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# Annual Budget 2023-2024 Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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27176		Ōtara-Papatoetoe	2
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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

#### Your feedback

## 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do proceed with some reductions but 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? 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 the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

**Tell us why:** As a ratepayers we already face tighter household budgets as interest, inflation costs have increased. Council needs to tighten their budgets

## 5. Local Boards

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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**Tell us why:** Climate issues are a waste of money the Otara Local board need to reassess their local board priorities and funding as need to be holistic Family focus

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

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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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Temporarily or permanently close council venues, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are related and focused on our community

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not support CATR at all and believe that if residents have to cut from home budgets this is not applicable in tight financial times.

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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 reduction you propose will affect our communities hugely. How will there be intergenerational change if take away the services and events that mean so much to us. Reducing funding for homelessness? First of all we aren't seeing any positive impact in the first place so what good is further reducing the funding there be?? We need to do better and what you propose is making it worse.

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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 are already in hardship. Increasing rates would only make things worse and increase crime rates. If the right people properly sell the shares then it should help to reduce debt.

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

**Tell us why:** I dont have a full understanding to make a fair comment and decision.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 agree, for things to get better we need to increase the operating budget.

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**Tell us why:** Haven't mentioned anything about education sector. The education system is failing right now.

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What do you think of these proposals? Putting a rate change will ensure we are being more sustainable.

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We need more funding towards Māori organisations, iwi and programmes tailored towards them. Why isn't there any funding towards the people who originate and whakapapa to this land? More funding is needed, especially towards Te Matatini. Very disappointing

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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: The Council should maintain shares to ensure the Airport is retained as public asset.

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

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These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services.

Our social infrastructure - including our arts, cultur

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- 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 budget is short sighted, isn't values driven and does not take care of people of Auckland.

In particular I'm strongly opposed to reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million.

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

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I'd strongly prefer to increase dept to protect this funding.

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:** Don't sell all your investments and maintain income stream. Particularly as the council is in a strong financial position and the focus on dept reduction seems like over kill

## 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:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 future proof our city from impacts of climate change

### 5. Local Boards

### **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

Tell us why: I support the following priorities:

- 1) improving safety
- 2) closing the digital divide
- 3) improving sports and recreation facilities
- 4) Continue to support environmental activities

Additionally we require better infrastructure planning, particularly wit

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
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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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Parks activations and programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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:** The public transport is already in shambles so keeping up with the due course is not helping Aucklanders reduce their carbon emissions ,also people need the libraries as they are help communities stay together especially the staff and other council held events as they add more to the community though not a big fan of Music in Parks

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

Tell us why: Rate increase puts a lot of pressure on the people renting, it will only increase the rent for people

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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 need to make sure builders are more compliant and reduce deforestation which is really harming the climate.

People need to be taught how to better maintain their drains too

### 5. Local Boards

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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Tell us why: People need these support to keep

The community ongoing.

Only focusing on one part of the local

Board is not correct however people in the other parts of the local

Board should be consulted too

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries and Community Events

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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.	l don't know
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What do you think of these proposals? Rate changes only affect the people renting the house mostly

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

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

#### Tell us why:

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#### Tell us why:

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#### Tell us why:

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## Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Local arts programmes, Sports and activities in parks

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:** Not to proceed with the reduction of the Tataki Auckland Unlimited costs and not to proceed with costs to the regional services in the community and not to proceed with contestable grants cuts

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Tell us why: Because this will make a significant impact on reducing the 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: Happy to pay the increased rate if it means it will help to reduce the debt

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**Tell us why:**We agree that due to the devastating impacts of the recent storms, Auckland must be better prepared and respond appropriately and efficiently for future storm weather events

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Tell us why: Because they all sound very good and relevant for our community and responsive to what their needs are

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**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Local events is about connecting with our people, to have fun and free enjoyment for our tamariki and whanau where otherwise they won't engage if its not free because costs of living are so high. We deeply care about our cultural identity and is very imp

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#### What do you think of these proposals? No

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  development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community
  empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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### What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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) Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million - -It would be best to conduct a full analysis of all transport, the impact from COVID and when that will return. Then decide on the appropriate level of service & to conduct a full analysis of all transport, the impact from COVID and when that will return. Then decide on the appropriate level of service & to conduct a full analysis of all transport, the impact from COVID and when that will return.

- (ii) Auckland Unlimited maintain funding for the Auckland Zoo etc, but look at cutting service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion).
- (iii) Regional services do not change Libraries, they are a valuable service to all 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:** The shares belong to the people of the old Manukau & Dity areas. While, by law, the proceeds can only be used city wide, they should remain for the benefit of all. Once sold, we lose dividend income in future years.

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

**Tell us why:** Increase rates by inflation (CPI), but if the business rates differential has been reducing, it is time to look at this as businesses (i) can claim the GST back and (ii) have a 28% tax advantage which individuals do not.

Also, has the council looked at

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

**Tell us why:** Ensure that any development correctly manages stormwater. As we have seen, Hobsonville Point was okay. Other suburbs weren't as water that used to be okay was now moved away to impact others. Also, the council should enforce permeable requirements on a

#### 5. Local Boards

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**Tell us why:** The continued improvement to our sports fields and facilities is important and should be kept as this benefits all members of the community, not just some. Also, focusing on initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South, Protection and restoration of local waterways

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** The library is important for all members of our community, from young to old. They also serve a greater role in helping people.

The environment, waterways and being pest free etc are important as all residents benefit for the positive effects that come f

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

What do you think of these proposals? Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 - maybe allow one free change per owner/property, then charge if they change their minds.

Cost changes in waste management - some families need the larger bin, and if cost is too high, then dumping of rubbish on streets may

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

In relation to the "Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Route Protection" capital item, I would submit that this should be put on hold until after the Notices of requirement to designate land process has progressed. This is a long term (10 - 20 year) project

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Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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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 reducing costs on; Tataki Auckland Ltd with service delivery, regional services in the community, and regional contestable 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: Because this will significantly help to pay off the existing 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: Happy to pay the increased rate if it means that it will help reduce the debt

## 4. Storm Response

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

**Tell us why:**We learnt from the recent storm events that we hugely impacted severely and the recovery will be for a long time - this proposal supports better preparation in planning and a faster recovery time

#### Local Boards

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Tell us why: Agree that they are all important for our community

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**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Local events help to bring people together, have fun and its family friendly and free which is great for tamariki and whanau otherwise if not free, likely not to engage due to such high costs of living. We deeply care about our cultural identities so art

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#### What do you think of these proposals? No

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

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

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation programmes

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

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You can remove or at least downgrade the bike park at Papatoetoe train station, as to my knowledge almost nobody uses it.

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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:** I believe it is not in the interests of Auckland to reduce spending on community funding, sports and arts and youth centres. These facilities and activities are needed to maintain wellness and creativeness especially following the pandemic and the recent flood damages.

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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:** Global travel and commerce is increasing again. Council may have the opportunity to earn a dividend from AIAL.

## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

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#### **Debt**

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

**Tell us why:** It is a fairer way for each property owner to pay a little more.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 do not want to see more of the devestation we have already witnessed since Anniversary Weekend and would hope that funds will be released to manage the future impact of storms.

#### Local Boards

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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**Tell us why:** It is essential that sports and community facilities such as Kolmar in Sutton Crescent receive ongoing financial support. Not only are local sporting codes very active but also world class athletes are being nurtured.

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
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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?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Arts and culture programme, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Community and contestable grants provide essential funding for many groups. Without these opportunities for funding some organisations will be forced to close.

Arts and culture programmes need to have support to encourage creativeness and wellbeing.

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

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What do you think of these proposals? I think it is fair for a userpays on the use of waste bins and targeted pool rates.

## 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:** I believe you should not cut funding for community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. From my point of view, I believe these prgrammes and events bring families and communities together.

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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:

## 4. Storm Response

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

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## Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Ranl	k	Proposed Priorities
4		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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	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
2	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

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

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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#### Tell us why:

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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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Changes to other rates	
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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?

Can you please simplify future submissions for youth to understand. Their opinion matters and these decisions heavily affect their future.

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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:** Do not cut libraries in any way - they are an important educational and social institution.

Don't cut arts funding, funding and environmental protection activities, citizens advice bureaus and all the other social and related services listed on your list to be cut. There is a reason Council pays for these things - because our city needs them. Don't impose further user costs on the zoo, art gallery, museum etc. People will just stay away. It was all tried in the 80s and 90s and didn't work then. High charges just means these things are only available to the rich. This is very unfair and inequitable. They should be available to all 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? Other

Tell us why: Do not sell public assets. This is just neo-liberal ideological thinking. Keep the asets in public hands.

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

Tell us why:

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

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**Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:** I enjoy the free community events shows and other activities put on by council why should these be cancelled or fundings removed

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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:** Our rates is high enough as it is and half of what you use it for don't apply to our house buses trains we don't use, cycle lanes total waste list goes on pat way too much in land rates

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

Tell us why: It should have already been covered in the rates

#### Local Boards

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**Tell us why:** Have no clue what improvements our local board is doing or done the area is so run down the parks are worst for wear dumping of rubbish everywhere you have no clue on community living no decent parks nothing for teens to do roads and traffic is so bad in

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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 council is serviced based people based organisation you still need services to atleast maintain a level of delivery standard. Public Transport desperately needs reliability to be improved and I support keeping the local board funding. The main council should not have as much to do compared the transformative earlier years, you have an integrated IT system, you have the revised unitary plan done, the cbd master plan done, all of which have been discussed and researched and consulted at exhaustion. Our main transport network already planned, agreed and under construction. The council need to do things smarter, austerity is not a solution or a strategy. Find new sources of income, the cuts are miniscule compared to the council revenue, there has to be other avenues, this is elementary surface cuts that any school kid could list off.

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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 is considered one of the best investments in the country because it is always building and changing and the Airport recently released it's latest plans. Rather you sell golf courses, Auckland has so many golf courses. All this is just one of

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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:** Your credit rating is good. Your debt limits are self imposed, reassess them, I know they were taken out of the Manukau Council policy but why must we fear 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:get better value elsewhere

#### Local Boards

#### **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? Other

Tell us why: I support sports fields and safety of neighborhoods. I want town centre improvements.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: attractiveness and life

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## What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

#### Your feedback

## 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There are too many Golf Coursed sell 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: Too many Golf courses sell them

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

Tell us why:

#### Local Boards

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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)

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## What do you think of these proposals?

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

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#### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): TARO PATCH CREATIVE LIMITED

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#### Your feedback

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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Tuesday 28 March 2023

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Submission to the Auckland Council Annual Plan

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Regards

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

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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: Increase rates even further than even 4.66% which is much lower than CPI 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

#### **Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

Tell us why: I am strongly against cutting funding to any of these activities

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
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
3	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?) Parks activations and programmes, Temporarily or permanently close council venues, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are important, restricting us to only choosing three is disingenuous

## 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	Support
c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).  Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Public transport is important and should be funded by the council as essential infrastructure.

It should not need to be funded by climate action funding

## 7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Build light rail, eg along the surface of dominion rd

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

#### Your feedback

## 1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:** Proceed with an incremental approach to debt reduction rather than a slash and burn panic reaction.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tell us why:** Do not sell the shares. This asset will start making money and help repay debt faster. The asset sale doesnt make sense over a long period of future income.

## 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### **Rates**

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

#### Debt

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

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

#### Tell us why:

## 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: To reduce future devastating impacts during sever weather events in the Auckland Region.

#### Local Boards

#### **Otara-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
1	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
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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?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Arts and culture programme, Library opening hours 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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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

## What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

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

Please be aware of unintended consequences. Particularly those with social implications and future ramifications of stopping things now but significantly negatively impacting future generations.. and leaving it up to them to fix it.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

#### Your feedback

## 1. Operating spending reductions

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  empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per 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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  properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to
  put this change on hold for one year

#### Debt

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

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

#### Tell us why:

# 4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

## Tell us why:

### Local Boards

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

## Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
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# Tell us why these are most important to you:

# 6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	
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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of	Do not
the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

## What do you think of these proposals?

## 7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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#### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Papatoetoe Cricket Club

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

## Your feedback

# 1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:** Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million and reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million. Would not proceed with these reductions as they affect the operating grant and other income used by Kolmar in Papatoetoe. As Kolmar is currenlty struggling, this further reduction may cause it's doors to be closed.

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

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

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

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

### Tell us why:

# 3. Managing rates and debt

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

#### **Rates**

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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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:** The cost of living is so expensive at the moment for the average Aucklander. This is just adding to the problem. Can the council not look to tighten it's belts on some 'big ticket items' instead?

# 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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The storms were a freak event. Why not pass the cost onto developers?

## Local Boards

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Council venues such as pools, papatoetoe rec grounds are important to the health of kiwi's, especially with houses been built with no land. These facilities are important to communities.

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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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## Your feedback

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

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

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

**Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:** Councils serve their community. Rates fund this, and homeowners know it, but they've got the city bent over backwards for them. Please serve our people at the cost required.

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

### Tell us why:

# 3. Managing rates and debt

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

## 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

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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:

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

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PLEASE prioritise services benefiting the most vulnerable. We are nothing if we do not uplift our communities as a whole. I'm scared that the reduction or end to certain services could take decades to undo, but the adverse community effects would be immed

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

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## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Please prioritise support for Senior activities that use Te Puke Otara community centre. The centre & staff are critical in creatig the vibe of space and maintenance of it for our programs which are essenatial for our health & well being. Equity is not ab

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## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Please prioritise support for Senior activities that use Te Puke Otara community centre. The centre & staff are critical in creatig the vibe of space and maintenance of it for our programs which are essenatial for our health & well being. Equity is not ab

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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## **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)

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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?)

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

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

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### **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

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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?)

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

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## **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)

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

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

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Please prioritise support for Senior activities that use Te Puke Otara community centre. The centre & staff are critical in creatig the vibe of space and maintenance of it for our programs which are essenatial for our health & well being. Equity is not ab

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
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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?)

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**Tell us why:** Sell all & use some of it to subsidise rates increase. Push for more cost savings from CCOs and inside Council.

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

**Tell us why:** Set lower rates increase and demand more cost savings from CCOS. Use portion of sale of assets to subsidise the gap and not allocate all of it to paying debts. Accomodation facilities should also be paying rates and Council should do better to win this ca

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

Tell us why:

### 5. Local Boards

## **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)

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

**Tell us why these are most important to you:** Please prioritise support for Senior activities that use Te Puke Otara community centre. The centre & staff are critical in creatig the vibe of space and maintenance of it for our programs which are essenatial for our health & well being. Equity is not ab

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Tell us why:

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## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

## Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
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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?)

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

Tell us why:hope the fund will focus on drainage facility

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### **Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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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:

### Local Boards

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

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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.

#### **Rates**

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

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

#### Debt

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

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

### 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

#### **Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

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

### Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
	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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

# 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.	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.	l don't know

### What do you think of these proposals?

# 7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- · Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

There are increase in new housing and building. How can you work?

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