is nothing wrong with my waste collection bins. Replacing them is an unnecessary cost, not to mention the disposal costs of the old bins.

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Tell us why: as per my response above to this

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Tell us why: Maintains an interest but significantly reduces costs

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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: A simple, effective option

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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: Current rates and or future increases should cover 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 would prefer funding to be used in other areas of more importance, especially the continuance of Kauri Kids early childhood education centres

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Community facilities and services, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: Supporting Kauri Kids is the most important funding required in Howick so this facilty can continue to support our local parents and children.

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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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Howick

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Additional saving particularly where staff numbers or salaries çan be achieved

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

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Organisation (if applicable): Otahuhu United AFC

Your local board: Howick

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Under investment across the entire council operated portfolio has meant facilities are already undersupported. Further cuts to facility management, maintenance schedules and proposed works will impact communities where people no longer pride or value our areas, thus requiring more maintenance as they will treat them like they look, 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? 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: Partial sale of shares will at least allow the council to receive a dividend in future years and maintain a stake in the gateway to Auckland

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: This allows an offset which will help fund the council and have Auckland contributing a fair share to helping Auckland

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why: Use the existing rates increase to cover the needs for storm preparation. Why not just say rates increase by 5% instead of doing a separate 1% increase. This tells me both rates could increased to high numbers meaning we could be imposed very high individ

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are important as it targets three areas of the community that have been under valued and under funded. If cuts happen the impact to these areas is less likely to cause major distruption

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Introduce community programs that target being house proud and cleaning gutters/ drains regularly

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any of the arts and early childhood education funding cuts because these things are important to our city!

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Divest Auckland Transport from council umbrella.

It does not deliver or resolve transport issues

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

Tell us why: Keep the percentage in Auckland Airportthe same. No divesting.

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: All organisation's are under pressure. Find efficiencies within council rather than finding easy way out increasing rates.

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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

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Tell us why: Focus to improve on ecological and sustainable initiatives.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These are for all citizens to enjoy

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: DO NOT CUT/ CLOSE THE ECE FINDING!! this would have one of the biggest negative impacts on our community which are already struggling with finding childcare. Kauri Kids are a staple of the community and cutting that would put large amounts of stress on parents as well as children. I find it unbelievable that this is even a consideration when we know that ECE is already a struggling sector and now you want less options for children? Childcare is important to the future of this country and it is not running at a loss currently? Luxury expenses like golf on the other hand are costing the taxpayers MILLIONS and somehow they are not on the chopping block? lets re-evaluate our priorities as a community because this is silly to say the least!

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not support anything that relates to closing of community daycare spaces such as Kauri Kids daycare. Your wording seems unclear "Explore opportunities for partnerships with the community on projects such as (but not limited to) business awards and pr

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do whatever we need to to keep Kauri Kids Daycare. Cutting finding to childcare in this age is unbelievable. I find it shocking that this is even an option. ECE is the most important part of a childs development and in a sector that is already under supp

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with no longer providing direct ECE services, as well as reductions in funding to the arts space.

We have spent 4 years so far trying to save for a house and are still years off this goal so the impact of moving our children out of a funded centre would be majorly impactful as we would not be able to afford private care.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Increase rates for higher income activities such as golf memberships to support maintenance of relative property/land

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: While I agree that there is need to revisit and stop throwing good money after bad, I feel we should also be careful not to take away what makes good to live in Auckland. Cleanliness is next to goodness they say, so making sure Auckland is kept clean, parks are maintained, roads and foot paths are maintained (as an example) is important to the wellbeing of the people.

There is also need to may be add new free programs e.g. free swimming lessons and not only through schools to address the drowning tragedies we hear about.

But yes pilots/trials should be conducted and if the case is not proven free programs should be shelved.

There is definitely need to stop any funding to anything that shows nil to negligible return on investment.

To conclude: Yes to cuts but need to be judicious about it and not just cut across board with no regards to impact to people's wellbeing.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council to become more efficient to do more with less as well as revisit current way of operating. Instead of centralising may be we should consider delegating to local boards with a budget allocated.

Also, I'd expect Auckland Council to find o

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Tell us why: Seems not much option.

Having said that, we do expect that full investigation is carried out as to what caused the issues where they were avoidable eg did new builds that faced the issue cut corners and actions including fines be imposed on these 'rogue'

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?) Local community grants, Community facilities and services, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Stop the wastage at Auckland Council and other CCOs

It takes way too long to complete roadworks in Auckland.. and the speed limits reduction 24 x 7 is a joke .. while we appreciate speed kills and that there is a case to manage traffic flow at peak hours

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

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

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Tell us why:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

1) Mandatory Vehicle Insurance: Auckland Transport should introduce a Mandatory Vehicle Insurance for all classes of road vehicles. This will be an annual renewal together with WOF and Rego renewals. It is also an opportunity to formally register vehicle

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Inequity of Māori will be further increased.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These reductions will be felt far more by the poorest in our community, particularly the cuts to buses and CAB. A rates rise is the best way forward

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

Tell us why: This is not a good time to sell. Removing assets will only cripple the council in the long run anyway

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

Tell us why: Set higher general rates and higher debt. We need capital investments made now, we can reduce spending to make up debt later

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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: Storms will only get worse and more frequent. Our infrastructure will require more frequent maintenance and higher quality replacements

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: We need more spending, not less

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our environment is rapidly deteriorating and only our council has the authority to do something about it

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on 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 balance the books as any individual, household or company knows

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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: Is it 4.66% or 7%? It can't be both. My 2022/2023 rates increased by 10.7% over the previous year. 10.7%! Ratepayers are not the piggybank of Auckland Council. Businesses can claim their rates as a business expense and it reduces the income tax they pay,

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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: Building up a 'savings' base is a good idea (after all it's what the government has been telling us for years) but take it out of normal income (as all ratepayers have to) - don't expect ratepayers to fund it as something additional. Imagine if I went to

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Tell us why: Do we really need business awards? What do 'support community empowerment' and 'funding and ongoing sustainability and self-sufficiency' mean? Are they really something substantial and 'feet on the ground' or are they superfluous and 'pie in the sky'?

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I am so pleased to hear that Auckland Transport has been told to stop wasting money on projects that Auckland ratepayers don’t want and speed up Auckland’s transport system, while making it more resilient. Fantastic :)

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: NETR and WQTR should not be reduced.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Howick ward has seen great progress in the environmental space in the past few years thanks to new initiatives and the work of volunteers. We should continue supporting these efforts.

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Tell us why: It is like selling the family silver - if you get rid of the whole package you'll never get this resource back!!

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Tell us why: As long as the operational budget does get spent on this specific purpose, we need to future proof Auckland in the face of more extreme weather events and stop doing wasteful "improvements/repairs" on eg Tamaki Drive - which has been flooding in normal w

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Tell us why: The emphasis on Safety - from weather events or criminals is really important and AC has a role to look after ratepayers and others in this respect. Connected and empowered local communities are key in this resolve and so does looking after the natural en

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It's good to cut your community activities as if people from different cultures want activities then they need to fund them selves

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: If you sell then you will lose an income stream going forward so use this as an enduring revenue stream

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent 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: Do not take on anymore debt and stay with in your means

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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

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: This board is terrible and wasteful on their spending. Again community events and wasteful activities but Barry Curtis park needs a rebuild and they don't do it because a local community group wants to stand around singing instead of doing what's best for

If funding for local board 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 facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Providing safe places which are the core basics and lost on the Howick board

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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals? Again most are wasteful spending and should be reduced

7. What else is important to you?

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

Stop the procurement strategy for maintenance services. I know a number of contractors who have to issue false invoices for work done on council property because the service provide isn't pricing work correctly so instead of 1 hour they have to bill 2 hou

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: NZ needs to keep our assets

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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?

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

Our city looks untidy with rubbish and weeds. Please ensure staff/contractors are fulfilling their roles properly when maintaining parks, berms, waterways, footpaths. A tidy city will mean people take more pride in where we live.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If you proceed with these cuts you will be stripping the city of what it needs if it's to be the city it needs to be.

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

Tell us why: Selling at this time when the market is not great is giving away money and an asset that could be leveraged if required.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set a higher rates increase and make more use of debt. Then focus on increasing revenue over a continued race to the bottom by trying to limit the rates increase. Could start by developing and leasing the Auckland Council/Auckland Transport property inclu

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: We need to really get to work on making sure our infrastructure is resilient and up to the task, especially as Auckland is continuing to grow.

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: We can't slow down. It's even more important to build a strong local community and look after the ecological 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 community grants, Local community events, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to support the local community if it is to thrive and community grants help with this. We need to build connection within the community as well which local events help towards achieving as well as giving people something to look forward to. We sho

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

What do you think of these proposals? I don't support the CATR being reprioritised by Auckland Transport which is continuing to cut services rather than expand them. So many people overwhelmingly voted in support of the CATR because they thought it would see some positive action finally taken

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Capital tax, tax businesses making record profits

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As Wayne Brown considers.

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

Tell us why: The investment provides no income and costs debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: Focus on serious debt reduction for the future.

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: Lock this fund in, so future Councils cannot just 'rob' the fund later for vanity projects.

5. Local Boards

Ōrākei Local Board

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: In reality every one should see reductions to those items essential only - provide a nice to have or vanity testing regime.

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find $650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of $1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.**What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services?** Support

Tell us why: Address only basic projects and reduce waste.

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?

Concerns regarding to enforced push against cars / parking and personal transport.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: early childhood education services - seems important; regional contestable grants- seems important; local board funded activities - seems important; 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 - seem like essential social and cultural functions of a modern city...

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Completely selling off assets/investments is usually not a good plan and makes the council poor in the long run.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: A capital gains and/or land tax could help.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 city needs it

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Tell us why: Not sure why we need business awards, but the rest is important.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please implement stricter noise control policies and fines as you cram more people into the same area.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes. People needs them.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: people already struggles with high interest, and inflation, how can you increase rate so much.

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

Tell us why:stop unnecessary project, like bike line.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

safe community!!!!! too many criminals.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland's international reputation and attractiveness as a city in which to live will be severely impacted by a reduction in these services. I think we should think beyond the immediacy of the budget and instead focus on the long-term implications of service reduction.

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Tell us why: The council does not have the skills to be an effective airport manager.

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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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Staff reductions. As more work and income would be needed this causing to pay more unnecessarily

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: I would love to buy a house. However I do not earn enough money to pay for the house. If I do pay for a house per week I am left with 50 dollars to my name. No other bills will be paid then this leaving me in a bad spot so I will not be buying a house.

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Tell us why: You spend a lot of money dropping the speed limits instead of making the roads safer. Make the roads safer and level rather than drop speed limits. It is irritating driving the silly speed limits when I have things to do and work to get to, it is very str

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because if we don't look after our environment we won't have a healthy lifestyle. Places like Muriwai beach will be really damaged and littered with rubbish causing harm to the area and closing the beach.

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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? Housing prices. They are crazy expensive and as a young person trying to buy a house will never be able to afford a house so I am not even going to bother looking to buy as a person cannot survive on 50 dollars a week after paying for the house and still

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?

Making sure the roads are safer to drive rather than lowering the speed limit.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Regional services and local board activities are important to our communities.

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

Tell us why: It's not your job wayne to sell shares just cos it's hard for you right now. Take a pay cut or make redundancies

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

Tell us why: More bull shit.

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Tell us why:

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

Why do we have so many councillors and soo many local board members. What do they actually do? Save some money by getting rid of those who don't do anything. Some councillors and local board members dont even go to meetings. Why are they still paid

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'Do not proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

- Reducing regional services,

- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

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.

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: '- Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland an enjoyable place to live and to visit. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, and bring

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 do not support most priorities

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

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
3	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
5	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
4	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, Arts and culture programme, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any of these reductions, reducing funding to these services is short-sighted and will have multiple long-term negative impacts to Auckland.

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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: Shares are at a low, it will be unwise to sell them now.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

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: Climate change is going to make these events more common.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Tamaki Makaurau will need all it's facilities and infrastructure to be a funtioning city so rates will have to increase. Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is very important as both a window and a mirror for all the peoples of this city. We need to show our amazing artworks to our people and any visitors and we need to be inspired by international art. This is important for all Aucklanders it is not only a space for one specific group of people. If we don't have this window creativity will wither and weaken.

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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 International Airport should remain in council's hands as we need to have control of that space. We are an island and the airport is our lifeline.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We do realise that it is a tough year but reducing the money needed to make Tamaki Makaurau a functioning city should not be compromised.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 mentioned above it is needed to improve all aspects of the city.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: I am particularly interested in the support of Continue to focus on ecological and /or environmental initiatives, for example, extending the Howick Stream Improvement Programme for greater stream restoration and protection of native species habitats.

If funding for local board 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, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and culture initiatives

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

We have to make Tamaki Makaurau and Howick resilient to climate change

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The council is providing essential community services most used by vulnerable communities and by reducing support you are disadvantaging the communities that need it most, especially with the increased cost of living. I think it's disgusting that you would even consider cutting services like early childhood education when so many parents desperately need to work to provide for their families. By supporting parents to do so with out massive child care costs keeps people in employment when Auckland is already understaffed in so many essential areas, and keeps them off long term government support.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 elected members (i.e. the council) to have some ownership in such an important resource.

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

Tell us why: The full cost should not be entirely dumped on rate payers but they should carry some of the burden.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Prioritise are sensible but I'm concerned about what will be cut.

If funding for local board 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 initiative volunteers, Community facilities and services, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: It's vulnerable communities that need these services - stop targeting them and target non-essential services for cuts

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

What do you think of these proposals? Do NOT close Early Childhood Centres! The community desperately needs them. Waitlists for other centres are months long - where are the kids going to go?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Stop targeting education for cuts! It's such an essential service in so many ways.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: With the inflation, the OCR and general rates, I have been pushing myself to make end meets. Further increase in the general rates will probably break our family apart. The council should do something about the homeless people that is increasing in our community. It should not be a council job to feed them when they are able to work to earn their living.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: The inflation has hit hard on us that are trying our best to make end meets. You should get the money back from the people that miss use the government benefit. Homeless people should be brought into workforce. It is not sustainable to fund them when some

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Changes to bus services. As we are struggling with funding at the moment, I would suggest that we maintain and use what we have for now. We could start changing all those buses to electric ones once we have more budget to save cost.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland is already suffering from a lack of culture and arts.

If you reduce funding for the arts, community services, regional events and Tataki then Auckland will literally slowly become a soul-less dull city in comparison to other cities around the world. You may think that "arts don't matter" but it ****ing does and brings soul and life into the city. It is the BLOOD that goes into the HEART of the city.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe that you are going about this the wrong way. We are paying our rate for a reason. The budget must be balanced some other way, but not by reducing the outcomes. I believe there to be much wastage elsewhere (e.g. too many contractors, exhorbitant costs for contractors, high salary, too many managers and not enough staff that actually do the work.)

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Tell us why: How can a city sell an asset like its major airport? makes no sense.

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

Tell us why: again, i think you re going about this incorrectly and ultimately the rate payers are the losers. Too many people are sitting on the gravy train.

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

Tell us why: Auckland council has taken in a lot of revenue for infill housing and subdivisions. This money should have been spent to future proof the assets. The outcome of the weather event sits squarely on Auckland council and the developers.

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What do you think of these proposals? start charging "user pays" for waste. Some households get away with only putting the bins out every 4 weeks and then they are not even full, because they are willing to make the effort to reduce waste. Have better options for recycling.

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Please fix up Auckland transport woes, its a disgrace and halts productivity. Even if you were to synchronise the traffic lights along major arterial routes for a start, instead of turning every traffic light area in to parking lot, no matter what.

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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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These are the most ignorant, foolish, and thoughtless proposals we have ever read.

Wayne needs to go.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting arts funding to meet budget shows a significant lack of understanding of the cultural ROI of investing in the arts. If there are no arts/festivals then hospitality and supporting industries will suffer. What's next? Will we sell significant artworks from the art gallery?

Cutting social spending will just amplify the problems and create a larger liability.

Cutting tourism promotion also shows no understanding of the ROI of such services.

Would be better to focus on optimizing council service delivery and reducing duplication of service (such as the Auckland amalgamation was to provide but never did)

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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: Sure, cities have always regretted selling revenue generating assets but if that is Mayor Browns legacy then so be it.

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

Tell us why: I'd rather have a vibrant arts scene and a city that cares for it's people than lower rates.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I'd rather have core council services and arts funding than local board priorities.

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Tell us why:

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Given the lack of dividends and benefits from AIAL, it is a no brainer to divest and sort out our current dismal financial situation.

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Tell us why: As long as this extra money is spent on actual infrastructure and not wasteful spending.

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Tell us why: Agree to proceed with Implement safety initiatives, including dedicated grant / fund to enable increased safety in public places (e.g. lighting) and supporting community groups such as neighbourhood watch and community patrols

Do not support spending mon

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not support prioritising north western busway.

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Focus on what is core services expected from Council.

Please cut back wasteful spending especially from Auckland Transport. They need to brought under control.

Cut back ALL SPENDING for Eke Panuku and Tataaki.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Most of these are not important. Stick to picking up rubbish, fixing footpaths, maintaining playgrounds . Basics.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Community leasing charges

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

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Better gender representation on council bodies

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1) Maintaining public transport services at the current reduced levels - I see this as a short-sighted approach to saving costs, which will hold back progress towards the long term goals Auckland needs to achieve. Improving the number and range of public transport services and routes is a key part of increasing the transport options available so that Aucklanders now and in future can be better connected, and move around our city in ways that are safe, healthy, and low-impact for the environment. Delaying increases and improvements in public transport service will hold Auckland back. Especially in a year when rail closures are already disrupting how we get around the city and making it harder for people who rely on public transport, restoring higher service levels is necessary. Delaying action in this area will also make it harder to reduce our collective greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, contributing to ongoing climate change and increased risk of events like the recent storms and flooding. I think the responsible choice in this situation is to prioritise improving access to healthy, safe, low-emissions transport choices such as public transport, so we can reap the benefits sooner and help prevent worse future outcomes.

2) Reducing local board funded activities / reducing regional contestable grants - I think that across these two items, a smaller reduction in budget should be made than what is proposed. Constraining local board activities and removing

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Tell us why: Selling the Council's shares in AIAL will only provide a one-off financial benefit, particularly if the proceeds are being used only to reduce the budget deficit and not re-invested in new assets elsewhere. Selling off Council's shares also seems likely t

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Tell us why: I think that general rates will need to increase to enable Council to make better decisions in other areas, such as maintaining and increasing service provision instead of making budget cuts, and retaining AIAL shares. Keeping the average rates rise below

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

Tell us why: The damage and disruption we have seen from recent storms clearly shows a need for Auckland to become more resilient and better prepared for extreme weather events. I support the provision of additional funds to respond to this need. However, I think the

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Tell us why: I agree with the importance of most of the key priorities listed.

The main area that I think could be deprioritised relative to other areas is safety initiatives. I think that safety in the Howick local board is already high, and that initiatives such as

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: My biggest concern currently is responding to climate change. I think as we see more frequent and severe impacts from global average temperature rise, there is an urgent need to both reduce emissions and move towards a more resilient and sustainable way o

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What do you think of these proposals? In general, I support increasing targeted rates to ensure that the associated services can be delivered.

I am in favour of cost increases in waste management, especially where these have the potential to incentivise waste minimisation efforts. To make su

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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 do not have specific feedback on the other issues listed on pages 58 – 60 of the consultation document.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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:

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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, Library opening hours, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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.	Other

What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why: This survey seems to be constructed to achieve a certain result, it is not balanced but biased.

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

Tell us why: Why would you separate increase general rates and make greater use of debt together? This survey is biased.

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Tell us why: We need to fix Aucklands problems, especially storm water.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? This survey seems to be biased on a specific viewpoint and trying to direct people in that direction. It does seem to be an attempt to create backing for an objective of reducing spending and limit rates increases.

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This survey is not balanced and it's objective is confusing. I not believe this survey should be used if it is not responded to by at least 40% of Aucklanders. It will not be a representation but an irrelevant document.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rates increase can just not happen - reading the room - we are in a cost of living crisis

Keep Music in Parks

Drop Movie in Parks

Sell Airport 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: Seems council needs the money - we don't need to have shares in the airport - I don't see any rebates personally

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: NO Increase in rates -

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

Tell us why: Not impacted in East Auckland but understand need to upgrade infrastructure related to storms

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

Transport - East Auckland (Dannemora) - no bus to Sylvia Park - have to go to bus to panmure then train to Sylvia - quicker to drive .

Half moon bay ferry - extend timetable for Friday and Saturday nights so we can go into the city and come back later

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community services and local board events should not be reduced - its all about people - what do people need? Some need help! Some need fun! Some need exercise! Some need relaxation! Please don't reduce the funding for our local community events and services!

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Tell us why: Aucklanders have higher interest rates on mortages and rates are going up - not to mention everything else - don't hurt the people financially further! Or at least only increase SOME rates for houses of a higher value i.e $3million plus

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pool inspection fee increase - my guy spent 10 minutes on site to pass our pool inspection- cant see why we should pay more if thats the case

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Music in the parks - keep them!!!!

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

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

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

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?) Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Lloyd Elsmore pools are in need of maintenance and upgrade.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't think these activities should be cut as they invest in the future of our city and its citizens:

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save $20 million

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million

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

Tell us why: Cashing out seems like a short term gain but long term loss.

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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: $3 a week increase seems reasonable for a world class liveable city

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

Tell us why: We need to be proactive in addressing the effects of climate change. For too long people have put convenience, savings and profit first to the detriment of our infrastructure and environment.

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Tell us why: I strongly support environmental initiatives.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Grassroots environmental education will ensure the council's sustainability initiatives are understood and embraced. Community events maintain community spirit. Regeneration of environment is key to a sustainable future.

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing community and local board funds

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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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Funding to the arts and music is very important as an escape from everyday life and mental health for the wider community

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep access to the libraries - that's needed for educational purposes. Preferably increase access to libraries. Invest more in community engagement - there plenty of volunteers who do good work, but too much red tape from Auckland Council regulations.

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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 assets.

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: More the debt is not a solution, unless they are used for investment. Debts should not be used to cover general 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: Make sure it's wisely spent.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Don't waste money. Lots of double handling, poor repairs on local roads which need to be fixed again shortly after.

Keep maintaining the drains and culverts etc. It would have prevented some flood damage.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with reductions but put the rates up if we have to to continue with street maintenance, spraying, rubbish collections and upgrading roads. The city looks a mess everywhere you go from rubbish in the gutters, roadsides, drains blocked and graffiti.

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

Tell us why: If it is sold off completely Auckland would not have a voice in how the airport operates in the future. It is a vital link to the rest of the country and the world.

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

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

Tell us why: Don't borrow and get Auckland into more debt. People who have lived in certain areas all of their lives are now being forced to sell their houses to pay the ever increasing rates.

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

Tell us why: We need to be updating drainage, and building good roads not low standard fix up jobs like we are seeing at the moment. We do not want more cycle lanes if the weather is going to prove more troublesome. Very few people use them now and it will be even les

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: We desperately need some community patrols. The hoons screaming around the streets are a big problem. There could be programmes to encourage people to go out and pick up rubbish. School campaigns to encourage young children be careful with rubbish. We

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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?

Have a real good look at Auckland Transport. I have been calling them recently to get information and help and they are next to useless. It needs a big shakeup. Our street has just had cones put both sides and no notice was given by the idiots who deci

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

- Reducing regional services,

- Reducing local board funded activities, and

- Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

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

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Leave educational items, local funding and public transport alone. Those impact the vulnerable less privileged persons.

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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: Reduce debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most 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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The arts and culture is a vital scene for Aucklanders. There are so many artists in Auckland, including myself, that rely on arts and culture funding to sustain a career. Arts is the most valuable form of expression we have, and without it Auckland will be a boring and sad place. Theatre, live music, arts events and celebrations of our diversity keep our city alive.

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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: I'm unfamiliar with 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

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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: Auckland is slowly becoming unliveable for many of its occupants. I went to the supermarket the other day and cried at the price of food. $154 is a significant increase from rates we currently pay. New Zealand's debt should we used to amend roads and infr

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: It is imperative we support people affected by natural disaster.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: Funding towards priorities that ensure our community is safer and more interconnected is vital.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

The cut to arts funding will be the most devastating for myself and my community. Please do not let this occur. Artists are already so under funded in Aotearoa.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: airport shares may improve in the future

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Do not allow rebuilding in flood prone areas.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't want my rates increased even further

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

Tell us why: The council should be providing services not holding shares in the airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: The council should be looking at slowly reducing dept not increasing it.

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Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why: council needs cashflow

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Tell us why: Aucklanders require rates relief, or at least no increases.

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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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not slash early childhood care and public transport

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

Tell us why: Do not sell public assets to businesses and other interest groups

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

Tell us why:

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The impacts 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: It would make sense to weather proof storm drains and infrastructure in the changing face of climate change and how it affects us

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Selling shares will help for the next 5-10 years but will hurt the city beyond that. More short term thinking aimed to benefit the boomers who will be dead when the chickens come home to roost.

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Tell us why: Borrowing has to be paid back with interest. The pay back and interest are funded by rates. This means at some stage the rates will have to be increased. In the long term a rate increase now is the cheapest.

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Tell us why: People do not like paying rates but this the cheapest way of funding.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As a manager at CAB I urge Council to continue funding the Auckland Bureaux and offer the following submission.

OUR SERVICE

About Auckland CABs

• Citizens Advice Bureau throughout Auckland provide an essential service. Staffed by over 900 fully-trained volunteers in 32 locations, we provide free help to anyone to navigate their issues/problems and understand their options.

• CAB has been in operation in Auckland for 50+ years, consistently helping people and supporting community wellbeing.

• Last year we assisted 163,186 people. Our clients are diverse. 53% of Auckland CAB clients are non-NZ European, and we help people of all ages. The biggest age cohort for our clients is people in their 30s (24%).

• We maintain a community directory of over 8,000 Auckland services, clubs and groups.

What we do and why it's important

- We ensure people know what their rights and responsibilities are and what services are available to them. We are both a first port of call and sometimes a last resort for people who need help – to navigate their issues and understand their options. We uphold people's dignity and ability to participate in society and serve a critical role in supporting people to access their fundamental human rights of access to food, shelter, social security, equality and justice.

- We help anyone with any question or problem. These cover the whole range of issues that impact on wellbeing. For example, housing and tenancy, relationship issues including care of children, Neighbour disputes, employment rights and responsibilities, consumer protection, income support, access to food assistance, immigration and more.

- We help to connect people to services, groups, clubs and activities that support wellbeing and community cohesion.

- We assist with a wide range of enquiries relating to Council and local community issues - like rubbish and recycling services, rates, local body elections, parking problems, water, sewerage, noise and nuisance, small business issues, and many more.

- We provide additional support in times of crisis. We supported people through the COVID-19 pandemic. With the recent flooding and state of national emergency, we have helped people with access to emergency accommodation, food relief, Civil Defence support payments, and advice about damage to property, blocked drains, trees, tenancy rights, and insurance.

- Clients often have multiple issues at the same time and so our universal service is able to respond to the whole person in a way that a single-focus agency is not able to.

- We also provide a significant place of community connection, belonging and contribution for our substantial workforce of volunteers. Many thousands of Aucklanders have contributed their skills, time and aroha over the 50+ years of our service being present in Auckland.

THE ISSUE

Auckland Council is proposing CAB funding is cut

- CAB Auckland (ACABx) has been named in the draft Auckland Council Budget for 2023-2024 as a community service for which funding is to be reduced or cut completely. Council reps have advised us that "almost certainly, on the face of it" our funding from Council will cease.

- Council is looking to cut or stop funding effective 1 July this year.

- There is no alternative source of funding waiting in the wings.

- Very few other funders are prepared to fund operational costs and the Local Government Act 2002 places responsibility for community wellbeing on councils, so it is appropriate for councils to fund vital local services like ours.

- If funding is stopped, it will only be a matter of months before Auckland CABs would have to cease operation.

What will happen if CAB ceases to exist in Auckland?

- Without CAB, many vulnerable Aucklanders will be without the assistance they need and will struggle to know and act on their rights and responsibilities. They will not get connected to the services and supports they need. This will leave a huge gap in Auckland's social infrastructure.

- If Aucklanders are not able to get help with their questions and concerns, this will exacerbate people's distress, intensify disadvantage and have negative impacts in our communities.

- Access to other community services may also be impacted as a range of organisations use CAB sites to hold face to face interactions with their clients, eg, Community Law, Budgeting, Counselling, Employment Clinics, Migrant Clinics, Family Court Navigators.

OUR RESPONSE

What we want

- We are asking the Mayor and all Auckland Councillors to drop this proposal and ensure continued funding for Auckland CABs.

- While we understand the Council has an $11 billion+ debt that needs to be reduced, we believe CAB services must continue to be funded.

- We provide critical social infrastructure through our accessible, confidential, free service of information and advice. Our services are highly valued by Aucklanders and are needed now more than ever.
- There are clear and compelling reasons why Auckland Council must continue to fund Auckland CABs.

Why the Council should continue to fund Auckland CABs

It is consistent with Auckland Council's role in promoting community wellbeing

- Under the Local Government Act 2002, Council has a responsibility for the wellbeing of local communities.
- Under its own Thriving Communities Strategy - Ngā Hapori Momoho 2022-2032, the Council has committed to a number of wellbeing goals including increasing whānau and community financial security, increasing access and participation, growing community connection, and increasing community resilience.
- CAB contributes to wellbeing not just through delivery of its services, but also in providing a place of community connection, belonging and contribution to its workforce of volunteers.
- Funding the CAB is a cost-effective way for the Council to achieve its wellbeing goals.

CAB meets community needs that Auckland Council and others cannot – loss of the service would create more unmet need in the community

- The service can be widely accessed - face-to-face, over the phone, via the chat function on the website, or by email. It is accessible to both the digitally excluded and the digitally able, to people who like to do things remotely and to people who need in-person help.
- Face-to-face help is in high demand – 53% of enquiries received by Auckland CABs in the past year were face-to-face.
- The independence of the CAB is a key reason people seek out our service. Sometimes people prefer to get assistance from a non-government agency (whether local or central government), and CAB is valued as an impartial, fair place to get information and support.
- We are a confidential and non-judgmental service. People can access our service regardless of who they are. They don’t have to register or qualify as is the case with many services. They can remain anonymous and know their privacy will be respected.
- The Chief Justice has recently acknowledged the importance of the CAB in enabling access to justice. Our service model provides a leading way to provide ready access to information about rights and dispute resolution pathways.

The Auckland CAB service is a lean and cost-effective operation with a high return on investment

- The CAB provides a significant return on investment for its funding - for example, an ImpactLab study of the measurable social good of the assistance provided by CAB North Shore for clients with relationship issues (relationship break-ups, property issues, care of children, etc) found that it delivered measurable social good, equating to $13.20 for every $1 spent on the service - this points to the significant measurable good of the CAB in Auckland. Annually, $2m funding gives a potential return of $26.4m.
- Central government funding supports all Auckland CABs through the funding central government provides to CABNZ, the national body of CAB. Central government funding enables the underlying infrastructure including the IT system, intranet and knowledge base that all volunteers in Auckland use to deliver the CAB service, as well as enabling L&D resources, policies, service standards and other national systems that underpin the CAB service. These are significant essential costs that Auckland Council does not have to cover.

Auckland CABs must be part of council’s strategy for meeting community need and supporting community wellbeing now and into the future

- Pandemics, the cost of living, and the growing impacts of the climate crisis, mean that community assistance, like that provided by the CAB, is needed now more than ever.
- The CAB has a key role to play in ensuring people are connected to the information, advice, support and services they need to navigate life’s problems and challenges - which, for many, are increasing and becoming more complex.
- The CAB has many multilingual volunteers who are able to help clients in their own language, as well as access to a telephone and video interpreting service that complements our pool of multilingual volunteers. This ensures that language is not a barrier to people being able to get the help that they need. The interpreting services is funded by central government.

• As the Council says in its Thriving Communities Strategy - Ngā Hapori Momoho 2022-2032, “Many Aucklanders are struggling to make ends meet and to participate meaningfully in community life. COVID-19 and the changing climate will make things harder for those already struggling.” The CAB is well-positioned to meet the changing needs of Aucklanders.

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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Restore the native trees to Maunga Pigeon Mountain (Ohuirangi) It has been almost 4 years since mature exotic trees were felled without consultation with the community. This has scarred the mountain and causes destabilisation to the area. Planting could h

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: I do not understand how reducing debts will result in further increase in rates??

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Tell us why: Rate increase seem inevitable. Make it a lower increase and manage taxes more effectively. No more of the nonsense high expenses on consultants. What do local politicians do?

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 an important item to address and it will cost. Just make sure spend is done right. Manage our taxes more efficiently.

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Tell us why: These are important items that has been in the local board's priorities. Do not lose sight of these .

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What do you think of these proposals? Just manage our taxes better and be transparent in everything. Let lose non-critical and non-performing staff. Rationalise all spending and listen to the feedback here.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland's public transport system was starting to work well and has been let down by reduced services driving people back into their cars. Not an area where savings should be made given the cities sustainability goals.

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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: Sounds like a good decision in tough times.

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

Tell us why: A higher general rates increase and use of debt so that the essential funding on NETR and WQTR. It is essential we do not loose focus on environmental objectives which have been underfunded for a number of years now in a period where the city has grown si

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Tell us why: Support ecological and environmental initiatives, community empowerment. Other items could be cut for this budget - for example I have never felt unsafe in 50 years living in this area so not sure of the need for safety initiatives - perhaps som local one

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pools fencing needs to be regulated, but spa pools come with lockable covers so I am not sure if we have the balance around water safety right. I could point out a number of water hazards in public spaces that are of more concern than spa pools i

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

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

Tell us why:

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 storm drainage so that feces don't flow out into the ocean when there is heavy rain. Support wetlands to help avoid floods.

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: I support the environmental initiatives.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Public transport and sustainability

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We shouldn't be cutting areas that will inevitably make Auckland a less desirable place to live. Public transport should be a massive priority not cut! Similarly, arts, recreation and tourism aspects are good ways to improve the economy and draw businesses and people to the area. Cutting these areas will just drive more people out of the city.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: I think people will be prepared to take a larger increase in rates than the proposed if it means keeping auckland a desirable place to live and improve the quality of life of our citizens.

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Public transport and investing in the CBD to make Auckland a nice place to live again. Current transport situation and the deteriorating CBD will only serve to drive people away from Auckland in the long term which will just make us a third-rate city comp

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why: As mentioned in the 10-year budget 2021-2031, "The council will maintain the number of shares it holds in AIAL".

Additionally, the long term benefits of the dividend paying shares will outweigh the savings in debt.

It would be interesting to see some more

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Fully support spending the money to proactively prepare, rather than have to do things re-actively should another large storm even hit.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing these services will weaken our society even further. Covid has knocked us around and we need all the support we can get to remain sane and connected. Making it more expensive to go out and cutting "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" is irresponsible and insane. It will keep people home, isolated. It will cost more in the future to sort out the messed up heads of people who are living in a cold and unconnected city.

Do not do these cuts. We'll have to live with the price rises.

I do think you must continue to sort out your own human resources. We so often hear of massive waste in government.

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

Tell us why: Hedge your bets. See how this pans out and either sell all next time round or buy up more if it was not successful. Clearing debt is a basic step in household financial management. You're just a bigger house!

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: You haven't got much of a choice here.

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Tell us why: Not even sure what this means: Continue to support community empowerment and provide more awareness around funding and ongoing sustainability and self-sufficiency..

Sounds like babble made up to justify a job for someone? How much is this costing?

If funding for local board 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, Environmental restoration and pest control, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts is fundamental to our functioning as a society. We all turn to the arts for fun, for serious stuff, for celebration. Everyone wants the sound of music and colour of art and energy of dance and focus of theatre. Do not skimp on arts funding.

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What do you think of these proposals? If rubbish costs more to get rid of, maybe people will become more discriminate about their rubbish generation and start recyling and reducing. This is basic user pays.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Some years ago during a budget cutting exercise, one facility available to customers was removed. Business fell dramatically because they had not recognised the effect it had on their customers. Needless to say, they reinstated the facility and business grew again but it took time and cost.

This was not the first time I have experienced such poor decision making which dramatically impacted a business. It is easy to cut a budget but less so to appreciate the impact overall.

I am an interviewer at CAB and during my time have recognised how little I knew what happened in my own backyard. The number of people who have a variety of unbelievable issues is incredible. So many, have no idea what is available to them, and it shocked me. I did not know some things existed and when I asked government bureaus, I found they did not know either.

Removing funding for CAB will hurt a lot of people and disrespects all the wonderful experienced talented people who volunteer their time to help those who are desperate. Many of the CAB callers are often at their wit's end.

Be aware of such an act because the people get far more value from these many volunteers than the budget provided.

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

Tell us why: The council works best if it focuses on services that add value to their clients.

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Tell us why: Get more effective with financial management so we get better value for our buck. There is too much waste and some people are clearly overpaid.

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

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Tell us why: Privatisation is a short term gain, long term loss to Aucklanders

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of these proposed reductions will take Auckland several steps backwards and continue to hurt an already underfunded city.

Whenever I travel to a new city there are things I look for and value:

Public Transport - How quickly, easily, reliably can I get around.

Their Zoos, Art Galleries, Museums , Monuments or Stadiums - How well maintained are they? Cost? Ease of access?

Why reduce funding for these things when they are some of the first things that visitors look for? - Continue or increase funding to capture better tourism numbers.

Living in our city:

Community funding and activities is so important for feeling connected to each other in these times of disconnect and struggle. Reducing funding for these activities will have negative impacts on Auckland Society as a whole, let alone on already struggling neighbourhoods and individuals. Give people a better place to hang out at rather than turning to crime or violence. Give people a place to belong in their communities.

During a cost of living crisis, it seems counter-intuitive to reduce or remove funded early childhood education options in our city. Some parents rely on these services and we should be funding these as best we can. By keeping these families in our ECEs we help keep them in their jobs, off the streets, and out of our homeless shelters. ECE is incredibly expensive and

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Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make better use of debt to invest in overdue infrastructure, public transport and making this city great again.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community events are really important to help feel connected with our neighbours and community as a whole.

As a family we frequently walk our local waterways and given the recent storms it feels more important than ever to look after them.

The library

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Tell us why: There are more important things than the airport. Community, Arts and Culture and the children and youth within our communities. Wellbeing and a sense of community is more important!

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Tell us why: We have paid into infrastructure through rates for decades. Not to mention through building consent processes. It is Council's problem if they mismanaged money and did not put the money where it should have gone in the first place. If an increase is no

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Tell us why: I believe there needs to be a priority dedicated to supporting art and culture within our community. "During both economic and environmental emergencies, Art, either onstage or screen, Paint or stone, Or within the sound of a waiata, Sustains the wairua

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Our Children and Youth are the future of our Community. Don't axe funding to organisations which cater for the tamariki within our community.

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Tell us why: Why... because you are just holding onto money when it may never happen again

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Most important thing is getting our city safer. Crime is through the roof, we need more patrols, tougher sentances

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts and culture initiatives, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Sport and rec is a way of life and is essential in getting people moving. Music, culture and arts bring communities together

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate Action Target lol are you serious, Until China and the likes are taking climate change serious we are wasting our time and making people broke

7. What else is important to you?

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

As previously mentioned reducing funding for Auckland Unlimited is a huge step backwards. We have a chance to be one of the most exciting cities in the world but if their is nothing on tourists wont come, people wont spend money and jobs will be lost. Let

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: More public transport, Need trains, subways, buses, etc . More funding for homeless and more events and activities to reduce youth crimes. All early childhood centres should be run by council.

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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: Homeowners have seen crazy equity rises over the last fifteen years, they have money to pay for rates. Increase rates on asset owners instead of reducing homeless services. Wtf, do you even hear yourselves

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

More public transport

Cheaper public transport

Less cars, less traffic

More council subsidised childcare for families

More library events

Increased rates

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Tell us why: This will enable less burden on common people who have already been crippled by the skyrocketing living costs.

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Tell us why: Already general public is paying huge living costs. Everyday use commodity prices are constantly on the increase. Increasing rates will only add insult to the injury!

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

Tell us why: Why didn't you save for the natural calamities/emergencies? Why this burden on masses? What happened to your disaster management?

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Tell us why:

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Don't compromise on the quality of drinking water.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport needs to to at a minimum return to pre-covid state. The significant increase in housing density requires public transport to be at a useable standard. The current state of public transport is untenable and will cause more people to resort to private vehicle.

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

Tell us why: Substantial changes to building/engineering/planning requirements need to be made in tangent to ensure future planning is holistic and deal with the changes to the magnitude and frequency of events

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Tell us why: A key priority should be improving public transport out in east Auckland.

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: NO MORE SPEEDBUMPS - we don't need a speed reduction for areas where we've never had an incident. Stop wasting money on this and instead increase funding for a pedestrian walkway at little bucks please - instead of having people walk on the road.

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

Stop wasting spending on roadworks (speed bumps - signs to reduce speed) and put that money towards infrastructure and also have a look at the unitary plan and ensure 3 storey buildings are done in places which will help people flow to hubs instead of of

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: There is still scope for considerable savings by getting rid of some overpaid managers. We've heard this story about possibly making savings via staff cuts many times, but management staff numbers always go up. You will cut services to make us feel the

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: All too vague.

If funding for local board 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, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I wouldn't want early childhood education services to be removed. Education is important.

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Tell us why: The airport is public-listed. Better off to let them run the business and save $1.9 billion debt which is much needed now.

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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: Already having the reviewed CV last year, I don't like the idea of increasing rates now. We have witness the price drop in property, increasing rates is adding to what is already currently "a bad market".

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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: Roads and housing should already be built in a way that can withstand storms. If they are not, they shouldn't be built. There will need to be changes but increasing rates is just going in circles. Future roads and buildings should now already be changed t

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Tell us why: The implication I am mostly concern about are Environmental Education, Water Quality and Waste minimisation.

Education is already important especially on Environment.

Water quality is important to all.

Waste minimisation will only add to more pests an

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Water of all things is important to us all. Having pests and pollution is never a good thing. If we can't have it all, let's at least have a clean environment or we will have to spend more to clean it up.

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What do you think of these proposals? The waste management rates changes - I do not support the one-off fee of $40. It would make sense if someone is changing to a bigger bin but what if I am changing to a smaller one that will help reduce waste? I have to pay $40 for that?

I don't think you

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services in the community such as arts and culture.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Partial sale would keep an interest and still give income from dividends.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: As long as it doesn't affect arts and culture.

If funding for local board 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 education, Community climate action and sustainability

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why: Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and DO NOT further increase rates and/or debt. I agree that selling partial of the share may improve the qual

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Tell us why:I believe the government have a budget for the storm events in their book. If not, this is a major negligence of the government. The Auckland Anniversary event was a rare event, we do not expect to face it in any near future. I do not see why we need to f

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting Council services and operations will only mean more pain for residents of Auckland by way of grants that support worthy causes, valuable events and services that help boost morale in troubling times.

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport is the main gateway to Aotearoa. We lose this, and we lose part of the soul (wairua) of the City. It is too valuable to sell off for short-term gain. We need to sort our the issues with rates rises and endure a wee bit of pain for the gre

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

Tell us why: The majority of Auckland residents and rate payers can afford rates rises for the greater good. The reason we are in this mess has been because of our own greed at not being willing to pay fair rates across the board to invest in better infrastructure for

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

Tell us why: This is a no brainer. We have neglected to build and invest in our own infrastructure over so many decades so that we can afford rubbish like another car to pollute the air or an extra room we don't need in our already massive and largely empty houses. Th

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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

Tell us why: This area was totally abandoned and left to fend for itself while the focus went on the more affluent areas of Auckland during the flooding. If anything, these programs should receive double the funding allocated here.

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

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local waste minimisation programmes, Grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Youth programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Future focus on supporting Rangatahi and young people to take better care of our land and environment than we did.

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Run disaster preparedness and training education programmes in each ethnic specific community i.e. Tonga, Samoa, Niue etc...

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? We need to pay for essential services like waste management, that is often not fully appreciated to force some people to actually be more considerate and mindful of waste and the rubbish they produce.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

The recent heavy rain and flooding in Auckland has completely uncovered the gross negligence and lack of investment over years in improving basic infrastructure. We need to seriously invest in this for the sake of our children and their children.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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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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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Not a smart move to pass on the shortfall to rate payers when council cannot learn to manage a budget (again). Sets a stage which allows council to increase rates instead of staying within budget (a precidence that I don't support).

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is outrageous that you are considering cutting busses a day and making then more financially inaccessible in the middle of a cost of living crisis and a climate crisis. For those of us who are struggling this will only make things tougher especially in regards to disability access to these services. Decreasing number of busses a day will put more strain on the remaining services where there is already not enough disability friendly seating.

Also taking into account the climate crisis, we need to be prioritising more access to public transport to lower emissions overall. Not less.

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

Tell us why: We need higher rates especially for those earning high amounts. Tax the rich. It is irresponsible to consider cutting these costs especially after the recent flooding and weather events. And considering these events will continue to happen more frequently

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

Tell us why: It is essential that we prioritize increasing funding here so that we as a city can become more prepared for future weather events especially in regards to storm water systems which are currently incredibly inefficient as seen in the recent weather events

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Tell us why: I think we should absolutely be prioritising taking care of our local environment as well as ensuring no loss of funding to essential community services such as our local library which is essential for students and the community in general when it comes t

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

Tell us why: At least the council can still have some stable good potential income

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- 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: This is an acceptable level

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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

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?) Community facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: It's very important for kids growth.

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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Community safety

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We are the biggest city in New Zealand and not to have Art Galleries, APO, libraries and all the other listed items is to reduce our city to a very bland boring place. Tourists and locals want to see the city alive. So many of these cuts place an unfair burden on our poorest citizens who rely on our free performances (libraries arts etc.) without them they miss out on community activities. Are golf clubs included in these cuts which only cater for a few of our wealther citizens.

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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 a shortsighted policy to reduce our holding in the airport, when this is our international gateway.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: once again it is the poorer citizens of our city that are affected by higher rates

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why: This is without doubt necessary to protect us for the future

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Because locally we are affected by all these items

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These items enable local young and old citizens to participate.

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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?

Unfortunately I believe our Mayor is not suitable for the job he has taken on. We all know he is an engineer but that doesn't mean he can run a city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around $87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

more climate change action

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce services. Increase rates. Decades of campaigning on no more than 3% rate rises have stiffled this City. Christchurch City residents pay 30% more on their basic rate, yet Auckland has higher average income.

Services should only be reduced where there is no longer a societal need for them.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Shares return dividends. If you need to sell an asset, sell something that returns a lower dividend and which can assist in reducing Auckland other challenges (land availability). Sell the land currently used for golf courses.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I'm happy to pay more.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: If something should be cut, Business Awards should be at the top of the list.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They're the 3 most future looking initiatives.

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What do you think of these proposals? Greater increases to property rates needed.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts associated spending should remain as is or increased

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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: Drastic measure to sell the lot - softly softly approach is better.

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Tell us why: To become a 'better' city, Auckland Council needs more revenue.

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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: Reduced spending will come back to bite.

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?) Environmental education, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Whenua - very important

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not reduce funding to social services, especially given the difficult economic circumstances many individuals are currently facing with the cost of living crisis

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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: I believe that selling shares in Auckland Airport is short-term thinking and will lead to a degradation of 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
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to $75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to $75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with some reductions and don't increase rates and/or debt.

Some programmes for the community should be retained if it helps with the wellbeing of the community.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: As the airport is within the region, some portion should be retained to allow Auckland Council some "voting power".

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: Allow for a fair increase in rates and make greater use of debt if needed.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Sports and recreation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community and environment are two of the main areas that are crucial to us. So building the community and protecting / maintaining the environment is a must.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There are many people in aotearoa that rely heavily on public transport as a main source of transportation. Places that offer facilities to enjoy life or learn about other cultures shouldn't have to suffer.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please do Not let the people of aotearoa down by minimising your efforts to protect its people whether it be through events that allow people to feel closer or response to natural disasters but most importantly protect aotearoa itself by making every poss

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Your local board: Howick

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- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding for culture and arts significantly affects the local economy including restaurants, retail sectors and hotels. Culture forms our identity.

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: We need the saving. A blocking stake is sufficient to maintain a public voice in future relating to 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

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: Council has to balance rates increase with 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:the storm effects have been devasting for Auckland.

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: Safety in public places is a priority.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Environmental restoration and pest control, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: The grants will have flexibility to support any of the above activities. Environmental restoration is necessary to prevent deterioration. Arts and culture brings the community together and forms our identity .

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Other

What do you think of these proposals? nil

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 this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: No rates rises, less spending on non-essentials and total focus on core responsilities less on cultural and social.

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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

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Forgo the nice to haves in favour of the must haves. In these tough financial times community grants need to be canned. These are frequently just a money grab. Money is handed out twice a year on Great Barrier Island where few even pay rates at all and

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop the waste, cut consultancy and trim the salaries and staff and staff perks. Staff don't take company vehicles home.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rates are proportionally lower than in many provincial areas, so Aucklanders get good value. Rate increases could be targeted higher in high residential value areas and structured so less affluent suburbs are not overburdened.

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Tell us why: It is important AC has some skin in the game when it comes to this huge regional asset. Not having a seat at the Board table is unacceptable, and needs to be revisited, even if in a non voting capacity. A voice is better than nothing, and would be a condu

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: See above. The population of Auckland all have opportunities to experience, enjoy, use or not the myriad facilities and advantages that the region offers, so the true cost of living

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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:$20m is a drop in the bucket, and with respect to folk whose lives have been affected, is something of a kneejerk response that's not going to prevent ongoing damage from future events. Policies that enable compulsory purchase / relocation / rezoning to p

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Tell us why: Public safety, communal projects, ecology etc are all important objectives, but this area already has many advantages and the community has the ability if they feel something is important enough to initiate and find funding for 'nice to have' amenities th

If funding for local board 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 initiative volunteers, Arts and culture initiatives, Community programme delivery

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If you cut costs on youth initiatives, arts funding, library hours, rec and homestead hours, we will all be paying for the problems tomorrow. These activities and facilities are safe spaces where people can stay connected within their communities and engaged with positive and educational programmes. Lose that, lose connection

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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 our shares and keep the revenue. Stop selling things that we can profit from. Get rid of your leased vehicles and use the public transportation instead. If you can't rely on that, then we can be sure you'll fix it.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: People have just come through a turbulent time, increasing rates is not going to help. Property prices have decreased, rates can't go up simultaneously. That's ridiculous

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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 will be a rush and an expensive process that will need correcting by the time I'm mid 20s. No faith in this man to have the right people or foresight to plan the infrastructure required

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?) Community facilities and services, Library opening hours, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: These facilities and services are important for safe spaces, education spaces and community engagement spaces. Reduce these and you cut off a large group of people who need to access outside of hours

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around $87 million per year

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Council needs to focus on core services.

Street sweeping, clearing drains, footpath maintenance

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing arts and cultural programme budgets is a mistake. We are a city of diverse cultures. How will cut services and activities return in the future? Once cut, it will be near impossible to bring back the amazing events or it will be more expensive later on.

I agree to the council not providing Early Childhood Education Services. It should be looked after by the Ministry of Education.

And why on earth would you still keep the Golf Courses? Start selling them now. Never mind the 'future of council' work. Just get along with it now.

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Tell us why: International travel is starting to pick up again and AIAL will be profitable again. Won't the dividends pay for interest rates?

And it's AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT! Much better if Auckland Council, a local government authority held onto some interes

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Make greater use of general rates increase and debt.

I want the public services around arts and culture programmes and investment (especially into infrastructure and climate change) to continue. I don't mind paying a few more dollars a week or seeing the

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Tell us why:

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Howick Local Board

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: A $37 million reduction in costs ACROSS a range of different local industry, such as in hospitality, tourism and education would devastate the effective services that the our local communities can provide. Without additional funding to pay for staffing, venue leases and other unexpected costs, more events, festivals, centres and economic development initiatives are less likely to survive financially in the near future, as well as inhibit the growth and creation of new events and initiatives in the near future.

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Tell us why: As a short term financial source, selling off shares from Auckland Airport would provide additional debt overhead for the council's budget. However, it should be expected, with the return of travel and tourism as a result of COVID-19 border restrictions b

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Tell us why: The rate increase would allow for increased cashflow in the long-term, however the changes split-rates policy would need to be implemented as soon as possible. As commercial areas occupy land that could've been used for housing, and they still rely on usi

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 increased operating budget must allocate the additional funding to areas where flooding & storm protections are desperately needed (e.g. West Auckland, costal communities etc.). However, when the protections are put into place and can be monitored

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

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The shares will provide a dividend in the coming years to offset the further rate increases that the council seems to have an obligation to raise every year.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a zero per cent target and work within your means.

Rate payers can only provide so much, when their budget is reached they stop spending and learn to live within this budget.

COUNCIL SHOULD DO THE SAME.

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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:A percentage of this issue can be put down to council overloading existing infrastructure, allowing multiple housing on small sections, allowing building consents next to waterways, trying to squeeze the last cent from rating on properties.

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Tell us why: Continued focus on renewal and maintenance to ensure assets are fit for purpose is a misleading statement. If it is true, then why are rate payers seeing roads being torn up and replaced twice in eighteen months.

In particular there is a street in Shelly

If funding for local board 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, Community facilities and services

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with ALL reductions and find additional reductions. Because the rates burden is too high and you need to find a way to reduce it.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's a good investment that will provide income and reduced rates for Aucklanders for generations to come and the shareholding should be maintained. You should reduce spending not increase rates or debt to enable the shares to be retained.

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Tell us why: You need to reduce the rates burden, and alhtough the option is not provided, you should reduce spending, not increase debt to enable this.

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What do you think of these proposals? The food scraps service should be scrapped if it costs over $70 per household to deliver it. That is a chronic waste of ratepayers money. Pool rate: you should reduce the cost of delivering the service rather than increasing the fee, perhaps fewer inspect

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Rates, inflation and cost of living is out of control. You need to reduce spending to hold rates at current levels for the next five years, without asset sales or increasing debt. Drastic and immediate action is needed.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reduction with Citizens Advice Bureau funding because they help people with many topics including housing and tenancy, relationship issues, neighbour disputes, employment

and small business matters, consumer protection, immigration, income support and access to food

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt so that we maintain the vibrancy of the city. Think intergenerationally.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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It is proposed to reduce funding by $16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding**, what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?**

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Environmental issues are essential business for local government. So is arts and culture. DO NOT CUT.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reducing CCO funds. Auckland Transport needs to provide more reliable services to Aucklanders. Traffic has never been worse in Auckland, we need to fix it now as it is reducing the quality of life for the majority of people.

We need to continue supporting pools, libraries, the zoo etc. as so many people rely on these services for their wellbeing and simply cannot afford it if they were made more expensive. We need to consider the long term effects of reducing funding to these services. The less customers they have, the less revenue they make, the harder it will be to keep them open.

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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: AIA shares are a long term investment. Selling them now will only reduce debt in the short term. As a rate payer, I would prefer to see rates increased further, rather than selling an asset for short term gain.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: The money has to come from somewhere. To put it bluntly, the wealthiest people in Auckland are home owners - so increase the rates and take money from the rich to minimise our city's debt.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts and Sports make people happier and bring them out where they spend money in our local economy.

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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: There are options other than "do what we want" or "don't do what we want and pay more rates". This is a ridiculously worded consultation.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to $75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The mayor is clearly out of his depth and his reputation as a Fixer is a joke. He seems to lack the depth of understanding to actually handle multiple areas of his per view and the humility to be advised by genuine experts.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Local community events, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: Without funding, most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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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?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to $75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts 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:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with sale of Airport Shares. Historically during Manukau time the airport shares were saved then and it would be short visioned if these are sold.

Cut down on bureaucracy

Retain regional services and activities, with increase on ability + influence of local boards to lead develpment from local perspectives

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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: No sale of our airport shares

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why: Poor planning, historically low costs to 'afford' drainage/now the generations to come will need to pay

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?**

Tell us why: Borrow $

Connected communities

Digital equity

We need to retain earliest activities that connect our communities to increase social cohesion

Borrow $

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Retain ASB Festival

Local community funding

Retain current community engagement events

Borrow more $

Tell us why these are most important to you: Retain ASB Festival

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That we continue to provide services and activities that accelerate equity to all Aucklanders

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Citizens Advice Bureau is a detrimental to Auckland and its constituents. People rely on the services that CAB provide. Not peace and other services they provide. The mayor would be doing a disservice to all Aucklanders who use this service every family has buckets of money to access the free legal advice, justice of e

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Tell us why: Keep the airport shares in Auckland hands

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Tell us why: Rates are already quite high, another rates increase could put Auckland in a recession on its own

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: This needs another rethink

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards need all the support they can get

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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: Not to increase rates

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Tell us why: Not to increase rates

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Already a period of rising costs and interest rates mortgage

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reductions are driven by rates not increasing by inflation rather than a strategic response.

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I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There are many things there I do not wish to see going, however I understand that we are in strife at the moment. I do wonder if instead of cutting some of these services if they could be redirected or reduced.

I work at Outdoor Experience, which is apart of the educational programs. We have a max 3 full time staff and 2-3 casual staff.

We are a diverse team who I believe really match with the "Get active your way". We work with schools for the Education Outside Of The Classroom (EOTC), Teach Bike skills in school, work with disability children with our trikes program and run some of the Out and About kayaking/bike programs, work with other department in council to support their events/days. I feel that our service is being of great value over a large range of people.

I understand that we have been highlighted because of the funding that we receive. As creating income is something that is being highlighted at the moment I feel that our team has the ability to redirect if given the time to do so. I don't know if this could also be applied to any other areas that have been highlighted.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: I am not an accountant who knows what the best way to do this is. All I know is that the cost of living in Auckland is increasing a lot. Don't get me started on food. I feel if possible we should keep the rates as low as we can for the long term. If incre

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of 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 selling of the shares is just taking the easy option. The shares are fully owned so do not, in themselves generate or increase debt. While there has been no return over the last couple of years, with the impact of Covid they will provide an income ove

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Tell us why: Tag the increase at the rate of inflation.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: Agree to the scope but not the extent - see comment to Question 1 (Q1: The local board savings (1% of rates) must come out of discretionary spending resulting in huge cut in services/assistance to ratepayers. The bulk of people and organizations are low

If funding for local board 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, Environmental education, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Council facilities serve proportionally the lower socio-economic part of the population so reducing these services will reduce city wellbeing. also provides support for arts and culture by providing venues for these types of activities.

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?) Reduction in service levels for community centres and arts centres (Nathan Homestead), Community lease charges, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

A City is not just about transport, waste and lawnmowing. Encouragement to participation in activities and art and culture is an important part of the city and should not be ignored.

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing expenditure on homelessness and youth centres. I think these are local problems that should be addressed and addressed locally.

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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: This could reduce councils debt. The shares should NOT be sold to fund ongoing Council costs.

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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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I think community patrols are a waste of board money, I think community assets should be well maintained. Ecological initiatives and children's playgrounds should be funded.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental restoration and pest control, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think a primary function of local government is an attractive, clean living environment. I think that currently the city looks scruffy and dirty and that berms and open green spaces need to be cared for well.

I also think we need community facilities to

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing local board and community programme funding is mistake while our city is vulnerable.

Given our relatively low debt level, it makes more sense to increase debt to cover long term capital costs such as the increase in CRL costs.

It is also financially irresponsible to be increasing rates by less than the rate of inflation. In real terms you are proposing a rates cut funded by a cut in services that our lowest income resident disproportionately rely on.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Sell some of the public golf courses instead to make up the difference. Only ~100k residents use these annually and unlike our airport, they are not a key strategic asset for the region.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Increase rates by at least the annual rate of inflation (7.2%), anything less is just a long term rates cut in disguise that must be funded by reducing services.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why: Investment in climate change resilience and adaption is critical to reducing the future costs of climate change on our city. This work is urgent and important.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I agree with most of these, except for the one that mentioned "reducing regional education programmes".

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Transport is currently a disaster in Auckland - the primary factor in poor livability and reduced opportunity. There is a cost to maintaining a decent level of public transport, but there is enormous value for all of us (including car users, who gain reduced congestion). To not invest in public transport would be appallingly short-sighted.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Keep the shares, but sell off golf courses instead. Having a financial interest in the airport is valuable for everyone, having a financial interest in golf courses benefits very few.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Climate change makes this a no-brainer. We know we are going to have more extreme events, of course we need to spend money to mitigate against these.

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Tell us why: This is a very bland list of priorities, that any board should be implementing.

If funding for local board 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: Any answer to this question will only be used to justify poor services. I know the council is trying to make people think about "hard choices", but this is not the way to go about this kind of decision making. I refuse to answer this.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? I have read the provided information about the CATR changes proposed, and I still don't have much of a clue what the question is about. As far as I can make out, it's trying to get a rubber stamp from ratepayers for a failure to implement a policy. If thi

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am with community patrol and a reduction in funding will affect us greatly

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Most of the proposed reductions will impact those who are already struggling in Auckland. The wealthy families will be able to pay increased fees, and increased cost are not a barrier. The families who are already struggling are depend on free events, on subsidized opportunities in Auckland. This applies not only to areas such as free events, but options like drama classes, art classes, music and sport. SO many organisations are already struggling to survive. By taking away the funding you will take away opportunities for children, families but also passionate people who at the moment are able to provide opportunities for children across Auckland to attend sports and arts.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? I don't know

Tell us why: This is an area I think I would respond with no real finance background. It makes sense to reduce the debt, but on the other hand, I feel like to would miss some important aspects by agreeing to any option.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to $75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I do not want to see the rates increase, but I also do not see how I can be for spending and not provide any options in regards to where the money can be taken from. I assume the council spending has been thoroughly already considered and any excess has b

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why:AUckland Council is now suffering from their poor planning and preparation. Better preparation has to be done for the future which is the only reason why I am saying yes to this.

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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, Arts and culture initiatives, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: It is essential that kids in Howick area continue to have access to sport and arts. If those opportunities are taken away the area wills top being attractive to young families. It is already hard enough to spend aaages in traffic every day to get tot he c

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain

the general rates package.

We need more support from central government and to target our rates at those who are not paying their fair share such as landlords, property speculators and polluters.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The sale of the shares is a ridiculously short sighted move which will disadvantage future generations and mana whenua to benefit us now only briefly. The airport is the future of tourism in our city and fully privatizing it will put us at a permanent dis

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Rates in this city are relatively low compared to other cities in the country. Wellington is seeing an increase in rates in order to continue supporting the vital services provided by the city. Auckland also has a fantastic credit rating, and now is exact

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Why reduce public transport services while also spending money on things like lightrail and the kiwirail rebuild.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around $87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: increasing rates, increases prices in the housing market

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not support the second point: Explore opportunities for partnerships with the community on projects such as (but not limited to) business awards and provision of play 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, Environmental restoration and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment is essential to NZ

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Providing ECE services - these are necessary to allow parents to return to the workforce

However this should be funded by increased rates as adding debt is asking for greater problems next year

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Tell us why: Although I would prefer us to keep the 10% stake so as to be able to block major unpopular changes; the additional cost of $40M/y in interest would seriously impact finances. It is more important that the debt is paid down. The local govt should never h

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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: Stop adding debt. It ends up costing more in the long term and becomes a millstone around our necks, with rates ending up in the pockets of the bankers. We are paying so much towards interest payments that it would make an impact on public services. P

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change will only make things worse over time and we need to be prepared now, not after the fact

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Tell us why: There are several items in the report - such as parks, public events, libraries - which would seem better for the community. Things such as "Business awards" and "community empowerment" are either irrelevant to most people or too vaguely defined.

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What do you think of these proposals? the bin size change fee should only apply to people moving to a *larger* bin.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of these things are what makes Auckland the vibrant city that it is and should still be.

I would not be reducing regional services such as community and education, arts and culture, regional events, economic development and other social services such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres.

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Tell us why:

We should maintain some shares in the Auckland Airport.

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Tell us why: I believe that the Local Board has the correct priorities for the community.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We need clean streams, community programmes, and local groups supported so the community can continue to thrive and grow.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would go even harder. Bus timetables can be slashed during the day empty buses chewing up fuel are in great number . A charge shoudl be mad for library books- why not $1 for a good book to read - cheaper than buying one!

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Tell us why: Maybe time the sale to go the best sale price.

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Tell us why: Wise planning

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Tell us why: WE have to cut our outgoes. Cut more if needed to reduce. Im right behind 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? Council should not follow emissions edicts from Central Govt. they are unfounded and mythical

7. What else is important to you?

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the Tupuna MAunga scheme should be scrapped. Maori have been allowed under your watch to chop down healthy " Colonial " type trees at your expense not theirs and done nothing to replace with promised Natives which take years to grow. MAori can't be trust

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save $130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save $17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save $22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to $75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This 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

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Environmental initiative volunteers, Community facilities and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Many of the reductions listed above are required. It would be nice to see some serious cuts made to some of the local boards favorite groups, many of who get get a great deal of funding e.g the huge amount of money spent on the so called art gallery, known as Uxbridge in Howick and the entertainment centre known as Stardome in One Tree Hill.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: How as a rate payer on a single income am i and others like me, going to be able to afford all these rates increases? My wages aren't increasing, where do you think i can keep finding the money? How much more pressure can you continue to put on rate payer

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Tell us why: Again how on earth am i going to continue to find the money for your rate increases? Really HOW?

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Looking after our enviroment is important to us all. Making sure our community facilities are available for all our community groups and services when they need it

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What do you think of these proposals? As a low waste person, who composts, is careful with rubbish and recycling, i shouldn't have to pay the same amount as a larger household who doesn't recycle, or compost and has a heap of waste and doesn't care about our enviroment.

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