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# 34779



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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?

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** As a concerned resident of Auckland, I am writing to express my disappointment and

concern regarding the proposed funding cuts to many essential facilities and programs that make Auckland a great city for families like mine. These cuts will affect pools, parks, libraries, sports clubs, playgrounds, and the zoo, and I strongly believe that they will have a negative impact on the quality of life for Auckland residents.

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Cutting funding to these essential services will have far-reaching consequences, affecting not just the individuals and families who use them, but also the wider community. It will make Auckland a less liveable city and may even lead to long-term negative effects on our economy.

Furthermore, it is my belief that these services should not be considered "discretionary spending," but rather an essential investment in our community's future. These services provide important social, educational, and health benefits that are critical for the wellbeing and growth of Auckland's residents.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed funding cuts to these essential services. Instead, I ask that you prioritize the needs of the community and recognize the critical role that these facilities and programs play in making Auckland a great city for families. I believe that by investing in these essential services, you will ensure that Auckland remains a vibrant, liveable city for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

**Tell us why:**

## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

### Rates

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

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- 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?**

**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.

Changes to our 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:**

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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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**From:**  
**To:** [AKHaveYourSay](#)  
**Subject:** Budget feedback  
**Date:** Sunday, 26 March 2023 6:19:09 pm

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Dear Council Members

As a concerned resident of Auckland, I am writing to express my disappointment and concern regarding the proposed funding cuts to many essential facilities and programs that make Auckland a great city for families like mine. These cuts will affect pools, parks, libraries, sports clubs, playgrounds, and the zoo, and I strongly believe that they will have a negative impact on the quality of life for Auckland residents.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Ngā mihi**



# 34786



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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** I agree with your proposal to try and balance the council budget.

This should not be cuts to our libraries, Citizens Advice, art galleries and local community boards funds.

Perhaps you should start by looking at the huge bureaucracy of council employees along with the communication staff that has ballooned out of control.

You might get more support if you cut your own expenditure instead of the above essential services enjoyed by the public.

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

**Tell us why:**

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

**Tell us why:**

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**Tell us why:**

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

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**From:**  
**To:** [AKHaveYourSay](#)  
**Subject:** Budget cuts R Ford  
**Date:** Tuesday, 28 March 2023 3:28:32 pm

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Sent from my iPad



# 34820



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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:** I do not support the sale of Auckland Airport Shares The loss of the 18% shareholding in Auckland International Airport is a permanent loss of revenue and removes Aucklanders' influence over a critical strategic asset. Auckland Airport is in the middle of

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

**Tell us why:** The Draft budget presents us with a choice of accept the cuts or a 13.5% rates increase or increased borrowing. But there are many other options which have not been offered.

Increase borrowing-Auckland Council is not facing a debt crisis: Auckland's debt

### 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:** I support the proposed \$20 million per year- in fact it should be higher. Council needs to show stronger leadership in climate change mitigation policies, not just adaptation.

### 5. Local Boards

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Local board priorities

These proposed cuts seriously impact our most deprived communities by slashing programmes that are having a tremendously positive impact on the daily lives of those communities; for example, the Papatoetoe/ Otara Local Board provide

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## AK HAVE YOUR SAY

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First and last name Email or postal address 

Local Board

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/local-boards/Pages/find-local-board.aspx>

Name of organisation 

(If your feedback is on behalf of an organisation)

The following section is **optional**:

What is your gender

What is your age

Under 15	15-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+ ✓
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What describes your ethnicity



# 34856



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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:** because our community resources are important

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

**Tell us why:** i think auckland council should own the airport

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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 it is less money

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

**Tell us why:** because there will be more storms and saving it is a good idea

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**What do you think of these proposals?** no

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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?

For Local BOard activities they do not want reduced:

the netball court and pool and library

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# 34875



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

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: 1. Proceed

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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:** less debt is better

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

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

**Tell us why:**

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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?** Keep the busses as they are

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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,

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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 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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# 34977



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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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# 34978



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Other

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Other

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Yours sincerely,

Tim Parkman

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Other

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Howard Sutton

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Other

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: I don't know

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