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# 35040



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

1. Instruct Auckland Transport to find \$50 million of savings from its corporate office, without increasing fares or reducing public transport services.
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4. Instruct the Chief Executive of Auckland Council to place a „hiring freeze,“ on all non-essential roles within the Auckland Council parent until there has been an independent review of concerns about overstaffing and inflated salaries of management.

Yours sincerely,

David Gourlie

## 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:** Dear Auckland Council,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council

## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

### Rates

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

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

### Debt

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

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

**Tell us why:** Dear Auckland Council,

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## 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

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

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

Waste management rates changes	
Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

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

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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Other

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## 4. Storm Response

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

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## Your feedback

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

Other

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Yours sincerely,

Susan McGinn

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

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# 35044



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Gareth Beckermann

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# 35045



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6. Stop paying for e.g. 8 contractors in hi-viz to stand in one round-about to watch 1-2 contractors actually planting.

#### GET BACK TO CORE BASICS

Most importantly, Mr Wayne Brown, you campaigned on IMMEDIATELY hitting the Ports of Auckland to pay rates which would supposedly bring in millions immediately. Was this indeed an untruth and Craig Lord calling you out on it in these meetings was indeed correct?

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A & R Boyd

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Yours in no expectation of constructive change,

Roger Dewhurst

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# 35048



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# 35051



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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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### Debt

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## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35052



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Other

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# 35054



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Other

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# 35072



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

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# 35075



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## Your feedback

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Other

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**Tell us why:**

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# 35076



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As council are looking at savings, I believe they should be looking at the essential services that council is expected to provide. Rates should be ring fenced as to what they can be spent on.

If council embarks on projects outside these essential services, then those involved should carry the same responsibility as a company director. i.e. if the project goes over budget, they are personally responsible for the overrun. This would tighten up if not disband Panuku and the promotions department run by Nick Hill.

I spoke with Rodney Hyde, Paul Goldsmith, John Banks and David Seymour regarding what councilors could spend rates on all of whom agreed by none did anything about enforcing it.

Middle and high-end managers should all be required to re-apply for their jobs.

Streamline council processes, there is far too much time wasted internally by poor process.

Look to reduce council employees by around 30%. I am sure this could be achieved without much less services.

Get rid of music and movies in parks. If a band wants to perform allow them to use the park but they must do their own promotion.

Look to considerably reduce consultant fees. Currently they are laughing all the way to the bank at our expense.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Thomas

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

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

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# 35083



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Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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Yours sincerely,

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## 3. Managing rates and debt

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## 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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**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35084



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

Other

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

Other

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4. Instruct the Chief Executive of Auckland Council to place a „hiring freeze,“ on all non-essential roles within the Auckland Council parent until there has been an independent review of concerns about overstaffing and inflated salaries of management. There are too many overpaid bureaucrats and consultants. CCOs need to be downsized.

Yours sincerely,

Faye Adams

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# 35099



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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# 35100



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Other

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# 35101



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# 35102



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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:** Dear Auckland Council,

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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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## 4. Storm Response

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

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

**Tell us why:**

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

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 35103



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

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

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## 3. Managing rates and debt

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### Rates

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### Debt

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

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## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

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

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 35104



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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# 35105



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

Other

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# 35106



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## Your feedback

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Other

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David Allard

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# 35107



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

Other

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# 35108



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Other

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# 35110



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# 35111



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# 35112



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Other

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# 35113



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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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# 35115



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## 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?**

Other

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Yours sincerely,

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

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## 3. Managing rates and debt

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### Rates

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### Debt

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

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## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35116



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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

Also I think that those people who are not in favour of selling the shares in the Airport need to consider that the investment in the CRL is core infrastructure that is built with that money. There will be no change in how the airport operates and thus no change risk issues for Auckland itself. The CRL on the other hand is already committed and has to be finished and will provide a dramatic change to the way the Auckland rail operates.

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# 35117



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Other

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Yours sincerely,

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

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

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## Your feedback

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

Other

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5. Seriously cut Council dependence on Consultants and drastically reduce this outrageous drain on Council funds.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Patrick

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

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# 35119



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

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Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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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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# 35120



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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# 35121



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# 35122



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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:** Dear Auckland Council,

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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?** Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

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

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# 35123



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Duynstee

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## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

### Rates

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### 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)

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

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

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

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

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# 35124



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

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

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# 35125



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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor, Ōs proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

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4. Instruct the Chief Executive of Auckland Council to implement a staff reduction and salary reduction combined with minimal use of consultants. If staff cant perform their responsibilities they should resign.

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Goulter

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**Tell us why:**

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

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## Your feedback

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

Other

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Yours sincerely,

Ludmila Duynstee

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# 35135



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

Margaret Murray

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**Tell us why:**

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# 35136



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Please listen to the ratepayers concerns. We pay your wages and we want value for money. Focus on core business only.

Yours sincerely,

G F Alexander

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

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# 35138



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# 35139



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Other

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# 35140



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Other

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# 35143



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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

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Other

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Yours sincerely,

Susan Brown

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# 35147



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# 35155



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

Other

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# 35156



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

Other

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

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# 35159



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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

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

Other

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Margaret

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# 35160



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

Other

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# 35163



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## Your feedback

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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 do you think of these proposals?**

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# 35164



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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This is very important, with everyone feeling it in the pocket (i.e. inflation, fuel prices, interest rates, etc.).

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Beer

Waiuku

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# 35165



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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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Organisation (if applicable):

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

Other

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

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I also ask you to drop all the woke co-governance 'reforms' which are unnecessary, inefficient, wasteful and racist. We don't need co-governance or unelected Maori input, please get rid of it and give us the democratic council that you were elected to be.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Kane

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Other

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# 35171



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## Your feedback

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Other

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# 35172



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Other

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Other

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Jane Nicholson

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Other

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# 35180



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# 35183



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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:** Dear Auckland Council,

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### Rates

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

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

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## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35191



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

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

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

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**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35192



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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

Andrew Malcolm

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# 35193



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## Your feedback

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Other

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

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4. Instruct the Chief Executive of Auckland Council to place a „hiring freeze,“ on all non-essential roles within the Auckland Council parent until there has been an independent review of concerns about overstaffing and inflated salaries of management.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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Other

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Yours sincerely,

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

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# 35195



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

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**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35196



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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# 35197



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# 35198



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# 35199



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Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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# 35200



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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# 35202



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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?**

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

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# 35203



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Other

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

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

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**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35204



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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# 35205



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Other

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# 35206



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# 35207



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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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# 35208



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

Other

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# 35209



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Other

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# 35210



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# 35219



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## Your feedback

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Other

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# 35220



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

Other

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# 35221



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Other

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# 35223



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

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# 35227



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## Your feedback

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Other

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Richard. B. Thorn

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# 35230



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# 35231



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## Submitter details

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## Your feedback

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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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# 35232



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

Other

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

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# 35233



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Other

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# 35235



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Other

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For gods sake Wayne cut out the dead wood and bloated wet behind the ears idealists. Show best faith towards the ever suffering rate payers. Don,“t be dissuaded by the whingers. Cheers

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Don Dobson.

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# 35236



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

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Other

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Yours sincerely,

Simon Weakley

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Yours sincerely,

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Concerned Rate Payer

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

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

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Yours sincerely,

## 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

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### Rates

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

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# 35247



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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

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## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

**Tell us why:** Dear Auckland Council,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council

## 4. Storm Response

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

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

**Tell us why:**

## 5. Local Boards

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

## 7. What else is important to you?

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# 35248



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

Other

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** Dear Auckland Council Mayor & Council Members,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I FULLY support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I STRONGLY urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

1. Instruct Auckland Transport to find \$50 million of savings from its corporate office, without increasing fares or reducing public transport services. ABSOLUTELY!
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4. Instruct the Chief Executive of Auckland Council to place a „hiring freeze,“ on all non-essential roles within the Auckland Council parent until there has been an independent review of concerns about overstaffing and inflated salaries of management. ASSUREDLY!

Yours sincerely,

Brian Michell

Hauraki 0622

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Yours sincerely,

Unfortunately my home was severely flooded from the Wairau Creek, which became a dangerous river on 27 January this year. It needs urgent attention before another flooding event occurs.

This council has lost its way !

Louise Howarth

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# 35250



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Other

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# 35251



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# 35253



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Other

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

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

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

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

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# 35255



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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

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

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# 35256



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

Other

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

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# 35258



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Other

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# 35259



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# 35260



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Other

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# 35261



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Other

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# 35263



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## Your feedback

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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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# 35264



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Yours sincerely,

Bruce Webster

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## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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Yours sincerely,

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**Tell us why:**

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# 35272



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by selling shares in Auckland International Airport and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group - however in terms of change management objectives and a committed strategy of ensuring Auckland City remains a focussed, financially viable and efficient entity well into the future Mr Brown's proposals do not go far enough. The 'budgetary reductions' offered by the main arms of Council are tantamount to 'taking the mickey' and I suspect that the CEOs of the main entities have not yet fully accepted the need for a refocus and restructure of their plans. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

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3. Disband the urban regeneration arm of Panuku and transfer responsibility of outstanding projects to the Auckland Council parent.

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Yours sincerely,

Michael Pether,

2/23 Sanders Avenue

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

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

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Changes to our 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?**

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

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# 35279



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

### 1. Operating spending reductions

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

Deane

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

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

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

**Tell us why:**

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

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# 35280



# Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely, Ian and Mary Campbell

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# 35281



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Fletcher

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5. Retain shares in the Auckland airport to reduce the likelihood of further extortion by that company and to ensure a continued dividend to the Council.

6. Demand departments cut their costs to save money by focusing efforts on delivering services to ratepayers by reducing bureaucracy and paperwork.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Rodgers

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Organisation (if applicable):

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

Other

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

I am writing to provide feedback on the Annual Budget 2023/24. I support the Mayor's proposal to keep rate increases below inflation by reducing middle management and wasteful spending on the use of consultants and capping a large amount of AT's annual budget by some \$100M and reducing wasteful spending by the Council Group. Further, I urge elected members to undertake the following measures:

1. Instruct Auckland Transport to find \$100 million of savings from its corporate office, without reducing public transport services but allowing for increases in fares by the rate of inflation annually.
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Yours sincerely,

Dennis Lang

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# 35292



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Other

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Orakei ratepayer

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# 35296



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Yours sincerely,

Ronald Tapply

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# 35299



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# 35300



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

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# 35303



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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

## Your feedback

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

Other

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

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Yours sincerely,

Stewart Hunt

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

**Tell us why:**

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# 35304



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## Your feedback

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

Other

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# 35305



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Dave Muller

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# 35306



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# 35307



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

Other

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# 35308



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

Other

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# 35309



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