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**Annual Budget 2023-2024
Upper Harbour Local Board**

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Sub #	Organisation Name	Local Board	Volume
13		Upper Harbour	1
21		Upper Harbour	1
24		Upper Harbour	1
120		Upper Harbour	1
124		Upper Harbour	1
137		Upper Harbour	1
148		Upper Harbour	1
150		Upper Harbour	1
179		Upper Harbour	1
202		Upper Harbour	1
218		Upper Harbour	1
231	Hobsonville Community Trust	Upper Harbour	1
239		Upper Harbour	1
243		Upper Harbour	1
268		Upper Harbour	1
310		Upper Harbour	1
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622		Upper Harbour	1
629		Upper Harbour	1
633		Upper Harbour	1
662		Upper Harbour	1
665	Hobsonville Support Group for Parents of N	Upper Harbour	1
686		Upper Harbour	1
715		Upper Harbour	1
729		Upper Harbour	1
743		Upper Harbour	1
749		Upper Harbour	1
752		Upper Harbour	1
757		Upper Harbour	1
762		Upper Harbour	1
763		Upper Harbour	1
766		Upper Harbour	1
775		Upper Harbour	1
799		Upper Harbour	1
801		Upper Harbour	1
831		Upper Harbour	1

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875		Upper Harbour	1
880		Upper Harbour	1
893		Upper Harbour	1
900		Upper Harbour	1
925		Upper Harbour	1
943		Upper Harbour	1
967	Hobsonville bridge club	Upper Harbour	1
971		Upper Harbour	1
985		Upper Harbour	1
987		Upper Harbour	1
1006		Upper Harbour	1
1072		Upper Harbour	1
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1117	Discoverers informal Methodist church	Upper Harbour	1
1129		Upper Harbour	1
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1168		Upper Harbour	1
1171		Upper Harbour	1
1186		Upper Harbour	1
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1753		Upper Harbour	1
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1944		Upper Harbour	1

Sub #	Organisation Name	Local Board	Volume
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2009		Upper Harbour	1
2031		Upper Harbour	1
2037		Upper Harbour	1
2101		Upper Harbour	1
2135		Upper Harbour	1
2138		Upper Harbour	1
2147		Upper Harbour	1
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2575		Upper Harbour	1
2590		Upper Harbour	1
2599		Upper Harbour	1
2603		Upper Harbour	1
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2693		Upper Harbour	1
2700		Upper Harbour	1
2718		Upper Harbour	1
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2768		Upper Harbour	1
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2902		Upper Harbour	1
2909		Upper Harbour	1
2911		Upper Harbour	1

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2920		Upper Harbour	1
2923		Upper Harbour	1
2937		Upper Harbour	1
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2959		Upper Harbour	1
2961		Upper Harbour	1
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4264		Upper Harbour	1
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6925		Upper Harbour	1
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Sub #	Organisation Name	Local Board	Volume
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9694	Whenuapai R & R	Upper Harbour	1
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9789		Upper Harbour	1
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10390		Upper Harbour	1
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11976		Upper Harbour	1
12057		Upper Harbour	1
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12079		Upper Harbour	1
12133		Upper Harbour	1
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12313		Upper Harbour	1
12375		Upper Harbour	1
12410		Upper Harbour	1
12413		Upper Harbour	1
12440		Upper Harbour	1
12468		Upper Harbour	1
12547		Upper Harbour	1
12549	Greenhithe Community Trust	Upper Harbour	1
12603		Upper Harbour	1
12625		Upper Harbour	1



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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposal is short sighted and targeted at important topics that support the future of Auckland, for example supported youth with education and clubs to thrive. Cutting of environmental education/projects and arts strips the life out of a city. Have projects that are used by the chosen few, eg, golf clubs been considered?? Could we recoup losses from some of the facilities only used by the privileged few.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Unsure why Council would hold these shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why: I think businesses should pay more than the general population when they are profiting from this position.

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: Auckland needs stability.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Too much money given to community trusts to essentially utilise council facilities as a base for their churches. I do not support this funding and would expect local boards to have better oversight of this.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Education is key and we have a fragile environment in Auckland which needs to be supported and maintained by the community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the one off fee as this could prevent people changing to smaller bins, reducing their waste and save money overall. Some residents may not be in a position to prioritise this cost and it should be built into overall rates.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

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

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I hope we can keep supporting community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes.

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

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

Tell us why: This is a really good idea to amend the AIAL shareholding policy.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: We cannot survive if the general rates are increased again.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: It sounds wise to have some new investments postponed.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: I like all the priorities especially the library part.

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please please keep our Albany Village Library open every day! This is the only library in this local board area and we need the library to be open every day.

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why: Decrease the rate

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Strive to reduce operating costs by utilizing infrastructure and labour resources efficiently. Examine any current contracts and make sure that staff members who are business savvy negotiate and oversee contracts. Spend wisely.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Kaipātiki Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Funding arts and culture groups, Community programme delivery, Parks programme volunteers

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: It makes sense to sell the shares if in so doing the reduced borrowing interest outweighs the dividends.

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Tell us why: My income has dropped. Unlike Auckland Council I don't have the option to take the amount of others that I want.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Minimise rates increase. Isn't this what the climate tax Auckland Council charges already is for?

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Minimise rates increase is the number one priority.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't have a preference to not cut any of the above services.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

That Auckland Council works within it's current income. If my income is not increasing how is it fair for Council to decide to take more money from me.

Adjust expenditure to work within what you have.

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1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We are seeing the effects of climate change in our city so it is imperative we retain public transport services. As somebody who is dependent upon the bus service I have first hand experience of just how poor it is. We cannot claim to be a liveable city with such a poor public transport system. Getting more people onto buses will help with our roading issues & alleviate some of the effects of climate change. Now is the wrong time to cut bus services. I also feel that we should try to retain as many community & library services as possible. A lot of Aucklanders are struggling financially and with a digital divide that is putting people at great disadvantage. These are the services that provide an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, assisting the most disadvantaged people in the community, giving them support and assistance in finding accommodation, employment etc. Library services are a basic requirement for a civilised society.

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

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

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

Tell us why: They are nice to have but in the present economic climate I believe that the people of Auckland and their wellbeing takes priority.

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: Unfortunate and it will increase hardship for people facing mortgage hikes.

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

Tell us why: We have to start taking climate change seriously so emphasis should be placed on public transport.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: The library is the last port of call for some of our most vulnerable people. Every day I see how important it is for an increasing number of people for so many reasons. The public library is the last public space where anybody & everybody is welcome w

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

What do you think of these proposals? The whole of Tāmaki Makaurau should pay the same for rubbish collection services.

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 not proceed with if any: staff reduction

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The arts, culture and cities services are what makes a city a place to live instead of a mindless concrete jungle. I will unequivocally not accept such lasting damage to the city.

Do not defund the CAB, do not defund social programmes, do not defund community events. Our communities need these things to come together for more than ever. I would rather higher rates.

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

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

Tell us why: Why are you selling AIAL assets, one of the most productive asset on the portfolio, despite Auckland having a solid line of credit to draw on for rainy days like this. Why are you so saving our credit rating while blatantly disregarding the future?

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut spending on early childhood Education or arts funding.

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

Tell us why: Keep stake in airport and stop phrasing these questions in such a loaded and biased fashion

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Tell us why: People are struggling and your incompetence is resulting in more financial pressure on families.

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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: I don't trust the council anymore

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: I do not believe the current mayor cares about people or community or the arts or the environment. Reducing local council budgets will impact on local environmental and community arts projects. Don't reduce local council budgets.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community grows from connected community arts and environmental programmes. They're already mostly volunteers... but you want to screw them over further. Maybe the mayor and watercare CEO could donate their salaries and volunteer

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

Waste management rates changes	
Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	Support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals? Your cost cutting hits services and arts etc. Where is the cap on council salaries and golden handshakes?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

I want a review of salaries at council and rates increases to be as low as possible during this cost of living crisis. Multiple home owners could pay more

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Ref Massey area. Do not support continual moving and upgrading of public libraries when perfectly adequate facilities exist.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Hobsonville Community Trust

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do NOT reduce local board funding. Community need is greater than ever before and in Upper Harbour Board area our population is soaring. We need MORE community investment NOT less. We need to INCREASE community resilience, not further strip it away. During the recent emergencies, Auckland relied on community groups and organisations to respond. If you reduce community support, it will cost Auckland much much more in the short, medium and long term. It's a ridiculous, harmful and short-sighted approach. Community organisations and activities are extremely careful with how every \$ is spent, we don't waste a thing and multiply its impact through our volunteer networks and relationships. It will take decades to recover if you strip out community at a time we're already struggling and hurting following Covid and now the emergencies.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: We have to fund the gap somehow, stripping community will only hurt community so increasing rates is a fairer, more equitable way to share the burden of our most vulnerable who desperately need support of community organisations and community infrastructure

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: You need to spend this extremely wisely though. Don’t waste it like the Auckland Ports did. In the hands of community organisations, \$20 million would go a long way, make sure it is used well! We need resilience but not wastage!

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Our area's population has grown massively, especially in Scott Pt, Hobsonville Pt, Whenuapai and wider Hobsonville. We desperately need the sustainable sports park and we also desperately need ongoing support of our community infrastructure and organisati

If funding for local board 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 rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community need is greater than ever before and in Upper Harbour Board area our population is soaring. We need MORE community investment NOT less. We need to INCREASE community resilience, not further strip it away. During the recent emergencies, Auckland

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- 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?

Why are we providing public swimming pools for free? It never used to be the case and favours only a select few. Surely this is a better way to make some savings than removing local board funding.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce any community facing services

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

Tell us why: It makes sense and that money can be used elsewhere. Their dividend policy hasn't been great.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We need to fund better services to our communities and improve the most embarrassing asset we have in Auckland Transport. It's a disgrace.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: We need to keep investing in core infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I agree with some of the proposed changes in reducing services or introducing pricing in venues and the reduction in local board funding and TAU funding. However, Council must focus and deliver on key areas of delivery as outlined in the LGA 2002 s10(1)(b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It must ensure that core essential services should not be affected and where central government can pick up, they should such as in ECE.

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Tell us why: I agree with the sale of all AIAL shares given that the benefit of the sale outweighs the costs of keeping the shares. Council should also work towards the sale of the council owned golf courses within this decade as they have significant costs of mainten

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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: Ensuring that the issues that face Auckland such as climate change, wastewater/stormwater infrastructure, transport is addressed requires investment, while others see it as a financial burden, I see it as an investment into the quality of life for Auckland

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

Tell us why: Auckland needs more resilient water infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the initiatives that enhance the natural environment which then provides amenity for locals

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library services are an essential service and the environment is important now more than ever.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: NONE of these public and council services should have their funding reduced. In fact their funding should be increased. The lack of funding of these services causes more social ills. Wealthy Auckland property owners are not short of wealth should step up and contribute more for the public good. They should be the ones to take on the debt through increasing rates or more simply some kind of regional CAPITAL GAINS TAX.

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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 idea of privatising the airport is the first place is idiotic and does not serve the people of Auckland. It only helps the interests of private capital holders who have no interest in improving the livelihoods of Aucklanders.

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

Tell us why: Increase rates significantly as Auckland Home Owners are wealthy and should contribute more to the public good

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

Tell us why: Increase the operating budget but more than \$20mil not only to fund the storm response but future proof the city for the looming climate crisis. Increase rates significantly on Auckland Home owners who are wealthy and can afford an increase in rates. Char

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The major should step down. He is incompetent and it was clearly on display during the Auckland flooding. I think he also does not understand that running a public office is not the same as running a business.

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

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Tell us why: Set a user pays charge for cars entering Auckland in peak times

Or charge cars a toll, and use this to keep rates the same

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Tell us why: Increase council carpark charges

Increase fines for community vandals eg cutting trees down for a view

Encourage and fund public transport and cycling to reduce environmental impacts

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Tell us why: Scott Point can wait. Hobsonville point has had huge ratepayers monies to the detriment of other communities

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This is an attack on poorer parts of Auckland led by Wayne Brown. Find ways of making richer Aucklanders pay their fair share eg

sell golf courses which benefit very few rather than citizens advice bureaus which benefit many.

Take away landlords right

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would more likely ask the question what have you been doing so far. You have new council buildings and seem to be spending money on looking good rather than providing services we pay for

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

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

Tell us why: keep your hand in long term

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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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: punishing rate payers for poor management..what are you doing ?

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: Again poor management... Im guessing we will run out of water again this year

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

Tell us why these are most important to you: Spend money on our existing services, libraries, parks etc.. dont waste money on fancy music events

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What do you think of these proposals? How about all Aucklanders pay for refuse collection,

7. What else is important to you?

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

We have paid for services, refuse collection, libraries, parks and buses... do not cut these.. in fact get better buses. I will use the bus if it turns up..which it doesn't..so I go in the car.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Selling some assets makes sense - but keeping 10% shares for control of the airport

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

Tell us why: Set 7% increase in rates but do not touch the NETR or the WQTR. We need to keep investing in improving our natural environment - that is what the people of Auckland voted to do.

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Tell us why: Auckland Council operating budget need to increase to keep up with the maintenance of infrastructure.

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Tell us why: I think track upgrades at Sanders Reserve to provide for better tracks for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders is unnecessary. There are other areas of Upper Harbour that are in far greater need of outdoor recreation facilities like this. Give ot

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Maintain all funding to improve our natural environments, such as keeping our mature trees, looking after our harbour and streams and strategies to increase the use of public transport and active transport - eg cycleways and walking tracks

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these services are so important to all facets of society and it would be absolutely disastrous to reduce or remove these. This is incredibly short sighted and poorly thought out. Whatever the council does with the budget it should not come at the cost of these services.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

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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: Aucklanders pay tax to receive services from the government. With these proposed reductions our tax money won't be used on services that benefit my community.

Reduction of AT funding puts more Aucklanders on the road, contributing to traffic, road maintenance, petrol price rises, and carbon emissions. These issues affect the poor primarily.

Reductions of arts and education (library, gallery), public services and community funding primarily affects the poor. Wealth inequality will increase further, cause potential rise in crime and reduce potential workforce.

Young Kiwis already struggle to raise a family with the housing, cost of living, and workforce crisis. Removal of these services will contribute further.

Lack of resources is what hurt Auckland the most during the recent flooding/hurricane. Community support was what protected Aucklanders when the council did not. Removal of their funding so recently after this event is an insult, and could lead to devastating consequences in the future.

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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: Aucklanders without private property are those harmed the most by the proposed funding cuts. Its only fair that the wealthier pays their fair share when others are struggling.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Maintaining a level of control but with a reduced increase in rates makes sense

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

Tell us why: It will happen again more frequently and we need the infrastructure to cope, plus the ability to get the city up and running again as fast as possible

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I support playgrounds and planting for climate change but don't see a need for additional sports parks etc if there are other priorities. We already have good facilities nearby ie Moire Park

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

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: They benefit the greatest amount of people and help to future proof more damage from weather events

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Tell us why: if this is the minimum limit of a raise in rates and using debt then it seems balanced

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

Tell us why: Let the asset be managed under the three waters and redirect this part of the budget increase into operations you seem hell bent on removing

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting services that benefits the lower incomes/middle class is just going to push people out of Auckland, or into future poverty creating a bigger crisis in a few years for little gain now. With most Aucklanders about to face a sharp increase to their home interest rates, putting up rates on top that while providing broken services isn't going to achieve a winning outcome.

More spending/debt increase is required to actually get Aucklanders on par with other great cities.

Ensuring education and public transport is funded correctly means people are able to not limit themselves in careers, and therefore earn more/spend more increasing productivity for the main government to borrow from.

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

Tell us why: It’s important for our council to have shares in such a big part of our city, however the cost to revenue income needs to be looked at first before the burden is passed on to the rate payers.

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Tell us why: Make use of higher debt to fund systems correctly is my main preference, but if that can't be achieved, then rate increases for only the higher income properties/earners, or services used by primarily upper class (golf courses etc). Squeezing the lower/mi

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

Tell us why: A rare increase instead of borrowing is my preference, but to ensure our rates are correctly going to projects that will find the right thing, full transparency and a government overview/review every year or so should be required as the rate increase for

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Environmental impacts for West should be our main focus with a secondary focus on ensuring better and safer commutes. Currently there are "dead" zones where after a certain time, it does not feel safe to walk/bike. Public transport and road infrastructure

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental improvements will likely not benefit me in my lifetime, but it's important to the future generations that we do the right thing for their health, as there is science to behind healthy environments = healthy citizens

Programs that educate op

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Funding environment, education and safe (free) spaces for the community to grow ensures future success

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: Benefits on healthy environments and environmental spaces insures the health and wellbeing of the community.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: So many empty buses, reduce the transport levy even further.

Who wants to go into central city any more? thats where the busses go, to places people dont want to go to any more

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

Tell us why: REDUCE DEBT

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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 these are most important to you: I only use the Lib ,Environmental Education has been 'done to death'
DO something dont spend money on all the "educational" programmes

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What do you think of these proposals? Get rid of hald the busses the Hobsonville one is almost always empty, reduce services for things people dont use

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STOP WASTING MONEY ON EMPTY BUSES

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Tell us why: AIAL does not need Auckland Council's shareholding to prop up its balance sheet plus AIAL is a better performer than Auckland Council so Council can add nothing to AIAL's management or governance.

The funds released by selling AIAL shares should be spent

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

Tell us why: Council needs to look harder at cutting back on non-essential and non-core services. Plus Eke Panuku and Tataki Auckland should not be supported by ratepayers but should be reconfigured until they are self-funding. Auckland Transport needs a complete overhaul

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Tell us why: This investment is essential but should not be funded from rate increases but by reprioritising existing expenditure and making deeper cuts to those proposed in Question 1.

For example, the plan to introduce food scraps waste disposal should be abandoned

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: The Upper Harbour Local Board lost credibility when it had extensive plantings of trees by volunteers in Sanders Reserve ripped out

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: I regard the activities selected as being core services of Council. The other activities are discretionary and "nice to have" and therefore not essential at a time when Council is under fiscal pressure.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the Food Scraps Targeted Rate, the Swimming Pool Targeted Rate, and the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

The first is a solution looking for a problem, the second is a pool owner responsibility and since its introduction has had a negligib

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Tell us why: Please don't sell off any more of our assets.

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: People are already struggling to survive. We shouldn't have to pay more and more money for a city that does almost nothing for us.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Tax the banks and other businesses that are making \$1billions of dollars profits. Not the average person that can't afford cheese anymore.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

The people are struggling financially. We need all the help we can get to look after ourselves. We don't need to be spending money on frivolous options and events. We need to be practical at this time. Get the money from somewhere else just not your vulne

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Sports Park not necessary

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: The shortfall required far outweighs the benefit of retaining shares in AIAL.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Households are going to be struggling with rising finance rates and the fall out of recent natural disasters, a rates increase is just another battle.

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

Tell us why: These funds need to be sourced from elsewhere. The situation in Auckland is down to greed and poor judgement in land sales, consents and lack of future planning. The people shouldn't have to wear these costs.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Many of these are crucial to support the already over populated area. Without many of these more travel will be required OOA therefore placing more strain on infrastructure that is already woefully under spec'd.

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assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Maintaining the environment we live is vital for both personal wellbeing AND potentially reducing the fallout from natural disaster. Local grants are key in keeping communities engaged in improving their environment.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Operational spending at Auckland Council has ballooned and we need to focus back on the purpose of AC - providing essential services. Unfortunately that means spending on extras to these services will need to be decreased.

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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: If the savings are expected to be greater than the dividends then it's a no brainer; sell.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Aucklanders have seen several significant rates increases at the last few budgets, 7% will be too high for a lot to manage in the current economic climate. A better balance between rates rise and use of debt is encouraged

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

Tell us why: Only proceed with this proposal if the rates increase is set lower than the earlier proposed 7%.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: The focus for local boards needs to be narrowed to allow for savings

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are services that can and should continue under local board guidance, additional educational programmes can be put on hold or be picked up by other community groups until our budget is in a better position

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Organisation (if applicable): Hobsonville Support Group for Parents of Neurodiverse Kids

Your local board: Upper Harbour

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community ventures such as local trusts. Funding of locals hiring out venues for non for profit organisations.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Because the Hosbisonville Point Trust has a lot of awesome community ventures such as the one I am involved in which wouldn't happen if prices were to rise. My husband and I currently hold a Parent Support Group in Hobsonville for Parents of neurodiverse

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because this will directly involve the service we provide, the parks my children play in.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Don't stop community ventures. He aha te mea nui? Māku e kii atu, he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata What is the most important thing? It is the people. Yes road, parks and books etc. are important BUT the most important thing is people. Connecting people

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to local boards - they are anyway under-funded

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

Tell us why: It is inappropriate for AC to own any AIAL

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

Tell us why: The rates increase stipulated is similar to the published general inflation rate

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

Tell us why: Climate change is real and there will be more storms

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Tell us why: But do not reduce funding to the local board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Most people can access free library e-books, so opening hours of a building can be reduced. Environmental matters must be front and centre and that includes encouraging volunteers

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What do you think of these proposals? People should produce less waster/landfull and should not be charged \$40 when they go for a smaller bin. Think about it - you want to charge people to pollute less.....! Food scraps should ideally be self-used in a compost heap - (not so eas

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

Tell us why: Do not like the idea of selling assets

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Tell us why: Right now after covid and the storm damage people need some respite.

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Tell us why: Do not allow building on risky sites - or if you do the owner needs to absolve themselves of rights to compensation.

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Tell us why: Unfortunately these actions need to be put on hold until recovery from Covid implications (for businesses and people) and storm implications.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Library opening hours and services

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I object to the overuse of Maori names for documents and institutions. I do not speak Maori and have no intention of learning as there are other things I am more interested in and besides at my age remembering a new language is too difficult. This appli

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You're cutting costs in the areas that enhance and support community wellbeing and engagement, and trying to increase costs to homeowners during a cost of living crisis. Really disappointing that the community initiatives are on the chopping block. People need community, and access.

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

Tell us why: Rates are high enough, and you're wanting to cut services linked to rates such as council supported things in the community. Also we pay rates for things like food waste bins that haven't been handed out yet

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What do you think of these proposals? Wayne brown is really not winning favour with the public. Auckland has been doing it tough for a long time and these suggestions are a little heartless. Where are the paycut suggestions for roles like his? Or expenditure they use.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why: AIAL should be delivering an income to Auckland City? The airport belongs to Aucklanders so it should be kept that way. Surely AIAL profits to Auckland City should be sufficient to negate a rates rise.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in the Public transportation such as the buses on that route which are going almost empty, plus not having any passengers in that route will save lots of money of tax payers and will benefit council in some other needed expenses.

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

Tell us why: Selling share to Private firms will reduce admin cost and also the cost of maintaining it plus council will receive remuneration or some money in terms of rent by giving contracts .

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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 after flooding the real estate price will go down more than faster rate and definitely will not benefit any one.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Puketāpapa Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public Transport, Bus services need to increase, currently they are terrible, cancellations, and pretty much unusable for a lot of people.. 2.5 hours to get by bus from Upper Harbour.. 3 Buses , 1 Train, then another Bus.

Combined with AT actively making driving more difficult, we have to have either one or the other.

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Tell us why: AC doesn't need to be a private shareholder of anything

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

Tell us why: Drop the "Climate change" rate, If you're honest, it will do nothing for the environment, NZ is 0.17% of global emissions, and Auckland a fraction of that. Remove this charge

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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: Put in an annual Drain clearing program, on the North Shore we have lots of open drains, it's easier to find blocked ones, than unblocked.

Also, need new rules to allow properties that are on the coast to be able to discharge storm water directly into the sea

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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What do you think of these proposals? Why do swimming pool fences have to be inspected, yet council builds storm ponds that are unfenced?, why is the estuary not fenced?.

"Climate Action Targeted Rate" probably has a cost to managing it, this should be stopped.

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AT needs to be held accountable for poor decisions and costs. Upper Harbour drive is now a mess, what was once a safe place to cycle, has become an obstacle course. We have had 20+ car crashes as a DIRECT result of AT.

Now AT is planning on punishing our

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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: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million.

As much this saves millions of money, public transport should be a core goal to increase in our city. Proven by the amount of traffic in the mornings and afternoons all across Auckland during weekdays, more and reliable public transport can influence more people to use it if there was more services available. This will also reduce on our CO2 emissions and gives our city brand image better for tourists.

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Tell us why: This allows us to still have our foot on the door and have it easier to increase our shares when we can again.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Absolutely, because this is crucial for our city. We don't know what else can happen so it is good to have this developed.

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why: The only priority I wouldn't be behind on is renewing the Orewa library for the pure reason that I think we need to be realistic and look into the future. Everything is becoming digital and more accessible. I think looking at the data of how many people a

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waste and sustainability is important as our carbon and waste footprint in New Zealand could be better so we need to improve on these things. I think community events are also important because they are a way for the community to get together and be together

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Tell us why: I think these are essential to make the Upper Harbour region. Better facilities can help with sustainability too.

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I think it is also really important to emphasize events are what attract international visitors to come here. I don't think it's fair to decrease the support and grant for major events that make Aotearoa inclusive of other cultures and worldwide celebrati

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Tell us why: selling assets is short-term thinking, borrow from the national government they have the ability to create money and to pretend otherwise is misguided at best

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

Tell us why: Heavily increase rates on wealthy individuals and firms owning more than \$5,000,000.00 of real estate

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Fostering a sense of community is vital for the coming challenges induced by climate change

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Stop outsourcing contracts to for-profit firms, unless in their tenders they can specify how they plan reduce costs without cutting corners and treating their employees poorly. Impose penalties for overrunning their projected budget. They have the added b

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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: reducing Tataki funding

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

Tell us why: Keeping the shares provides long-term benefits. Any debt reduction would be short-term as politicians would quickly identify other 'pressing needs' that could now be funded with new debt.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce transport .public transport should be encouraged providing more frequently buses .

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Tell us why: Rates need to increase to allow services to continue.

My preference is to increase rates and use part of that to increase bus services.

Also auckland zoo entry and art and stadiums need to be set higher as well.

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

Tell us why: There isn't much of an option to be prepared if we don't have the funds.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

It is important to provide better public transport more frequently.

It is important to maintain parks and playgrounds .

I would increase entry fees to auckland zoo, pools and art gallery.

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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: We are seeing many not required development across Auckland, why not re-prioritize the goals and align in accordance with the budget. It is very bad to increase the rates on people who are in extreme situation where mortgage payment is very high.

Very bad choices given, shame on you.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: I don't support the rate increase at all.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The roads near Scott Point School are really bad along with no decent pathway to cycle or walk, there is nothing in the plan to correct that.

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What do you think of these proposals? It is very insensitive from council to ask for more money from people where cost of living is very high. What do you expect from people? Should they just redirect their earnings to council?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Rates should go down as the prices of houses are dropped.

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Tell us why: We need it

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Tell us why: Easy option

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Tell us why: Save nz

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Need it

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Don't need it

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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: Increasing public transport levels to at least pre-covid levels should be a priority, along with initiatives to encourage/simplify use and reduce cars on the road.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: If additional rates increases or debt borrowing will improve things (more/better busses, cycleways, road planning/traffic management etc) I would support it 100%, but only if this is well planned and managed to avoid waste.

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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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Tell us why: I would like to see ALL stages of Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park completed in rapid succession, so in addition to completing stage 1A, it is important that the project does then not get stalled and funds are allocated/borrowed to complete all additio

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

Auckland Transport appears to be in difficulty at the moment, so if additional rates increases or debt borrowing will improve things (more/better busses, cycleways, road planning/traffic management etc) I would support it 100%. Please fix the congestion o

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: If CAB is part of the funding cut proposal, then that would be one I would be reluctant to cut as it serves a wide purpose for many people

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Tell us why: I do not think it is necessary for the council to have a stake in the airport, as it is in its own best interests to run as well and efficiently as it can

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Although this expenditure is needed, for any increase there needs to be certainty that money will be prudently and expertly spent

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Tell us why: Not sure about necessity to improve access to Waitemata harbour, I also think that addressing climate change is a luxury that is not affordable except where it involves justifiable mitigation. Tree planting in the short term would also not be a priority.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: It is important to maintain existing green spaces, and community opportunities. Do not think costly environmental projects should be a priority at this time

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What do you think of these proposals?

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In general, I believe it is important to deliver basic services, but nice to haves should be shelved until funding is available.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I agree with all reductions except this one

"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"

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

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

Tell us why: Airport is a valuable public asset, we should not allow it to go fully privatised in the market unless the one who will buy the shares is the central government. Make sense to keep 10% shareholding

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Tell us why: to strike a balance across everything

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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: along with the climate change, we should expect extreme weather more often than before. From this point of view, the social cost would be far more than what you plan to spend if we choose not to do anything now

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:With reducing debt will give the council more funding in the future

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Only costs to the rate payers

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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: PT services are currently very poor and need to be restored to acceptable service levels

The Zoo and Art Gallery are important facilities for Auckland residents and should be affordable for a wide range of people. Funding for tourism promotion and events could be reduced however as it is not clear that these give a net benefit to Auckland.

Other regional community and education programmes provide valuable services and support to community groups and vulnerable people.

Local boards are already funding constrained and deliver minimal benefits in some areas.

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Tell us why: There is no strategic reason for Council to own airport shares and it is not a very profitable investment.

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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: Auckland rates are currently good value for money compared to services provided. A rates increase is preferable to degrading city services.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not continue the reduced number of public transport services; rather increase the public transport options and services.

I am not in favour of selling ACC shares in the Airport.

I am in favour of a slightly larger increase in rates.

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

Tell us why: I think public ownership of vital services like airports and ports is very important.

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

Tell us why: I believe that business properties should be having a higher rates increase than household properties.

I believe that increasing debt is simply pushing the cost of infrastructure and services down to future generations. We are already doing that with gl

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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 think that Councils, with some help from government, should be preparing for more extreme weather events. I think that all new building should take this into account with an increased ratio of grassland and open drainage systems to concrete and other n

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all possible investment in libraries, tracks and tree-planting. I do not support further investment in sports facilities.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I think Library services, parks and bush areas are top priorities.

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What do you think of these proposals? I believe the food scraps bins should be charged individually: many people have their own compost and should not have to subsidise those who do not.

I believe the additional expenditure on extending bus services should not be postponed.

7. What else is important to you?

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I believe libraries and public transport are both top priorities.

I believe bush tracks and parks are high priorities.

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Tell us why: FAR BETTER TO REDUCE INTEREST COSTS THAN TO KEEP SHARES.

ALSO, SELL WATERCARE BEFORE THE GREEDY GOVERNMENT GET THEIR HANDS ON IT. THAT WILL GIVE COUNCIL ANOTHER 10 TO 15 BILLION.

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Tell us why: TELL THE GOVERNMENT TO BUGGAR OFF AND STOP INTENSIFICATION OF HOUSING. YES TO BUILDING APPARTMENTS IN THE RIGHT AREAS, NO TO RIPPING OUT LOVELY VILLAS FOR MULTIPLE TOWNHOUSES.

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Tell us why: KEEP PLANTING MORE NATIVE TREES AND STOP PEOPLE FELLING THEM.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: EDUCATION IS VITAL FOR OUR FUTURE AS ARE CLEAN RUBBISH FREE STREAMS. OUR LIBRARIES ARE BRILLIANT, LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY,

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

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Tell us why: Hobsonville Community Trust and the space at the Headquarters building are so important. I run playgroup and Girl Guides there and they are crucial programmes for families in our community to build networks, gain support, and keep kids growing and thriving

If funding for local board 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 rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Hobsonville bridge club

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: More savings could be achieved with people reduction.

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

Tell us why: There is no need for a council organisation to hold shares. This should be managed by central government as a national interest.

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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: Focus on getting the council berms and parks regularly mowed and out pressure for local tossing improvements back on the agenda like the gills road realignment to oteha valley road and sorting out the gridlock through Albany village at rush hour!

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: The airport does not contribute to the majority of the residents in terms of council duties

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

Tell us why: People are still a bit sensitive on rates

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: We might be facing more storms in the future

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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We should not reduce cost on anything that support youth programmes

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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Tell us why: Significantly reduce costs

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Directly affects outdoor activities for kids

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

Add shade to playgrounds, sun is scorching in the summer. Don't want to get cancer. However this isn't really too important at the moment. Best to deal with the aftermath of cyclone in the meantime as well as devote efforts to reduce damage brought by nat

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I really think reducing any budget will cause massive issues. People rely on the Council for many things, and I don't want to see Auckland decline just because Auckland Council has been terrible at managing money in the past - and either way the rate payer or service user has to pay for this mismanagement. Its appalling.

I think more consideration is needed as to what the ultimate effect of the reductions will be...

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council does not need to be a major shareholder in Auckland Airport however I would caution this. Auckland Airport share value has risen steadily pre-COVID, with the Council receiving significant dividend payouts. I know that the Airport has not p

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Fixing flood damaged infrastructure is a waste of money if it just floods again. I think more effort should be put in understanding alternative asset locations or designs to future proof infrastructure against storms.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

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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: Reducing public transport spending

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Increase by even more.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: Don't put all your eggs in one basket and keep other options open until the current state of world distress improves.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Rates increases have been far too much over the preceding 5 years. Cut your head count instead.

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

Tell us why: A one off event. In the meantime you need to improve your contingency planning both one off and annual preparations. The response and communication was a shambles. Clearly you do not carry out regular table top exercises for contingency planning. These sh

5. Local Boards

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: NA

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Open the Waitakeries. Auckland is a suburban dystopia without them. Trust people to avoid the Kauri. The 'science' is unproven and foraging animals are not following the idiotic rules.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services.

The public transport system is already a joke, with constant bus cancellations. This makes planning journeys and worker commuting frustrating. Not to mention the added cost for others to pick up or drop off people from/to bus stations.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council doesn't need shares in the Airport.

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

Tell us why: We are already facing out-of-control inflation and a cost of living crisis. By increasing rates you will only make things more difficult for people.

In general, you could save hundreds of millions by being more efficient. Too much consultation for proje

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

Tell us why: It was a 1 in a 100 year storm. There is no need to take more money from us to prepare for something that won't happen again for another 100 years. Don't use this as an excuse to charge us more.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are all nice-to-haves. They are not necessary, therefore should be cut.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep our rates down, we don't need all these things.

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What do you think of these proposals? Seriously, why don't you actually ask people what they want before implementing services? The fact I now have to pay for food scraps to be collected is absurd, I do not want this service and yet I'm being forced to pay for it.

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In general, I want the council to act more responsibly with our (not your) money.

Spending money on speed bumps where not required, putting in islands at existing intersections, closing off lanes for workers to work on a footpath is absolutely mental. Ca

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

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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?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: All the priorities contribute in way way or an other to "deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents." Assisting the wellbeing of residents should be a critical objective of the City Council.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: 1. Funding for "Environmental education."

The News Media keep the issues of global climate change constantly in their headlines. But this needs to be supplemented by initiatives to educate people as to how to care for the environment in their immediate area

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: don't cut social services / youth centre or early childhood education these are all long term investments, everything else cut

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

The proposed budget no longer provide early childhood education service, then the early childhood services on council's reserves should pay a higher rent / rates to assist in servicing the debt or reduce the operational costs. in a user pay environment, s

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Your feedback

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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: Community need is more than ever before. Community organisations are massively stretched and stressed. We have carried and will continue to carry a huge load.

Population is rapidly increasing and therefore our need continues to grow in the Upper Harbour Board area. We need massively more investment in our community groups and infrastructure, not less! We need to increase our communities' resilience, not strip it more and more away. During recent flooding and storms, Auckland relied on community groups and organisations to respond. If you strip away community funding and support, it will cost Auckland much more in the long term and indeed right now.

This is a harmful and short-sighted approach. Community organisations and activities are so careful with how \$ are spent, they don't waste and their impact is multiplied through their volunteer networks and relationships. It will take decades to recover if you reduce community funding at a time our communities and groups are already struggling and hurting following Covid and now the emergencies. Wake up. Instead you should reduce the future salaries of executives who earn 5-10 times what community organisation workers do yet waste far more money! You should also bring user pays for entry to public pools, perhaps keep free just for community service card holders and children 12 and under. Also reduce your contracts with the likes of Ventia who waste money consistently through their approach to maintenance.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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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 more resilience, things are going to get worse not better so invest in long term gains and defences that will reduce spend over long term.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals? Bring back user pays for swimming pools except for community service card holders and children under 12yrs.

7. What else is important to you?

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland will not be a livable city rather a very unlovable city where no tourists will wish to visit

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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: Never sell the family silver

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Proceed as long as improvements happen ie clearing drains and increasing gutter height to cope with excess water

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Continue with upgrading parks and green spaces

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce money for sports grounds as it keeps kids off the street.

Do not reduce discretionary money for Local Boards as they know where is best used in their local areas.

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

Tell us why: It would still be good to have a blocking share.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: It has to be done. Is \$20m enough?

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: They are things that the locals want and need.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why: The airport shares can benefit Auckland now and in the future instead of just one hit if they are sold.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Increase maintenance for existing storm and drainage instead of relying on Auckland citizens to notify council of weeds and blockages. All bridges should have drains cleaned regularly.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Three choices from all the above is very limiting as all the above activities are deserving of funding.

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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: Surely there can be further reductions to operating costs. Are you able to provide a more detailed balance sheet? What percentage of the above amounts are reductions to the current totals? I.E Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million. What is the current local board funding? Can you double to reduction to \$32 million? I am very surprised a lot more savings can't come out of Auckland Transport.

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Tell us why: If the dividend doesn't cover the interest cost on the loan, then it is a stupid investment. With interest rates raising, I would try and reduce debt as much as possible.

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Tell us why: Can't you just use the \$1.8 billion from the AIAL share sale to pay down debt, and keep the other \$100 million to make up this shortfall? I don't understand the benefit of paying down \$1.9 billion in debt from the AIAL share sale, and then borrowing a fu

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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: Surely you can find \$20 million in operating cost savings? You are proposing a \$125 million saving in operating costs this year, I am sure there is room for a further \$20 million next.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: How much does the pest free strategy cost? Seems like a futile effort and waste of money in the current economical 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 maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Health and safety and usability of the Park.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

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

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

Tell us why: I don't like the idea of selling assets. They must stay in the hands of all Auckland tax payers.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Open space low / no mow areas

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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?

With all due respect, the constant changing of the names of departments and services does nothing to assist anyone, other than perhaps those directly involved in policy making and working in this areas, any good. I need to have a dictionary and troll the

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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: Most of the proposed reductions are relatively cost effective ways of benefitting the lives of Aucklanders directly, or making the city vibrant to live in. It is especially important to consider many of these provide services to the most vulnerable or lower-socioeconomic people. Many services like CAB are extremely cost effective for the impacts that they make to communities at large. Cutting them only appears to be short-sighted.

I also fear that reducing these funds will result in a gradual decline in these services over time, as that funding is not re-allocated, even when the price-gap is addressed. If spending reductions do go ahead, how will you ensure this does not happen?

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

Tell us why: I am not well-read on this topic so don't want to comment much. The only question I have is how sustained these savings per year are compared to the dividends gathered. Is this a long-term projection? If not, I would vote in favour of not changing the pol

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Tell us why: I am in favour of increasing rates and debts. Recovery from a disaster, partly exacerbated by insufficient infrastructure, is not the time to take financial shortcuts. This will no doubt kick up a stir from some circles, especially homeowners who would st

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

Tell us why: Ensuring resilience to prevent another event like the recent flooding from happening is important. With climate change's impacts clearly having an inevitable impact on the lives of everyday Aucklanders, building this resilience should be treated as an utm

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I am most in favour of sustaining the existing baseline level of service for community and environmental support, as well as ensuring projects close to finalisation are closed off. Starting new projects are less of a priority.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Thinking about impact on future and ability to target those most in need. A mix of environmental and community impacts. Protecting and enhancing the environment is critical for long-term planning and the two initiatives I chose appear to me to have the po

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

Do not scrap cost-effective community led initiatives like CAB. Their impact on the community goes far beyond what is plugged into them. Please, please, please consider carefully the wider costs of short-term savings.

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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: Don't proceed with rate increases. Rates have already significantly increased last time and with the ongoing cost of living crisis it would put even more pressure on households.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Don't increase rates. Households are already struggling and don't need extra pressure.

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Tell us why: Find another way of funding and work with the government in Wellington as part of a centralised response.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Raise rates, don't cut from resources which benefit everyone and improve the city.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: As above. (Q1: Raise rates, don't cut from resources which benefit everyone and improve the city.)

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is terrible at the moment - further investment is 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Raise rates - I believe the current direction of austerity-lite is awful

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe the local board carries out a vital role in supporting our community

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: They all support our community and enable equitable access to information for the people

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? I believe rates should be increased - the current proposals are ludicrous and insulting

7. What else is important to you?

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

Auckland Transport's management is a farce - the bus way has been ruined as a result of the cuts to busses, with obscene waiting times. There's been a systemic failure to invest for years, and failing to invest further to avoid raising rates is insulting.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think some reduced bus services would be fine as long as it has been monitored and deemed to not be severely impacting commuters. However, some services currently impacted, such as the university busses, need to be reinstated to deal with the volume of passengers.

I think that some funding could be cut to Tataki Auckland, but maybe half the proposed amount. I think that cutting funding to tourism which brings in revenue is short-sighted and cultural activities are important for community pride.

No funding should be cut to the rest of the organisations and instead increase rates by 10% plus further debt. Most of the services listed are vital to our community, providing infrastructure, and supporting underprivileged populations. Especially cutting funding to early childhood education which would primarily impact women, their ability to earn and career development, further increasing inequality.

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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? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates and debt to maintain funding vital to our community, providing infrastructure, and supporting underprivileged populations.

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: I think you also need to consider practices to mitigate the effects of climate change to prevent more adverse weather effects in this funding.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental practices are vital to mitigating the effects of climate change, community programmes and buildings are great for building relationships and support networks.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We hold art classes at Headquarters through the Hobsonville Community Trust. We know how the local kids love the classes. We are grateful for a lovely space that has supported my small business as we navigated the past 3 years, what with Covid. They have

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why:

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Reduce them all

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Arts / community programmes and services, Open space low mow / no mow areas

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Library opening hours and services, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Hurry up and do the devoshire reserve and make the roads around it safer.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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Tell us why: Not increasing rates in line with inflation is ridiculous. Its dream world finance. Sadly inflation is high and we need to ensure services continue to be invested in, not suffering year on year cuts.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Local community initiatives can make a real difference in people's lives. They are the parts that connect people and step in at times of crisis. I'd be happy to pay a few dollars more at the zoo or art gallery as that is an optional extra in people's lives.

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

Tell us why: I was surprised you had a stake in the Airport - I don't see that the benefits would outweigh the costs in this situation.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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: These 'one-off' events are becoming more common and will continue to do so - we need to start expecting and preparing for them.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Walking tracks do not seem a necessity - there are far more pressing areas that could do with support.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Looking after the environment

Looking after the local people

Helping foster educated and curious people

The covers a lot of bases

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? It's not clear from your first point "Cost changes in waste management..." who pays for the bin - council or customer so selected 'I don't know'

Food scraps service could be on a user pays system rather than charging everyone. When many people have a was

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: "Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million"

This is ridiculous. The current state of public transit is terrible with mass cancellations, which leads to increases of an already exorbitant amount of congestion during peak travel times as a result of people not taking public transport and driving because they have to be at work or school on time.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: "Progress delivery of the track upgrades at Sanders Reserve to provide for better tracks for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders"

This should not be a priority as the value this will provide the overall community seems significantly less important

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Library services are important for the community.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: all these services need more funding.

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

Tell us why: This is just ****ing us for the future

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: you could be more aggressive with the rates and debt

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with the below, as they impact our culture heritage and tourism which are extremely important, as well as looking out for our communities and vulnerable individuals. Auckland public transport is already in a bad spot and needs increased services, not decreased.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: Once these are sold, they will be nearly impossible to get back. This is short term thinking for short term gain instead of long term results.

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:

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Cutting water care, parks and especially libraries is not the way to go about things. There are plenty of other places these cuts can be found, starting with the exorbitant funding for council members and their pet projects.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: I can barely pick just three, all of these cuts are asinine.

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

What do you think of these proposals? The bus services are already cut beyond what they should be, and cutting them more is going to bring more pain.

As for the pool/fencing, just cut it completely. You cannot save people from themselves and it's a waste of money.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't defund or reduce services, increase rates or debt. We want a better city with good services, better public transport. Not a boring city with austerity cuts, poor public transport, without arts or events.

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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

Tell us why: We already pay high enough rates and see little return on these rates. Do no increase then further. Make better use of the current rates money you receive.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why: Set rates at NO MORE than 4% per annum, and borrow the shortfall between the proposed 4.66% rise and 4% rise in my proposal.

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

Tell us why: I fully agree with this proposal.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Reduce funding to keep rates down.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Reduce AT operation costs in trying to achieve everything and stop increasing rates as they are already high combined with crippling high interest rates. Close unnecessary depts and lay off those roles to cut ops cost! Hire less contractors in CCC's! AT f

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: None of those options are burning priorities. We need the intersections on our roads fixed - Hobsonville-Brigham road intersection

Build squadron On ramp/off ram from and To west.

Focus on critical projects when there are cuts and not recreation parks an

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Remove any rate charges for anything relating to Climate Action which are completely ineffective and virtue signaling when other core services are needing increased funding

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Those reductions do not impact me. Increasing rates will. I think it is a better business / strategic decision to hold onto airport shareholding.

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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: Airport is one of the key facilities in Auckland and the Council should keep some leverage over it.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would proceed with all reductions, and more rigorously. By average world standards, Auckland is quite well resourced and can make money go further in many areas via good planning and choices.

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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 support partial sale as it still keeps some stake in the Airport, which is a key asset for an isolated island country. It has some drawbacks like in the p89-90 but maintaining 10% gives some revenue while not completely divesting from something that cou

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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: Agree with proposal and only using additional debt we need i.e., the \$75m cap.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Don't support general rates increase. Certain areas, and certain constructions suffered more during the floods. Rates should be targeted to those areas in a proportional manner. Auckland is quite a large area and floods impacted people unequally. More mon

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the priorities but struggle to see what value Local Boards add. To me, they add zero value. They are just a bureaucratic overhead. The reductions don't go far enough. Council should just straight up suspend Local Boards, and abolish them altogether

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are important because they relate to keeping the environment protected and maintained. Education programmes can easily go as can "community" services. At a time when cost of living is at its highest, we have the most incompetent central government (

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

What do you think of these proposals? Support the changes. Waste management is core Council function and one that's important. It's also important that it remains targeted and volume based so that people who make an effort to reduce waste, have some reward for doing so.

7. What else is important to you?

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

The budget is quite reactive and targeting a number. With so many big events happening in the last 3 years, pandemic, flood, cyclone, Council should have a long-term operating model and a medium-term execution plan to meet that new operating model. That m

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Transport reductions - having public transport is critical today and longer term. Increase rates instead.

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

Tell us why: No point keeping an asset that returns less than the interest cost. But what is the 10yr picture.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: need to dig out of the budget hole faster.

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Tell us why: Lessons learned.

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Tell us why: A number of these can be scaled back or deferred for a period without substantial service degradation.

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keeping the Airport shares costs us nothing and will do us well in the longer run. Compared to simmlar sized metro regions our public transport is shameful. We need MORE busses and trains. As a parent and ratepayer I Strongly Object to taking one cent from Libraries, Museums, the Zoo, or MOTAT. As for social services I would gladly double my rates if it meant getting the less fortunate into safe housing. The authors of this budget should be ashamed of themselves. Society is there to take care of ALL no matter their status. This budget is meant to line someone's pockets and leave the next generation ignorant and literally drowning.

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Tell us why: Selling the airport shares is a short sighted money grab built on election lies.

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Tell us why: If you can afford Auckland property you can give you fellow Aucklanders a hand up.

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Tell us why: I’m pretty sure if some people didn’t hold up 3 Waters there would have already been an upgrade to the storm water system.

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Tell us why: I’m a parent raising a child who is facing a life of environmental disaster. We need to do all we can

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What do you think of these proposals? There are a lot of lower income kids who need the pool for a safe water experience. Let's try not to raise the fees, at least for kids.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

Cost over benefit to give up this support would cost the council much more in the long term.

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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: Greater interest for benefit for the wider public, and the amount of savings is substantial per year.

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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: Rising costs are currently difficult to manage for the average household. Owners of properties with larger land area e.g. 500sqm+ should progressively and proportionately pay and increase in rates, given there is now less land to build new homes because of

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: The additional 1% in rates increase should be imposed or alternatively be an opt in option as a tax directed at existing/prospective land and property owners who currently reside, or are looking to develop land in high flood risk areas. The percentage of

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are direct impacts to the local environment and will be recognised tangibly by the community

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Most of these areas have little to no impact. I would support an even more aggressive reduction.

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

Tell us why: Don't change the policy and don't increase rates. Cut something else. Selling out assets is never a good idea and isn't sustainable. It will only plug a hole, but what will we sell next?

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

Tell us why: Keep rates unchanged and don't increase debt. Cut bloated expenses somewhere else. Discontinue more useless projects. Reduce your staff - knowing how low is % of time an average office employee of Auckland Council spends doing useful work, you can probabl

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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: Storm didn't affect suburb where I live or go to. Affected suburbs only should carry additional expenses if they choose so. That would be fair.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: The only worthwhile priority is Scott Point Park.

"Investigating opportunities..." - sounds like money will be spent without anything real done.

The rest doesn't make any noticeable impact. We will live without those if in return we pay lower rates

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Everyone I know goes to parks. Nobody I know needs the rest.

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What do you think of these proposals? Just can CATR entirely

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental volunteers in local parks, Open space low mow / no mow areas

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I wouldn't proceed with reducing regional services. All the community, art and culture program are making our life colorful.

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

Tell us why: I can't see any benefits we had in the past, and what we will lose if Council no longer hold shares in AIAL.

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

Tell us why: I think rates increase by 4.66%, affordable, can't go too high. and the debt can't go too high either.

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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: urgent repairs and replacement is more important.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I agree with all the priorities, that what I, as a member of our community need.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am hoping my community is a livable community, so pest control is important. I am hoping my child can still enjoy reading at local library as much as we can. Finally, i am hoping we can have good quality parks.

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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 not proceed with if any: During this special period, all components of society have the obligation to share the burden. So it is ok to reduce the unnecessary funding, but it should not include early childhood education: 1. all children are the future of the country, its worth to support early childhood education. 2. Demonstrating the government's emphasis on early childhood education can boost new parents' confidence in having children and increase the birth rate. 3. it is only little impact which less than 1% of \$125M

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These three problems are inescapable and have to be solved, they will not be alleviated by reduce funding, but more likely accumulate to a big problem, and may need to pay more to fix the problem at the end.

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

For the public transport(Except Auckland city center), redistribute the funding for bus services, only operate bus service for main road and long-distance bus, reduce the price of bus service, Encourage and support the designated driving service such lik

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Other

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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Early child care

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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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: focus on core services not ideological campaigns for Labour.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: Repairs first and review the right places for infrastructure and housing.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: priorities that the rate payers want

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: target what the majority want not the cancel culture brigade want

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

What do you think of these proposals? downsizing your bin should be waive the cost but upsizing should cost more

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We are paying too little rates for such a major city. All the above took a lot of time and hard work to get to where they are today and many communities rely on these services. These cuts' saving are too insignificant.

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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? Make greater use of debt

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Reduce or Remove ALL non core Council services, get back to the basics... clean streets, mowed parks, weeding, rubbish bin collection, sewerage and water services, etc.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: No rate increase

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Overall, council spends too much, so reduce where possible. The only area where reduction could be postponed would be transport, only after serious consideration.

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Tell us why: Low debt means less money wasted servicing it.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Its a once in a century event. Lets not waste money.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to keep our spending under control and not incur debt just to get niceties.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Council should be focusing on core service only

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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: hard times means hard decisions, don't waste the money stick to core services only.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We pay far too much already for what we use. The council does not manage the money like I manage mine as it's not theirs

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: these things are rare, people need to make better decisions on where they live and insure themselves

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: core services only.

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What do you think of these proposals? I have a pool and im charged far too much for the 10 minutes a person turns up on site for every three years, you should be reducing this not increasing it as its a rip off.

7. What else is important to you?

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

The council wastes far to much money on H&S and cones, we now have two utes front and behind of a tractor mowing the berm, other councils dont do this who made this decision? This is H&S over the top and is one example where a clip board council

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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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Why bundle all of these as one big thing? This is likely creating problems with the answers to this survey. For example: I wouldn't want to remove funding from early childhood educating, but I have no problem in reducing grants. I also wouldn't want to remove money that goes to homelessness funding but I'd have no problem funding from stadiums, in saying that, I wouldn't want to have funds removed from the Gallery since this is a heritage venue. I appreciate Auckland Art Gallery and Stadiums are part of Auckland Unlimited, but surely you don't need to remove 27.5 million straight out of Auckland Unlimited, you can ask them to prioritise that funding and remove only a part of it and bundle the savings with other superfluous activities? Honestly this is a very poorly constructed survey.

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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: Surely it's less black and white than selling it all or keeping 10%? Why isn't 50% an option for example? But if I had to choose, I'd choose maintain 10%

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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: Inflation is in an all time high, why inflict more pain? Surely Councils get better rates than the average joe when borrowing?

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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: This is a nation wide problem. I expect central government to be contributing. It also feels extremely reactive investment, we had problems this year, there is no guarantee we will have weather events like this next year, or the year after for that matter

5. Local Boards

Ōrākei Local Board

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Tell us why: Why do we need Meadowbank Community Centre?

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture programmes, Youth initiatives, Community and art centre service levels

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Support

Tell us why: just feels sensible

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why: Parks? Really? We're trying to save money and you are building more parks?

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants for art centres, Investigating plan / policy development to future-proof the development of local assets, Construction and demolition waste minimisation programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Renewing and upgrading parks and fields just seem like a waste of money when we're trying to save. Maintaining it is enough.

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways

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Quite a disappointing proposal to be honest

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: where does the number \$20M come from? need more info about why you think you need 20M instead of 10M.

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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: Generally costs have gone up a lot and I feel that the proposed increases (\$3 per week) are too low. For example, mortgage payments for me have gone up by around \$200 per week. I don't like the fact that costs are increasing but I see more value in paying towards rates than to banks etc. Auckland council provides valuable services and I don't mind paying for those services.

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Tell us why: We need to upgrade infrastructure and we need to pay for it. I don't mind paying \$10 bucks a week extra if you can fix the roads, pt and add some more cycleways.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We must continue environmental improvements and protections.

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would support any forms of reductions, an example is public transport where I believe buses need to be fully utilise. To often I would see buses go past empty so I believe in a reduction of bus services to make sure buses are full up. Also I believe public transport should have fare increases because users should have to bare some responsibility in keeping the service viable, this will result in council needing to spend less and reduce it debt levels.

Another reduction I support is council facilities which are being used while charging just a cleaning fee. I believe council need to charge more because it should not be rate payers needing to subsidise someone private use of council facilities.

Daycare provided by council should also have to face increases, this is because many people pay for private daycare which is not subsidies by ratepayers and are doing fine. People using council daycare should have to face the same cost as other parents who send them to a private daycare.

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: I do not believe in selling a goose which lays eggs. The Airport provides Auckland Council with yearly dividends especially before Covid hit and this money was valuable as an income for Auckland Council. As international tourist arrive back the dividends

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why: The council needs to reduce spending which will mean lower rates for Aucklanders than the proposed 4.66%. The reasons for the rate increases time and time again is because of council uncontrollable spending record, an example is city rail link the council

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: The reason why the storm caused much damage is because of poor building regulations lack of green areas. The causes of road slipping away or roads flooding is because of developers doing the bare minimum in keeping water retain on property. I believe inst

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increase cuts to entities through deferring non critical functions to net zero rates increase.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Lower rates increase and look for further savings by deferring non critical projects whilst in high inflation, poor economic times.

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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Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community is priority in these times, defer the rest

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pool fence checks could remain same and extended to 5 years

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Stop the compost collection program - how many \$mil will you save on our rates???

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce Arts Funding! It is the life blood of this city, and one of the only things that keeps us as an attractive location to artists from around the globe.

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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: Opens the door to more privatisation.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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: no follow up response

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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 our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Like the council rate payers don't have anymore money to spend, the pocket is not endless

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Tell us why: Rate payers are not an endless money stream

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You should encourage private sectors involve in Auckland transport.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Wellington should consider this emergency budget.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Please evaluate how many people use the service and if it is worth doing it before you start. We would like to support any priorities that benefit more local people.

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service

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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?

Develop nightlife and events

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: children are getting dumber, do not stop funding their education. They could end up working for the council one day and be dumber than you lot

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Tell us why: i'd prefer you not to sell and find reductions in other areas. But you added a threat at the end, 'Increase of rates' so i put sell 8%

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Tell us why: stop looking for ways to increase tax. Get back to core business, rubbish roads etc and delete all the fluffy stuff along with the fluffy staff

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? the bigger the bin, the less times its picked up, meaning less work

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How many idiots has Wayne Brown sacked so far? this is why I voted him in

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding towards auckland zoo and stadiums. This can easily be offset by reducing wages/salary and bonuses that we do not even get.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Just like with Kiwi Rail, once the shares are gone, it will be regretted and harder to get back

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: In an already stretched income where my husband and I do not receive yearly pay rises or any bonuses, mortgage costs have increased by \$400 per fortnight and all food costs and power have gone up, affording an increase is out of the realm of possibility

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

Tell us why: I agree with the make use of debt part of the proposal but not the increase in rates. We simply cannot afford it on top of everything else required to just live, going up also. In most cases, substantial increase to all parts of living have exceeded income

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Saving the planet is important for the generations ahead

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

There are a lot of council employees who earn a great deal of money each year, including increases and bonuses, but do little to support why they receive that. Often, council members are overpaid

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Fully support the proposed reductions which are an unnecessary burden

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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 going through an economic crisis and we need to use our reserves to tide over without adding further rate increases

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Tell us why: Less rate increase now when we have a cost of living crisis

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Tell us why: Future proof our city

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Tell us why: I think it is reasonable to delay or can some of the proposals to reduce spending

If funding for local board 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, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to prioritise our spending to only those are absolutely necessary for daily living

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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 the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public Transport - we need more, a lot more. Improve E-W connections. The Northern Busway is great for going into and out of the city. But what if I want to get to Henderson or Manakau, its easier and quicker to drive ! A spoke and hub system isn't the future, we need some connections across the spokes. Also how to get across the city quickly and easily. Build that rail line out to the airport !

Stop social spending (ie : early childhood eduction etc), I think thats not the remit of the council. We have Govt initiatives on that.

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Tell us why: In the long term if Akl Council sell's, future generations will come to regret that decision. A crazy idea, thats long term revenue that Auckland will need now and in the future.

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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 debt, no issue with that. I look at Debt ratio's elsewhere internationally, NZ seems to timid with raising that.

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Tell us why: Start a long term strategy, stop building/development on flood prone land. Look at how existing people & businesses can be moved over time. What about sea level rise, we have some very low lying land with critical infrastructure on it, ie Northern Mot

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: "Investigate opportunities to implement actions from the Water Access Assessment to improve access to the Waitemata Harbour" - Get rid of that one. Access is already very good for those who want it.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you: Get rid of "Local Events", thats discretionary spending we can't afford. Look for sponsorship to cover it.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

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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.

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Absolutely all support of any projects outside core services and infrastructure should be stopped until those basics are addressed.

If funding for local board 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, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: We do not need to be wasting money "educating" people, delivering "community" programmes, and what on earth is "inanga spawning sites"? Just do the basics, mow the lawns, and do your job. Library probably good idea, though personally rarely use.

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't care about pool compliance. People should manage their own pools without interference. And stop all the "climate change" nonsense. It is a waste of money and will not achieve anything.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I want Council to FOCUS ON BASICS. We do not need any Arts funding, community activities or anything else in the 'nice to have' space unless and until all infrastructure/roading etc issues are resolved.

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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: increase public transport services but charge people instead of making it free or half price

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

Tell us why: why should the council have shares anyway?

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: absolutely do not increase rates, they are high enough for very few services. Scrape the whole food waste collection or make it optional, as I do not want to pay for that when I already have a compost bin

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

I do not want to pay for a food waste collection service when I have already paid for a compost bin and maintain it myself,

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce Local Board discretionary spending but keep asset based services and capital funding. Agree regional grant fund cuts. Disestablish COMET for ongoing savings- education is not core business and predominantly South Auckland based therefore not regional. Keep funding for Council owned Corban Estate Art precinct to support film and arts local economic development. Continue with Eke Panuku Henderson Support work. Minimal cuts to Auckland Zoo. Maybe close libraries on Sundays. AT funding is critical to maintain- especially after major damage to roading infrastructure which will require repair additional to planned maintenance repairs and capital projects. No reduction in services required to make Northwestern Busway viable. Essential to implement planned express services to realise return on investment by Council and government.

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Tell us why: Council has no business owning shares. 2022 Report to Governing Body was articulate in explaining the benefits of sale. Annual Interest savings will cover lost dividend.

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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: Rates have been kept artificially low for 12 years and are still well within the percentage of average earnings so there is headroom for most ratepayers. Aucklanders pay relatively low rates compared to the rest of the country. Using household 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: It’s critical to keep up maintenance especially in Healthy Waters, community facilities and AT budgets. Adaptation is essential

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't support -

Investigate opportunities to implement actions from the Water Access Assessment to improve access to the Waitemata Harbour

Don't support- updating walking guide.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: 1. Parks are core business and equipment, paths and planting need to be maintained for safety and enjoyment of public

2. Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, mostly done by volunteers, do a lot of imp

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Tell us why: We need more indoor facilities to cater to the growth in indoor sports.

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We are massively short of indoor facilities in greater Auckland

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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: simply put, we have over spent, the need to cut back drastically right now is imperative .

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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 a council, not a share trading entity ! we dont need those shares, sell them now ! can up some equity, a very logical perspective.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why: its manageable for most people I suspect. whilst for some it will be a hardship, we have to get out of this cycle of debt.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: obviously we need to be prepared for emergency situations, however in saying that, a lot of the flooding issues lie with council, giving permits for in fill housing, building on flood plains, (building them up,) but the having all water fall from high i

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: just cut back spending if we can, not all of those things need to be done, the urgent ones can be, others can be put on hold, use intelligence it should work.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance level of service, Community lease charges, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: all of the other issues or ideas are not. important per se.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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?

just to re enforce the desire to sell of auckland shares, stop spending on cycle ways, (a complete waste of money at this stage) cut back on management, and leases of buildings.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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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? Other

Tell us why: Do not pause the split between business and residential rates and proceed with general rates increase. Increase rates increase if required to make up the shortfall.

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: at the time of crisis, spending money on arts and other things are considered to be a luxury.

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Tell us why: if you are not earning dividends to make a dent in our debt, then what is the point?

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: we are stuffed by increase in food costs, petrol costs etc. to increase rates you are killing us. might as well leave the whole country! stop following Labour's idea of taxing the shit out of us! reduce your salaries!

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: this year has the highest interest rates for owners, to increase rates it is a burden on us which will mean it could be passed on to renters. stop taking the easy way out of increasing cost on us. take a pay cut from huge salaries maybe then you will feel

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: we are in a crisis, lets get through this year and when interest rates reduce next year, then do what you want.

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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?

all those in government and leaders need to take a decent pay cut to reduce our spending. maybe then they will come up with better solutions than taxing the shit out of us (whether taxes or rates or interest rates).

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce public transportation spending. Increased funding and use of public transportation is crucial to meeting climate goals. Do not reduce council programs and services. These are crucial to building community cohesion and make Auckland a nice place to live.

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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: Often when publicly held venues or services are sold to private parties, the public experience is degraded and savings goes into private pockets.

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

Tell us why: Increase rates based on land value not capital value. Those with more land value should pay more rates.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:Preparing before the storm costs less than cleaning up after.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Ugh, they're all important to me. I would rather pay more rates than lose services.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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: Funding for the zoo is the one I would continue to support, all other venues can be reduced and agree with them

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

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

Tell us why: Rates are high already around city centre, north shore and east. Either increase south or keep rates same.

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Tell us why: They have little to no impact. Only one I would be okay with is toilets at the park.

Upper harbour drive needs more

Consideration as Auckland transport have ruined a community over it, injured many people and written off cars and busses.

If funding for local board 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: None are important to me

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What do you think of these proposals? A great way to cut costs is to reduce the compliance and small jobs the council takes too much time on, example: resource consents

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

No potholes, more roads and more infrastructure to support current and existing housing.

Kumeu needs at least a 2 lane highway and space for busses and possibly trains as they have had 5,000+ homes

Congestion is bad, transport doesn't work or gets cance

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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: keep funding for early childhood education services.

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

Tell us why: You've already increased the rates of Aucklanders by about 12% in the last year, with nothing to show for the increase from someone who recently went from semi rural to urban. Whenuapai Village is still in an underdeveloped state to be called urban!

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assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why: Set a lower general rate and make less use of debt. Use available funds for maintenance of existing property. Don't buy or build any new facilities or property.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: I think we should save on the following projects:

Continue to deliver on stage 1A of Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park and Caribbean Drive sports field upgrade and toilet facility

Investigate opportunities to implement actions from the Water Access Asse

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Listed services affect more residents and ratepayers.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Leave the funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited as is

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: we need to make practical logical money savings decisions

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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: logical.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: seems we are having to face more storms, with stranger outcomes, the slips are a major concern, however, housing in these areas of flooding and slips need to be reviewed.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: this isn't the time to be worried about environmental volunteer works.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance level of service, Community lease charges, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel these rate in order of importance. other points are not so necessary to uphold.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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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: This has been a very difficult time for Aucklanders (COVID and floods) and not a good time to increase costs. Holding debt and paying it in future better times seems wise to me

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: While I believe climate change is important the amount local boards can achieve is near zero. Tree plantings I have been on by council are badly run/ineffective those by the likes of Conservation volunteers NZ are much better may be use funding for 3rd par

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Environmental programme volunteers

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

Actually enforcing fines given by the likes of animal management through courts. Law abiding citizens pay fines while less honest folk continue to misbehave and ignore fines.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland Council cannot afford contribute to the previous levels.

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Tell us why: Common sense.

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Tell us why: A realistic plan to recover from the council's current financial situation.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: It's called long term financial planning for known and reoccurring disasters.

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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

Tell us why: Common sense Council has a major financial deficit to reduce.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community and civic events, including ANZAC events, Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners

Tell us why these are most important to you: Common sense Council cant afford to support these activities.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You keep reducing services and increasing rates. You are hard to reach and it appears all these reductions do not reflect the amounts we have to pay as ratepayers. Reducing your input in galleries, Zoos and infrastructure will just make life more difficult in Auckland.

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

Tell us why: Operate in a smarter way. you have so many employees and at times when I call it seems that they don't know what they are talking about. However, some staff are great. Retain high-quality staff and get rid of seat warmers.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: drop the astronomically high level of rates for people who live in their own houses and make it affordable to own a property. Increase rates in non-occupied properties so developers pay increased rates as they are profiting from ownership. increase even m

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Living in a sustainable, healthy and viable city where active citizenship is encouraged and cherished. I do not even believe that these comments will be read and in any way acknowledged. It seems you have already made a decision and I doubt that people's

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't spend on environmental issues

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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: Reduce costs for now is the most important thing to do.

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

Tell us why: There are businesses going through bankruptcy while there are also many who are highly profitable still such as supermarkets. I don't think it is fair to charge every house owner more money for filling the budget hole since business tax rate is terribly low

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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: Good initiative and yes the storm system in the city needs urgent attention.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: We don't need a ballpark in Unsworth. Who plays it? NOBODY! Save the money on other more urgent things please to be wise. I suggest you to halt on all the big recreational projects and pay attention to more urgent issues such as the connection between stat

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: these two items are slightly more important to me. The most important thing is the jam every day from 8am till 7pm on Albany highway!!

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What do you think of these proposals? Logical changes proposed.

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TRAFFIC! TRAFFIC! TRAFFIC! ROADS! ROADS! ROADS!

Very frustrated driving everyday!

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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: Here are the reductions I would not proceed with:

> Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024

I think there are great economic benefits to having accessible and reliable public transportation. If the public transport system can be frequent and reliable enough then many people could change their daily mode, reducing emissions and lowering traffic volumes. The reduced services have made public transport a non-starter for many people who are in less-served areas.

> Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion)

This sounds short-sighted, cruise ships are finally returning to Auckland and having world class attractions will keep us as a destination for tourists both by ship and by plane.

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

I'm not sure about this, the description provides very little information. What will the effects be?

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This is a relatively small savings which could have very big impacts on some families. Is it justified for a small gain?

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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 reduction in interest costs may outweigh the expected dividends, but we need to consider the long term capital gains from holding Auckland Airport shares.

At the very least we should maintain the blocking stake, losing voting power over the operation

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: With severe constraints required to ease the balance sheet a bit, it seems that the entire city will just have to try and do without some things for a while.

I'm sure we'll cope, it's a shame but we'll cope. The "cultural heart" however, requires a gentle hand, as we will find hope and strength through those avenues.

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

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 in a state of change and new thinking and that requires bold, brave moves, whatever the preference may be in the longer term.

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

Tell us why: This seems like the best way for immediate measurable relief and a good step forward in the new thinking.

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Tell us why: With a rapidly shortening reality horizon and vast unknown ground beyond, best we prepare to the limit of our ability.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Naturally, all the goodies in the basket are priorities and good ones too, however, we need "cut our cloth ...", so discretion and the bigger picture be foremost in the mind.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and lead

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What do you think of these proposals? I only put a rubbish bin (120L) out three or four times a year and pay for it by an orange tag I buy at the supermarket. I assume that's all I pay and that works fine for me. I generate very little rubbish and recycle everything I can.

It may be that a sy

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

Tell us why: It makes no sense to have a lot of assets and debt which servicing costs more than the proceeds from the assets.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: Households are already under a lot of financial stress, with the worst yet to come. Though these stages it is the job of the public service to alleviate stresses where possible.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why: It is not a time to be pushing up rates. Wait for a year or two to let the economic hard times pass.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut funding to Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). They provide a valuable community service.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Rates should be set to the level required to provision services. I would rather have a higher rates bill than have Council cut funding to community groups, libraries and parks.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Closing Citizen advice bureaus

Closing existing libraries

Not completely transport projects

Keep funding art gallery and museum

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

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

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

Tell us why: Sell as many shares as needed to fund a heavy rail transport route from Airport to Pohinui / Wiri stations. With AIAL contributing to half the cost. Abandon light rail to airport (too slow) Do not put airport share sale in general pool or for debt service

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Rate renters as part of tenancy Tribunal. A level that is set but goes directly through to council and not the obligation of the landlord to administer or cause them to increase their rents. Not only land owners / house owners should pay rates. Big busine

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council has been absolutely hopeless in mitigating flooding / keeping waterways clean. Listening to local residents. The old previous smaller local bodies were far better at helping, consulting and keeping ahead of preventing flooding. The AC cal

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: There should be more open book accountability of spending. All information should be emailed to ratepayers.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you: Schools and Teachers can run their own programme of the above no need to employ council staff on this or redirect them from council work / maintenance.

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

What do you think of these proposals? There is still not a fare refuse charge across the city. Why do north shore residents still need to by tickets. Why are there still private contractors collecting refuse from residential areas?

7. What else is important to you?

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

I still don't think ATs budget / income / expenditure/ accounts are clear and transparent enough. There should be an open book policy. There is too many outside consultants. Too many Council management staff are paid too much. There are too many frivolous

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Your feedback

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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: Tātaki Auckland Unlimited - this promotes tourism, more tourism = more revenue for SME's. Do not reduce community and education programmes, our education system is already miles behind.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Some community services such as the Citizen Advice Bureau are important for the function of a civil society. Cutting these services would result in negative long term impacts that would result in increased costs in the future.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Allowing the retainment of some shares in Auckland Airport would allow the council to retain some form of control in the Airport.

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Tell us why: The less debt the better.

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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: Allowing the increase would pay off in the long term regarding future storm events.

5. Local Boards

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

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 not proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with reducing CAB, arts, or youth /homelessness support, nor the cuts to ECE. These are all critical services. Please also do not leave the public transport reductions in place as this is a critical means of getting people around the city in a reliable way.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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More entertainment and arts, nicer cleaner prettier streets

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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: Don't reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited or to economic development. These things bring additional funding into Auckland. Less money spent on these areas means less activity and events and less income coming in to the city. Don't strip funding from the arts and cultural events either. These events give our city life, encourage diversity of thought and make our community special.

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

Tell us why: Keep hold of this valuable asset so Aucklanders have some say in how it operates.

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: We can pay the debt off over a long period of time. Auckland isn't going anywhere. Get things done, encourage growth by investing in our infrastructure. People are already struggling with the higher cost of living. They don't need rates increases.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Make sure we are prepared for the next major storm. No one wants to go through that again.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities will make my local community a better place to live.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: They make the biggest difference to my community

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The above proposals affect a very lateral aspect of the community that can actually assist in finding creative ways to increase local revenue if approached with co-governance

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't want rates to go up we already paid more than we should ,we just had a increase,we still have to pay for rubbish collection privately to as it works out cheaper for us as a household to pay a yearly bill than to buy stupid tags for our bin. Water has also gone up so has power . Cost of living is ridiculous food cost are expensive,our mortgage rates have doubled since last year. It's not okay how do you expect families to survive. When we all do have to take care of our children education and needs.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: No

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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: Tataki Auckland Unlimited

Let users pay a bit more to use

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Tell us why: Purely to help budget

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: Too many people already struggle with costs

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: Unfortunately we cannot ignore climate change

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Regional programmes- really important to have free events so ALL families can enjoy without the burden of entry costs.

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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: Good to keep some shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Seems like a manageable increase

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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: Due to climate change effects, these storms are only going to be more frequent & no longer a 'freak' rare event....

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Only interested in improving environment and reduce effects of climate change.

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

Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme

Tell us why these are most important to you: The more we educate kids at school the better their future will be..

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? The bigger the bin, the more freely people will throw stuff away so I don't support bigger bins.

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?

Electric buses and more services so I don't have to take my car to work & back.

Proper recycling & waste minimisation education for households. Some sort of incentive offered if they recycle properly, reduce the frequency of putting their bins out

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Stop spending money on bs like speed bumpers (Auckland transport) and use that money to fund the public transport systems etc, will be so much more effective and transport will be quicker as they won't have to stop for the stupid bumps

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

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

Tell us why: Selling all is yet again stupid, sell some keep some, most likely will continue to go up and grant a small 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:

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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: Use the money on maintenance

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Better use of the rate payer money will surely pay for this, take a pay cut

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Somethings can wait, sports parks etc can, pest control can't

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Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Just stop spending money on stupid things that do nothing but frustrate everyone, ie speed bumps and silly concrete blocks

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: The council has consistently been raising rates over recent years, without delivering any noticeable improvement in services in the city. An inwards focus on efficiency would be best applied to reduce council wastage, along with the elimination of duplic

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: A large degree of forward planning for storm damage can be managed by eliminating building approvals in inappropriate areas - nature will, to a degree, take care of the rest.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: While these are all potentially good initiatives, none are urgently needed, and there will be little impact in delaying or cancelling these projects. It would be better to focus on debt and cost reduction. Furthermore, I do not use any of these facilities

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: It would be most beneficial to all and most visibly effective to do the basics right - maintain parks and waterways, and have library resources available. Many of the other initiatives seem like waste and will have little long-term impact on the living e

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What do you think of these proposals? There is not enough information provided regarding what the food scrap service entails.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I would like to see the council eliminate wasted spending, by reducing internal headcount and frivolous services. Getting back to basics in terms of services delivered to the community would be the best way for the council to operate. Overreaching on am

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Debt must be reduced and the advice I give my kids applies equally to the Council. Live within your means.

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Tell us why: Reduce debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Focus should be on basic/core activities. Recent weather events has shown the importance of maintaining natural water courses and ensuring existing stormwater systems are well maintained. Fix the basic stuff before throwing money at grandiose ideas

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to the arts, libraries, etc.

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Tell us why: Dividends may increase in the future as the airport regains full capacity.

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

Tell us why: All costs are increasing, households should expect to pay more for services.

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

Tell us why: Self explanatory.

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays 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: Important to continue to support groups and find upgrades.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Important to fund the arts and libraries.

Urgent need to restore and clear debris from local waterways.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce senior manager's salary and reduce senior manager's headcount. Get a senior manager to analyse and to improve the efficiency of council's departments. After that restructure departments based on department performance. Stop any not urgent projects to save money. Bring back outsourcing council's service. Outsource infrastructure projects to overseas qualified companies. Set deadlines to decision making time on approval and auditing process. Set deadlines to infrastructure projects to reduce money waste in labour. Auditing all outsourced works to see if the spend is reasonable.

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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? Other

Tell us why: Save the share. They will be money maker as tourists are coming back.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Temporary increased high percentage of the rate of luxury properties. Top richest people doesn't care this tiny money, but the rate increases to middle class people will end up reducing their life quality.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Again, get overseas companies to do. Especially Chinese companies, they are very experienced in infrastructure construction projects. They can make it quick, good and cheap.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Please considering the large amount of middle class people. They are the biggest groups of taxpayers. They are the drivers of economy and also they are heavily affected by rate increases, inflation pressures, and so on. Normally there are two ways to how

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There is no way you can increase the rates, instead, cut on the amount of useless employees you have and bring lunch from home, we don't need to pay for them.

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

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

Tell us why: Having those shares is our safety. Do not sell them.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Many of us struggle to put food on the table, reate increase is not an option. Remove the enormous wages some of you are taking. Not cool at all.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Again, instead of imposing more punishing changes on the citizens, start with your pretty useless organization and look within to reduce huge expenses.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Street lights are an issue that is not looked after at all while we pay for it. In Hobsonville Point so many street light are broken and many have reported about them, including me, and a year later, no joy. We need light to feel safe , so do your job , w

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Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: They are all community needs. We need to pay taxes for services. Prices rise with inflation, and rates should not be exempt from that. Raise rates to keep services. The proposed cuts prioritise personal greed, less tax for the greedy rich.

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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: Privatised airports are bad for the whole community. Look at the shambolic Sydney airport, which has bad service and incredibly expensive parking.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: Why should rates be exempt from general price rises? Why is there pressure on the public sector while the private sector can charge whatever it likes?

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

I like the services the council provides and think we should all pay more for it. A reduction of services is based on an ideology of personal greed over community welfare.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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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

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Do not support the airport rail link

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't think we should dedection number 2 and number 3 sections as this is good for young generations to grow their knowledge. And with everything is going up with the price, most family cannot afford to take the kid there. It would be waste of the facility if no one can afford to go there.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: With a high interest rate and everything expensive already, this increase rate will put more family to sell their property and it hard for them to keep their property secured. I think we should pause this rate increase to another year when everything is c

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

Tell us why: We want to know why this one cost a lot. We wants to know where it will be used for.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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I don't support all the increases that will put people into a financial hardship. As a interest keeps going and all the price in the market, these increases will forth people to sell their dream home.

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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: You promised to keep rate increases low. You must stick to that promise.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It's seems that council decisions/building approvals (infill housing, non porous concrete) have created some of the issues that resulted in flooding, devastation and lives lost. Yet we have an incapable mayor on an exorbitant salary proposing these changes. I have zero faith in council's competence and do not support any decision making at this time when so many are struggling to recover from crisis. Where is the human empathy? What about a budget that supports us all with arts and services and the status quo for the time being.

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

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

Tell us why: As per my above comments I am unsure that this short term solution has the best long term outcome. I do not trust the mayor to have comprehension on these matters.

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Tell us why: It seems the proposal above is intentional double speak eg to achieve a rates increase of 4.66 rates will increase 7%.... Well which is it? And make use of \$75mill debt is this an existing deficit number that will fund council action or does it mean \$75 mil

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

Tell us why: I agree to a 1% increase to improve and future proof our city. But is the council competent in decision making. A new build at Hobsonville Point has a ground floor apartment only 1 metre approx above sea level. It seems decisions made sets us up for issue

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Does council understand the extent that it pollutes in upper harbour through installation of ineffectual affluent stations? During periods of heavy rain the waterways are awash with sewerage overflow. To what level can decision making be accountable? Your

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: As per my comment above, you have made decisions that pollute our waterways. Please work hard to restore this.

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What do you think of these proposals? Bin costs, why introduce new costs to a system that doesn't need urgent change (we just put out our current bin less often)? It doesn't quite make sense? What happens to the old bins? Are you now creating more waste? Surely we don't need more plastic manu

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

I would like to express my extreme disappointment at how our Mayor managed our city at an urgent and dangerous time. We might not have known the extent of this man's incompetence without the event. But now we know it, it cannot be unknown, no matter how y

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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: All I see here is cutting budget form something it should exist in the community.

But I didn't see any cutting headcount, reduce the pay to senior managers and improve the efficiency of council workers. Set deadlines to council's projects.

All project takes very long time to complete which will increase the cost.

If the people working in council, they should have commitment to to the community not only getting paid and make projects delay.

If the community is not improving then what is the point to increase the rate every year.

Look at hobsonville point and Scott point, how many people living there, the road like Scott and motorway entrance are not good enough to take that heavy traffic every day. I know some of the problem is related to other party like AT, but I believe the council can do something about it.

The flooding issue should not an excuse about it. People have insurance, right?

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Hard times demand hard decisions, most of the cuts are in areas that are "nice to have" affordable in good times but during a cost of living crisis with rampant inflammation

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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: Selling all of an asset to repay short term debt doesn't make much sense but selling some would whilst leaving the remaining 10% to appreciate

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Go with the proposal but only if the increased funding can be guaranteed to go towards storm mitigation and not just be wasted on vanity projects

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Continued investment in these services will help increase tourism, business and public safety in Auckland. This will lead to larger economic growth in the future, which will help recover any of the budget shortfall that is currently incurred. I believe Auckland can pay back more of its debt in the future as the post-COVID economic cycle normalizes and we shouldn't hamstring growth and jobs in the city over the long term.

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Tell us why: The current investment in the Auckland Airport is important to seeing Auckland's interests as a city realized. The airport does not generate as much revenue directly right now, but it is a massive multiplier for Auckland's local economy. Aucklanders must

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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: Rate increases can both help to fill Auckland's budget shortfalls, while also reducing some of the excess savings of Auckland's weather residents, which can in turn act as a deflationary pressure on the local economy. Given the high rates of interest curr

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe the priorities focusing on local Libraries, the planting of trees and other forms of environmental management are the highest priorities for Upper Harbour. In particular with the recent flooding, a focus on using trees and land maintenance to he

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I believe these services will do the most to help protect Upper Harbour's environment and safety. I also believe the Library is a vital community resource, and I make frequent use of it.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I believe the council should focus on bike lane expansion, bike crossings and bike parking around the city. I believe this will help save money by letting Auckland meet its climate targets more easily/cheaply, and can also help out Aucklanders who are fee

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reductions in spending as set out in the proposals will only further push away young people such as myself, who already struggle to see reasons to stay in Auckland or start families here. How can the city expect to develop without this investment in the community? I would rather my rates go up. If any reductions in spending should be found, it should be with Auckland Transport, whose administrative staff appear to be diametrically opposed to its own objectives, and do not seem to bear any accountability to Council directives.

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

Tell us why: It seems shortsighted to dispense of an income stream to reduce debt at this time, when if debt was reduced through other means not necessitating the sale of the airport shares, the dividends gained could still provide benefit.

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

Tell us why: With particular focus on infrastructure development, I would hope that Council recognises the utility in promoting forms of transport that take less of a toll on our roads, and in reducing urban sprawl by allowing increased density in suburbs around busy

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

Tell us why: As I understand, extreme weather events such as these are only projected to become more frequent as our climate changes. The city should be prepared for this.

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Parks programme volunteers, Local business support

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not change the early childhood services. This is an essential service and needs to be kept for our young tamariki and parental support.

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

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

Tell us why: The cost of living is so high that lowering the interest rates of this debt should be a priority so that the benefits can flow down to the public.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: Home owners with only one property are already struggling with interest rates and mortgage affordability. Increasing rates for these people will make it even harder to afford to keep their homes they've worked hard for.

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: This should not be funded by home owners (and subsequently renters) who are already struggling with the cost of living.

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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

Tell us why: This will help the cost of living and supporting people that are struggling. I support the inclusion of Māori language and culture programmes.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Discretionary community grants, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities , Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you: The climate crisis needs to be prioritised

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't think upgrading sports fields should be prioritised during the next two years considering the climate crisis.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Education and climate focus are important.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These services feel essential for the environmental and community focused values that I hold.

If funding for local board 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 waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Education and climate control policies should be a focus for the next two years.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Projects and initiatives that will raise the cost of living more.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Keep The targeted rates for suggested to be reduced at current limit. Get Rid of climate change target rate. Make general rates rise smaller. Continue with proposal to balance out rate differences between business and residential.

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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:No. But also ensure current funding is better allocated. ie roading maintenance and improvements rather than new roads/cycleways/new unnecessary traffic lights such as the Constellation Dr Light-controlled pedestrian crossing. Stop Excessive traffic limit

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I wonder if at least some playground upgrades are needed and cannot be deferred by at least a couple of years? I fully support the Carribean Park carpark/Toilets. Whether further upgrades past that are needed? Pest Control must not be reduced! It includ

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental enhancement is crucial. Pest control must be increased especially in areas of weed control. The amount of noxious ecological weeds in our parks is shocking! If you can't fund it yourself then local groups must be funded to do this themselves

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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? Abolish the Climate Change targeted rate. Encourage waste minimisation. Suggest introducing a 40/50L bin. Please go back to weekly recycling pickups.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Keep all shares. Temporally slash non-essential local government services that do not fall in what would be considered local government critical services such as arts grants, donations to organisations, support for cultural events, events etc.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why: compromise is the best way to go

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

Tell us why: NO TO RESIDENTIAL RATES INCREASE! Reduce AKL Council debt by freezing your top employee salary increases as your salaries are already higher than the norm. Mortgage interest rate hikes are already hurting homeowners.

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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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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These should not be priorities:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

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What do you think of these proposals?

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PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE RATES!

WE DON'T MIND MUCH WHAT YOU PRIORITISE AS LONG YOU KEEP THE RATES AS IS. THANKS

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Focus on managing climate change impact and manage walkways that are already there and often neglected

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Environment and climate change; bus services IF, WHEN, and WHERE they are utilised; maintain reserves and walkway that we already have; spend less on new ones

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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: Public transportation sucks in NZ! If you don't build a good public transportation system, there will cause many more issues in the future 5-10years. Do you priority! Build a efficient and easy public transportation so that we don't even need a car.

It is still necessary to hold public events so that people here can actually love Auckland by their hearts. I see 'I love Sydney', 'I love New York', 'I love Beijing' logo everywhere in those cities, but when I think about 'I love Auckland', it is like... what is it to love about? The government doesn't do a good job to actually make the local people love and passionate about this city.

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Tell us why: I don't think the only way for the council or government to make money is to increase rates or tax from your people. Try to develop new industries and and support current industries, support small businesses. Stop handing out money so easily to people who

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Reduce income tax and small business' tax; build a better and cheaper public transportation system; Let the young generation be able to buy their first home.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think reductions if necessary should be split across all sections to keep expenses within budget. Increasing debt should be considered to maintain fairness to the most vulnerable members of our city community.

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Tell us why: This would help share the load while keeping a stake in a valuable asset.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: There will be more call on these funds in the future so we need to prepare

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: We can do everything in this time of rising costs and greater economic hardship in community

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

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6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

I support preparing for climate change and implementing zero carbon initiatives

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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: Don't proceed with any of the reductions in the listed areas. All are essential public services and underpin the liveability of the city. Make cuts to other, non-essential services please. In particular funding for kauri kids and bus transport must continue

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Tell us why: This is not ideal either, but if it has to be done, retaining some influence on the way the airport is run is essential

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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: Again, this option is the best of a bad bunch

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What do you think of these proposals? Yes, sell assets/land that is not used or is underutilised. Sell or stop funding the golf courses.

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I understand that the Mayor intends to close the Auckland art gallery which I could not agree with in any stronger terms. The gallery and its priceless collections are a taonga and should never be sold off.

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Tell us why: Our airport is a significant asset and part of our essential infrastructure thus I think it's essential the local govt has some stake in it

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

Invest in infrastructure, community spaces and events, and making our city greener and more sustainable and clean

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't support any of the above except removing regional grants. Investigate other revenue generating avenues such as a central Auckland congestion tax, harsher infringement fees for vehicles disobeying road rules.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Where is the public transport priority here? Currently we have buses and the odd ferry which is very unreliable. What future fit options can be planned for Upper Harbour to connect this area with the rest of Auckland's transport hubs to help get people out

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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?

Homelessness and crime. What can be done to help the less fortunate and help bring them up.

You cannot ignore that crime has risen in the area since 2020. Local crime prevention needs attention

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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:

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Environmental programme volunteers, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Increase Council car parking rates to match the market.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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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 do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do NOT reduce any services, and increase public transport! Traffic is unbearable, the more public transport options are available, the more people may use them, which means less cars on the roads.

Introduce/increase road user charges for vehicles.

Do not reduce services and community funding, increase taxes of land owners!

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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assistance programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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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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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Do not increase rates. Pay staff less, lay off redundant staff. Spend less money on cycle ways.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed 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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would prefer that you very seriously look at reducing the current management structures within the Auckland Council - it is very management heavy - including cutting the number of highly paid staff on over \$200k. It has become a huge monster that needs serious culling.

Do not sell your Auckland Airport or Port shares. The Airport has had difficult times recently due to Covid shutdowns and restrictions. This will improve. The Airport is a cash cow. The Port should also be. The current issues are manmade and it must be shown to run effectively and efficiently.

Auckland Transport seems to be a rule unto itself. All hidden faces making hugely important decisions for Auckland but never listening to ratepayers.

I'd query the existence of all CCOs. Do we need them? In particular, do we need Eke Panuka? Another monster? Tataki Auckland should be able to take on all of these roles. Each of the CCOs has their own CEO. Overkill in management again!

Watercare charges very steeply which must allow it to already be making big profits, which I assume it puts back into solving water issues. But are they making any headway at all with water leaks which costs Auckland a massive amount. Fixing leaks should be given priority on Watercare's part.

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

Tell us why: I do not know why the Council has been fiddling with the business/residential rates ratios. Businesses should be able to pay more ... at the end of the day the user is paying their rates. A lot of private homes cannot afford to be paying 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: That was a most horrific storm ... something needs to be done. Stop so much infill housing which pushes more stormwater into existing drains which already aren't coping. Some areas where homes are consistently flooding probably need to be purchased back b

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Tell us why: Cuts can be made by all Boards in many areas. They do not have to continually upgrade playgrounds and redo walkways such as Sanders Park. They are all nice to have but not necessary in very difficult times, especially considering flood damage which has ta

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Pest control is massively important. You cannot let this drop as it'll be too hard to pick up on again. I've already mentioned that libraries are important to communities. Also parks. Everyone enjoys them. But they do need to be mown regularly. Auckland C

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What do you think of these proposals? I think I've already said it all

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste bins - the change introduced years ago to replace the bags with bins has resulted in putting out the bin less which has led to an explosion of flies. Return to the bags or have a 60 litre bin option.

I do not support managing climate change activit

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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

Tell us why: It is ridiculous to sell off a strategic asset like this (even though the Council insist it isn't strategic). Debt is preferable to selling off assets especially to foreign owners and big business. We're already suffering from being too often tenants in o

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Tell us why: To face up to the realities of climate change, we need to pay more rates AND have more debt.

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

Tell us why: A component of all future rates bills needs to be named as being for storm response and addressing climate change, and needs to be more than you have budgeted for. It needs to cover proper ongoing maintenance of water pipes and stormwater systems as well

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The suggestion to cut homelessness funding, CAB, youth services and early childhood services is utterly disgusting. These groups need more support, and cutting funding will only lead to deeper societal problems. People need access to these services and ratepayers need to do more. Please, put greed aside and do what is right.

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

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

Tell us why: Business should pay their fair share; do not put this on hold. Big business (supermarkets, banks) are reporting record profits while those in need suffer. Stop putting the economy before the environment and the welfare of people.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: Climate change means more storms of this severity and much worse are guaranteed. We need to do everything we can to prepare for this or we will still be picking up the pieces each time before the next one arrives.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change is here. There will simply be nothing else that matters if we don't put everything we can into combating it right now. If you cut funding to environmental measures now then you can count yourself personally responsible for the suffering cli

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing the number of public transport services is loony, we want people out of cars not forcing them back into them.

Do not reduce regional services, I reckon folks would be more than happy to cough up an extra 1% to save them

Reducing child care services to save \$1M just seems like an attempt to punish struggling folks for struggling.

I can't find any information to explain what would be directly impacted by the proposal to "Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million", I also can't see where the boards will get the money to replace it. Reducing services is the exact opposite of what a council should be doing, so I do not support this part of the proposal either.

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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: Stop selling long term assets to solve short term problems!

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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: Debt is the way to solve short term problems like this.

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"Fix Auckland" my butt, new mayor is determined to break it and remake it into something better if you are a rich white person unused to be called to account for their actions.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Aucklanders & Auckland homeowners are already paying higher rates than other cities. Please do not increase any more taxes. There will be heaps of holes that the budget is leaking. For example, treescape councils 1st point of contact for trees and landscaping. We all know that ripping off council by a triple more quote for their works but council happy to pay for some reason that we don't know.

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

Tell us why: Auckland international air port is already in bad shape. it will be better to sale the whole thing to the private sector for better service and structure.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: the private sector will be better service for public - reduce the taxes if you want to help them.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: local board is no helps to anyone in auckland.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: LOWER TAXES

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

What do you think of these proposals? do not encourage people to produce more rubbishes by proposing one off increase bin size. support more of recycling

7. What else is important to you?

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

support more of recycling eg) e-waste, battery recycling, plastic up/recycling, reform old furniture etc

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would also minimise the use of consultants. If the task cannot be done by expertise in house sack the incumbent and hire someone with the requisite expertise. You may like to consider this fact. In the y/e 30/6/17 Council spent

\$8.153 million on consultants Ernst Young. Why could not a substantial part of this expenditure been avoided ? Don't give me ' We did not have the expertise.'

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Tell us why: Because it is eminently sensible

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

Tell us why: \$20m is excessive. Preparation for future storms can be achieved with current resources at little cost. What level of cost is required to RESPOND to future

storms? A loud- hailer for the Mayor? This proposal should be revisited

and substantiated by detail

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

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Tidy and healthy environment aesthetically pleasing.

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I would like to know the progress on the Mayor's pre-election promise to reduce the salaries of high paid Council officers.

I would cease any further expenditure on cycleways. If Central Government

is going to dictate transport options, then they should f

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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: Proceed with the proposed reductions and heavily reduce the current approach to wasting funds on "nice projects" rather than those required by the majority of ratepayers. An example of "nice projects" are cycleways. Substantial funds are wasted on cycleways when compared to the usage they have. Funds are tight so why consume money where the returns are not required by local ratepayers - a real example of this waste and poor decision-making is Upper Harbour Drive where Auckland Transport wasted millions of dollars upgrading an existing cycleway that did not increase usage (which is already low) and due to poor design and implementation caused vehicle crashes and ongoing access issues for local residents. It has only been recently re-worked because of immense pressure and fiscal cost by local ratepayers to oppose this. Auckland Transport however proceeded with the approach for more/better cycleways which is not what local ratepayers want. This is an example of wasted funds that Auckland Council cannot afford to waste.

Another example of a "nice project" is the funds spent on Te Reo related costs - less than 3% of people speak Te Reo in New Zealand. When funds are tight we should not be spending limited resources on including a language that is largely irrelevant according to the population's usage - that may not be a politically correct thing to say but it is fact. Wherever the council can reconsider and ideally stop spending on something that is "nice" and not an essential service for it's 80%

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

Tell us why: Do not increase rates. As proposed during the council election elected representatives should deliver on their commitment. Lower the running costs of the Council organisation and pay Council employees for results aligned to those voted for by ratepayers.

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Tell us why: Funds are tight and the Council is advising they need to reduce spending and increase rates - instead of this stop delivering "nice to haves" such as a cycling network. The percentage of ratepayers that will use a cycleway is small; thus, funds should be

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What do you think of these proposals? Auckland Council are already expensive for waste management so instead of using Council waste services I pay a private company for my waste management service. This is an example of how Auckland Council should be measured on how they deliver a service - h

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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...Council workers can make use of this option and thereby be able to work at the council and have peace of mind that their kids are taken care of during their work hours.

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....We are pushed to use public transport, yet you propose a reduction...what message are you trying to get across? Have you travelled in the morning on bus routes? The depots do not have enough parking, people can't always use busses and how must your majority of tax contributors being small business owners operate with bus services?

- 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

What do you think will happen to these vulnerable people and who else will there be to provide these services to function as a community...NO -ONE!

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Tell us why: Management does not need to earn 6 figure salaries and more, the council should look at these expenses that are unjustified.

Quotes should be more scrutinised and questioned for repairs/maintenance and new builds. Why are the same roads repaired all them

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

Tell us why: We all know 20 million is a laughing stock, costs rise all the time and again repairs seem to get repaired all the time.

Contractors are making a killing profit from Council.

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Tell us why:

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Hold everyone accountable for what they are responsible for and make them face the consequences if they fail to deliver.
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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: Shortsighted to sell shares in Auckland Airport considering over the past 3 years we went through a global pandemic which stopped the majority of revenue that was generated by the airport through international and local flights? Instead of selling shares

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Tell us why:

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Maybe instead of cutting budgets for community and arts initiatives, we could cut the budget on the mayor's salary since he doesn't seem to be too interested in helping Auckland and seems to be more interested in playing tennis, talking about how his "eng

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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: Just seem contradictory when the government is encouraging the use of PT on one hand and proposed to maintain the reduced number of PT services (as of December 2022). You can't really take cars off the road with reduced PT services, which will further worsen the road condition. The highway is always congested. The transport network is not well-planned and future proofed. And reduced PT services will make things worse

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: With the current inflation environment, increasing rates add extra burden on the current living condition to most of the Aucklanders.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Prefer 11% so we are over the 10% threshold for the company being purchased outright by anyone.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Have concerns over infill housing we are seeing in our area and the damage done from the rain just at the clearing land stage.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Definately stop civic event openings etc. Great idea on the mowing.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Very concerned about the environment and damage being done especially large developments in Albany.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Very concerned about new building developments on Albany Express (with bush removed) and apartment buildings and multiple units being built on individual properties without any new infrastructure - we already have issues with storm water, creek pollution

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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: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million

NO - there needs to be a balance of public transport - Whenuapai has an hourly bus which is in a developing area so needs an increase in 114 buses to at least every 20 minutes.

Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

Community facilities support Auckland so need to be maintained to current levels. However, reducing printing Our Auckland should stop to save waste. Movies/Music in Parks is often cancelled so stop and maintain current funding to local boards for the community to host their own events through grants.

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

No - we need these services especially Whenuapai where housing has intensified but no facilities to support the new "parks". This allows community gatherings for mingling given the diversity of residents.

Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

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

Agree this should be removed and funded by Central Government if needed for low income families.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: An overall review of expenditure including "consultants". Maintain existing facilities so as they don't depreciate but also open to selling some in order that the proceeds remain in that Local Board where the community determines their needs.

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

Tell us why: Depends on the outcome of 3 waters. Needs careful funds management ie on time and budget for the planned maintenance.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Would appreciate some funding set aside specifically for Whenuapai to enable community events/activities for our increasingly diverse population.

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Needed most with the increased housing/population growth

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste management - one charge with the same services in Auckland ie no difference no matter where you live (often people move and there is confusion)

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

The agreed plan/budget is adhered to. So much money is spent on 10 year plans that keep changing so a waste of time and funds. Also, a reduction in the amount of printed material - often this is not removed by occupants of dwellings so ends up blowing int

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No longer providing ece. It is essential.

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Tell us why: Cost of living is already too high. Rates increase will add to burden.

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

Tell us why:

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Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and regional services. Find another way to raise money that doesn't impact hardworking Aucklanders like tourism tax (eg tax on hotel stays) or reviewing 2022 budget spend, and reducing 2023 funding to areas where the budget was not spent.

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Tell us why: Government should have controlling stake in Auckland Airport

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Has been a long ignored area

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Areas outlined don't apply to me or not addressing the right topics. Prefer more focus on things that would help households better manage or cope with increased cost of living, better roads, faster response to council services etc. park upgrades only ben

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste

education and leadership programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Ridiculous to increase rates when cost of living is soaring. How about reduce council salaries if spend exceeds budgeted targets?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: This process is short term rubbish.

Various governments have privatised state assets with long term disadvantage to taxpayers in general to the profit of a minority here and overseas.

It makes no financial sense.

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

Tell us why: From what I have seen of some projects, the basis of them is poorly thought out, lacks appreciation of environmental considerations and in general lacks a professional approach. Your processes need major auditing and change from a costly inefficient system

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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 noted above I consider your project planning in many cases lacks real attention to details and also a real rationale for the work

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These all provide for the community at large to enjoy communal assets and services. Luckens Reserve for instance is very well used. However recent works on the park particularly an ill-thought contract to "improve" access to a little used beach resulted

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste charges through use of bins should be entirely on the basis of ticketed charge per bin use as currently occurs in old Waitakere City. Annual charges for this type of service encourages over-use. User charges should always be directed on a per unit i

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need public transport to be up to speed with the size of this city. It needs to improve, not stay at this pathetic level of operation. Also our community needs their services like the zoo for people to enjoy so no cuts to these. Raise rates.

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

Tell us why: We live in a big city that has really let us down. People need to pay for that to get us back to normal big city levels.

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Every cost and fee keeps increasing, how are we supposed to manage that?

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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: These sort of disasters can't really be predicted, how are you going to "prepare"? Better regulate the construction industry and make sure "poor-constructed buildings" never exist.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Most of us are experiencing hard times, children to raise, rates, home loans, low salaries, fees/costs increase. I can hear sad stories every day in radio on my way to work. I remember the life was way different from this. Please have a close look what's

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. While I understand that difficult decisions need to be made, the proposed cuts will have a significant negative impact on our community.

Firstly, maintaining the reduced number of public transport services that have been in place since December 2022 is unacceptable. This will only exacerbate the already existing problems of congestion, pollution, and limited accessibility to important services. The need for reliable and accessible public transport has never been more pressing, and cutting funding for it is a step in the wrong direction.

Secondly, the reduction of funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will have serious consequences for our community. This will impact the delivery of critical services such as economic development and tourism promotion, as well as the pricing of venues such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland. These are essential assets for our city that attract visitors and generate revenue for local businesses, and it would be a huge mistake to cut funding for them.

Thirdly, the proposed cuts to regional services such as community and education programs, arts and culture programs, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community

empowerment, and funding for youth centers are unacceptable. These programs play a crucial role in supporting vulnerable members of our community, promoting social cohesion, and providing opportunities for our young people. Cutting funding for them would have serious and far-reaching consequences.

Fourthly, reducing local board funded activities across all boards will have a negative impact on the quality of life of residents. Local board-funded activities play a vital role in building community cohesion, promoting cultural diversity, and enhancing public spaces. Cutting funding for them will mean that many important programs and activities will no longer be available to our communities.

Finally, reducing regional contestable grants and no longer directly providing early childhood education services are short-sighted decisions that will have long-term negative consequences. The reduction of funding for grants will impact on the ability of many organizations to provide important services and support to our communities. Cutting funding for early childhood education services will have serious consequences for children and families who rely on these services.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider these proposed budget cuts. The consequences of these cuts are far-reaching and will have a lasting impact on our community. I urge you to consider alternative options that do not compromise the well-being of our residents and our city's future.

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

Tell us why: I believe that selling shares in the airport will have serious negative consequences for our city and its residents.

Firstly, Auckland airport is an essential asset for our city, serving as a vital gateway for both domestic and international travel. It i

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The services you propose cutting are essential to a well functioning community. The cuts you propose will directly increase the amount of mental health services needed by the community and therefore create further financial pressure that doesn't seem to have been taken into account. Reducing childcare reduces the number of parents in the workforce, thereby reducing tax revenue and directly and disproportionately impacting women and children.

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

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

Tell us why: The airport is an asset that brings in money in the long term. Selling the shares is a short term solution that doesn't account for the long term benefits of retaining it for future generations.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Our local communities are critical for our collective well-being. Reducing the impact of the recent stresses on individuals and whanau will be greatly supported by well functioning local community activity and green spaces. All of the proposed priorities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

It is important to me that as a collective we work to improve the mental health of our communities by funding the social programs that directly and indirectly impact on the coping of our individuals and whanau. This means education, childcare, support for

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Having the HQ in Hobsonville is so beneficial to so many local families. Without the playgroup and mum support group that runs at HQ, I'd be lost. Being a stay at home mum my days were getting lonely and dark, so thankful for the free activities that are

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Support but Ideally would like Public transport reinstated

Also TAU funding retained

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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 like the idea of a blocking stake, but keen to see as much as possible around that to reduce debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: Stop the change in business vs residential rates. They have been adjusted over several years. It is time to get as is going forwards.

Also are residential properties operating as AirBNB charged a larger rate?

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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 develop our storm resilience

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Tell us why: I feel whilst these are all nice, given the Council budget some could be deferred eg Sanders Park, Bushlands reserve

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel education can be done in a cheaper way

Some others done with volunteers

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We don't need many of those spending. The council hets involves with too many free entertainment events that most can't attend or enjoy

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Tell us why: Use more debt to fund roads and other capital expenditures makes sense. Rates are already too expensive for most households

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

Tell us why: Proceed with budget proposal but not increase rates. We should borrow to fund the repairs and development of capital improvements and projects

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to improve our infrastructure like roads and motorway connections. Population of the area is increasing dramatically and traffic will hinder business development in the area. Traffic is bad now as we don't have enough infrastructure and it will

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What do you think of these proposals? We can't afford CATR at this stage and no one else in the world is doing it.

I disagree with the food scrap collection anyway many of the options for waste management encourages increasing waste production rather than minimising waste

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

Please do not fund events that only a handful of people can enjoy like the Americas cup. Most people don't even go to the CBD. Buses are too inefficient and expensive. We need more roads to transport goods and services. It is ideal to have bike lanes

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: reduction the cost govt cost. streamline the govt resources. cut the cost by reducing govt staffs. restructure the current management. lower the salary.

public transport should not be impacted as it is already terrible

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Tell us why: sell the share and use these money benifit for citizen

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

Tell us why: shame on govt to spend all the money and ask from citizen now but doing nothing. under the current interest rate and living cost adding up property rate to ppl having mortgage is stupid and insame.

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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:no point to spend the money and strip from citizen

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Tell us why: renew play ground can be low while water quality is much more important to ppl's daily life

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Remove rubbish bins in parks and near water ways. E.g Catalina Bay and Scott Bay i always see overflowing bins not collected enough. Overflowing waste can blow into sea

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tax the top 1% to raise revenue. Do not cut services for the working class

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? We need to tax big corporations in Auckland.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You should proceed with the proposed reductions and cut further as there is still considerable unnecessary and wasteful spending evident. The Council has overreached its core aims which it should reconsider and cut back to only core services and allow commercial businesses to deliver non-core services where there is demand.

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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: Reduces debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: How can the Council justify a 7% increase when there is a cost of living crisis? Households have had to cut back their spending to cope with the increased cost of living, why can't the Council?

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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: Need to find a way to reduce spending in other areas to fund the additional spending required.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Cut back on necessary spending. Need to refocus on what is really important to locals and not just nice to haves. One of the comments is we'll have to cut back on opening ceremonies! It's great to celebrate these things but if you can't afford it, it can't

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

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Tell us why: We cannot keep paying more in rates, I think staff could be trimmed in all areas which would help with the budget.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

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 Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

- Do not proceed with this reduction, particularly for Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. It is crucial that AAG be able to keep its doors open to the general public for free - the exception being major paid exhibitions like the newly opened Light from TATE - as the beating heart of our arts community. In 2022 AAG welcomed over 330,000 visitors and over 60,000 were tamariki and whanau.

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

- These are all key services and should categorically not be reduced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: This seems a strong option for reducing debt considerably.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Infrastructure and preparedness is key!

5. Local Boards

Kaipātiki Local Board

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

Tell us why: I support these priorities but propose that funding arts and culture groups be added as a priority.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local arts spaces like Northart offer community, inspiration, warmth and creative leadership. The exhibitions hosted by Northart are of the highest quality, rarely seen on the North Shore, and attract attention from not only the local community but across

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Local community events, Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Local business support

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

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

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Why not put up business rates more as well. Who says it's fair now?

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not increase debt. I already have a huge student loan just to be able to get the qualifications I need to work. University Education used to be free in New Zealand. That tax rate when I only just cross the threshold of repayment is 33 % if you increase debt it will be crushing and unliveable for those with student loans when it's already a struggle. Put rates up for those who are home owners or those earning in the top bracket.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not cut any arts funding. I'm a itinerant teacher and film maker and film makers until they move overseas or get to the highest level don't get paid at all for years of work and submissions. You wouldn't ask a plumber to do the job for free etc. Arts fun

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: You know how many layers of contractors the government is paying right now for all the outsourcing work, cut the budget! Cut consultancy costs and cut the bureaucratic process. Don't support rate increase when whoever remaining in AKL are already struggling

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why:

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: Have people relocated with insurance compensation, no point to stay in same place where the risk is keeping coming, have the city planned out in a better way

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Support all the making ends meet budget, if already falling short, pick a few urgent and necessary ones to maintain

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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?

If public transport is more frequent accessible convenient and cheaper, that would help with road congestion

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Meadowood Community Centre

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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: SO much community work and support is needed to take away from these places will have such a huge follow on effect. There has to be other places in Council where changes can be made

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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: Surly this is a form of income as well should this not stay !!

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: absolutely everyone is struggling with cost of living right now and families are going without already!! How can you ask people to pay more in rates??? And then take away some of the most valuable things in their communities - criminal!!

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Better city planning and forward thinking is needed here

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: All vital to our community and this is what our rates should be paying for

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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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?

CAB, libraries, parks and community places are vital to all Aucklanders and should always be funded well with our rates!!

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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: Our economic system is not designed for equality, taking these services away from people in need is cruel and abhorrent

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Do not sell our public assets, they are not for profit they are for well-being

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: Rates increases or any form of property taxation should only target multiple properties, large businesses and wealthy people.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Reducing funding to low income areas to save money is evil.

Reduce support to epsom or a high socioeconomic area

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop allowing people to own tons of property, they export the less wealthy and destroy the ability for most people to own their own shelter (a literal human necessity) either allow free building everywhere, so anyone can gain shelter or stop allowing mill

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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: With cuts to community services (mainly homeless services and citizens advice bureau) and environmental funding for local boards.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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: Absolutely necessary, should include holistic solutions that involve community and mana whenua.

5. Local Boards

Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Great spread of priorities and happy to see the Papakura Stream is an important project to the board.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Investigations for plans and policy development, Local climate action and sustainability initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: These will have the biggest impact on climate change.

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area? No

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities , Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Rank	Proposed Priorities
1	Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
5	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
3	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
2	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
4	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Youth programmes, Community climate action and sustainability

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? Involve them in waterway restoration and other climate action activities, as well as work with the community groups to make locals aware of how to respond to events.

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental programme volunteers, Environmental restoration and pest control programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, environmental education, community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: In times of low budgets, we shouldn't be funding "nice to haves" such as ANZAC day services. We should be looking at the necessary items such as climate resilience and environmental projects.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education, Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services 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

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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:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Widespread reductions to programmes (and staff) will just result in a hollowed out city. Is that really what Aucklanders want? I don't.

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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: Auckland's rates are relatively low by NZ and international standards

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Auckland (and Aucklanders) have been decimated by central government's poorly targeted covid response measures. What we now need is a bold citywide regeneration programme, funded and supported by central government, to bring Auckland back to being a world

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Because this is a service you don't need to make money off of it. Your a government not a business. How have you not figured this out yet.

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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: Money to be made in the future no point selling it

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: lower rates make better use of debt and realize that council can lose money and that's fine

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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: Instead of increasing rates spend the money you already have more efficiently. For example stop paying Wayne brown to ruin our city.

Because council is a service you don't need to make money off of it. Your a government not a business. How have you not fi

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Climate change is the biggest problem humans face that should be our first priority

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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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: Makes sense to hold some stock as the market will increase in value at some point

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Don't do Sanders, Dump Water Access Assessment to improve access to the Waitemata Harbour

If funding for local board 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 rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parks, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The people most heavily impacted by the cuts to services and amenities are those that need them the most - the lower income households. Auckland transport should absolutely NOT continue with reduced spending on public transport. Parking fees and petrol tax should be increased to fund this ... we cannot afford further inaction to reduce carbon emissions.

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Tell us why: Selling assets is preferable to reducing critical services and expenditure.

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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: Spending on water quality is absolutely necessary ... the recent bad weather has evidenced the need for better water management infrastructure. Avoiding spending money now will simply pass the cost onto future generations. Enough short term thinking!

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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: Supported so long as part of that expenditure goes towards the protection of our waterways.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are about protecting and enhancing our way of life, they should not be deprioritised in favour of rates cuts.

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assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: These matter - they all enrich the lives of the whole community.

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We cannot afford to pause or go backward on reducing emissions - investment in alternative transport options must continue.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You're taking away vital services to our communities that benefit everyone in Auckland, especially those in lower socio-economic areas/situations. Aucklanders are already struggling in the wake of human induced disasters such as the floods and cyclones. You need to be looking at other alternatives that don't just affect our already vulnerable communities.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Rates on residential properties should be less than those on business properties. For residential properties, rates should reflect the value of the land/property.

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Conservation is extremely important and protecting our natural environment is vital.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: \$21M for reduced public transport services - because we need to be sending the message that all Aucklanders should be trying to use public transport, where feasible. The reduced service timetables create the perception that public transport is not easy, reliable or frequent. And because if you have to increase rates anyway, then some people may be relying on public transport a little more to save on cost.

\$1M for early childhood centre closures. This is literally lunch money in the scheme of your budget. Cut 10 council jobs instead. Early childhood is a critical service and there are families who rely on your centres as they cannot afford nor get into other private options. When you close a centre, it's not a case of getting it up and running when you're back to surplus - the service will cease to exist and that has a longer-term (and more expensive) impact which you will have to pay for at a later stage.

My recommendation would be to increase rates to 5% on average to cover the above. Also, why are you not making cuts to Ports of Auckland? Their performance is woeful; I feel angry that you are proposing cuts to homelessness services in my area and yet our port continues to operate ineffectively. It's shameful and illogical.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: I don't think investing in airports should be a core service for local government. We need to focus on the basics which is providing services and infrastructure which are mostly for the benefit of local ratepayers and citizens. Auckland Airport is different

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Because if we don't increase rates then many of these services will either cease to exist or cease to be enjoyable and useful for citizens. The knock on effect of that is we have to pay for the services separately ourselves and it's inefficient (and inequitable)

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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 find this hard to answer as you've provided no context here. Should we invest in future storm responses? Of course! But where has the \$20M number come from? What will you spend this on? Also, this number seems low - Auckland is a large city, do you real

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Tell us why: Theoretically all of the above are essential. But if we need to make cuts then it's obvious that this should extend to local boards too. One thing that needs addressing is how you bundle up core and non-core services with board budgets. For example, cutti

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Some of these require continued investment otherwise we'll pay more in the long-run (i.e. maintaining parks and delivering community programmes). it's not clear what's included in each of the above - I would prioritise actually delivery of services over e

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I guess I'm keen to understand why you've selected the services up for cut. I've previously worked at Council and know how inefficient it is in terms of unnecessary spend (an example being that every meeting I attended had catering and people seem to prin

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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: This gesture can bring in positive income for the government.

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Tell us why: The rates are high enough.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Not so sure if we can really "prepare" for the natural disasters. Better spend in more reasonable areas like supervision of the construction process.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: This will generate surplus for the government.

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Tell us why: Rates are obviously too high at the moment, compared to our earnings.

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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: would suggest the spending on more demanding areas. These are natural phenomenon I don't think we can really do anything too much to stop them but we could improve the quality of the houses to secure people's life.

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Crime issues are getting serious. Please pay attention to the education to the young people. They are the future of the whole nation. Please do something.

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I feel that the reduced public transport services are causing havoc on our roads which is both harmful to the environment but most of all people's stress levels which to my mind, and all that I speak to, are at an all time high in Auckland. Along this theme it is very important to provide and NOT reduce community services such as community and education programs, arts and culture etc. These are services which are designed to help people feel part of a group which as we all know relieves stress and is important to continue the community feel of neighbourhoods.

I believe the council should be seen to continue to support the people during these unusual times in NZ.

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Tell us why: I would be ok with Auckland council not owning shares but I would like the shares to be owned by countries or companies that have NZ's best interest at heart and not take control out of New Zealand.

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Tell us why: Along with this budget increase, I feel that the consenting process to build properties in flood prone areas and one the edge of cliffs should be changed so this cannot be allowed.

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please preserve the childhood education services as I believe them to be essential to the future of education and the well being of our children

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Transport services must be restored to and beyond pre Covid levels.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Focus less on frivolous leisure activities and instead focus on public transport, road maintenance, and essential work such as tree trimming and ensuring footpaths are kept safe and clear.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste collection is already expensive enough with an absurd 10 percent increase!

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 not proceed with if any: Art gallery, venues & zoo funding should be maintained

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell the golf courses

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Accept the Three Waters model & don't make ratepayers pay for renewal & repair of water infrastructure

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Accept the govt's Three Waters proposal & get the funding

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: The community venues are very important in fostering cohesion, connection, mental health. zDo not reduce the funding for these

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Getting the Whau Pathway built.

Directly benefits 92000 Aucklanders.

Will create jobs.

Offers safer transport links to 18000 West AK school children

Connects existing pathways

Promotes physical & mental health

Attracts tourists

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

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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 not proceed with if any: Would not proceed with the reduction of regional services, local board funded activities, regional contestable grants or early childhood education services. Important for Council to show that at a local level activities are supported.

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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: Important that the City maintains a stake to its gateway to have a small input in the direction of the airport operations

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: It is a balance between covering near term and longer term expenditure

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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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 not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million-these are so important for wellbeing of individuals and the communities

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million- some of this will be false economy impacting the communities too much and cause more future costs eg environmental restoration and pest control, community facilities-huge impact on individuals participating and these facilities could decline resulting in white elephants or additional costs required later .

Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million - whats going on? auckland needs to be proactive with better transport services- my daughter gave up using the bus in Ellerslie- always cancelled and no shows. Ferry services to Hobsonville not reliable-often late cancellations with no alternatives

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Tell us why: I don't believe the council should be investing in certain assets like the airport if the interest costs through borrowing are not covered by the dividends. Stick to core business.

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Tell us why: We need to improve infrastructure and maintain services to the communities. Rate increases and increase in debt to do this in the short term but the council should have a long term plan to cut wastage and require accountability from staff and upskill staff

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why: Please note : I think costs to developers and builders need to increase and reflect the costs of additional infrastructure needed in the new subdivisions and where there is new urban infill. Auckland is too important to NZ to be seen to be going backwards

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These will add value to the community and the health and well being of individuals plus enhance the visual and environmental benefits of living in this area. Timelines/costs should be monitored to ensure the jobs are done well for the long term.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Decline in services for the environment and pest control will result in more costs required later to fix up any problems. Need to manage these areas consistently.

Grants and community delivery programs - I sing in the Hobsonville choir and as a newly divo

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Again as an accountant i believe in accountability and efficiency and would like the council to focus on that rather than cut community services. I also think rate increases are acceptable to fund what is required but with more rate relief for those with

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There should be no reductions to valued community services, as this is likely to result in poorer social cohesion, and will impact the lower SES people the most. Perhaps council should look at selling things like golf courses, which ultimately benefit very few people.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares in AIAL is essentially selling the family silver. The shares have increased in price and seem likely to continue to do so.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I'm against pausing the split between business and residential rates. Business should pay more as they have much more ability to increase revenue to cover rates increases.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: I belong to a choir in Hobsonville. We sing at the Sunderland lounge. I would not like to see a price hike there.

It is so important for my mental health and those of others. A wonderful venue for everyone involved.

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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 not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with:

"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". This will lead to disengaged youth and minority groups, schools and communities who are not empowered to look after their local environment, more eco-anxiety (already prevalent, but research shows taking action can help), and degraded natural environment including our freshwater systems which have been shown to be so important during the latest storms. Cutting funding to the arts will make Auckland a less vibrant, diverse, and interesting place to live. Cutting funding to homelessness services could lead to more people being homeless and those already homeless unable to access services. Cutting funding to youth centres could lead to more suicide and rising crime rates. Cutting funding to contestable grants will mean communities cannot lead the way in developing their own responses to issues of climate change and food security, such as community gardens. This is a time that we need to be building resilience and local solutions, not taking them away. THIS BUDGET PAINTS A PICTURE OF A CITY I DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN!!

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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: The airport has had a few bad years with border closures etc. But in normal times it earns Auckland Council money. It seems short-sighted to sell all our shares, and lose the power this gives the council to contribute to the direction the airport takes. H

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: This is a time to try to keep rates as low as possible, without cutting services. We are in a cost of living crisis, Auckland is already the most expensive city to live in, and this will hit the poorest people hardest. We know landlords pass rates increases

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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 don't really have a choice on this one. During the recent storms and floods it felt like Auckland was crumbling away. The future with climate change is scary and I think Council should be doing everything it can to make sure we mitigate (cut emissions)

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I think Upper Harbour has lots of issues to deal with, and I don't think the cuts to Local Board funding are fair. I am most concerned about the safety of people and the environment in light of recent weather events, and would not like to see any cuts to

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Tell us why these are most important to you: This was an unfair question as choosing three does not mean I don't think the other things are important too. But I am concerned about waste and litter and sediment control from building sites (especially apparent in new build areas), water quality, and p

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not agree with people who are composting their own food scraps on their own properties having to pay for the food scraps roll-out. I also think smaller landfill bins should be free to households, to encourage waste reduction.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Yes! This budget is short-sighted and scary. It paints a picture of a future Auckland that is bleak, polluted, crime-ridden, weed-ridden, and depressed. The things that make Auckland a great place to live are the small community events and groups, communi

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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Tell us why: Holding shares is sensible long term. Selling them gives a short term gain, but long term deprives you of an income generating asset. For financial freedom you need more income generating assets, not less. Debt however must be managed, so a comb

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing the arts initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

Be great to see composting or food waste collectio

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Climate action and sustainability initiatives

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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: This is very short sighted. Reduction in your services just causes other problems that come with expenses to resolve. No one embarks on tackling a debt whilst leaving themselves hungry. Instead a REALISTIC repayment plan is arranged to reduce debt whilst not having an adverse effect on lives. Your proposals mean Aucklanders are ****ed either way. How about a proposal to reduce all golf courses subsidised fees? Let's face it they do not serve a cross section of the population. Mainly they are for white middle class and above men who can afford to pay more. By not including this shows me that the mayor is nothing more than promoting the needs of the privileged and is inherently misogynistic. I have no confidence in the mayor's ability to lead Aucklanders through the next few years and he certainly does not represent my needs. I fully support councillors having a vote of no confidence.

Louise Taylor.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: I cant see how ownership of the airport supports Aucklanders. As long as it wont cost us anything in other ways.

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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: Dont run Auckland into the ground. Dont put more people on the street and dont be responsible for widening the gap of poverty. Your proposals will have far reaching effects forever for some people. Dont let that happen. We dont need more social problems y

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Tell us why: I agree as long as this actually reduces flooding and subsequent challenges. Also how about stop developing on flood plains and swamps, then we wouldnt need all this extra expense. Also stop tearing down 1000s of trees every week.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are essential services, we need our communities to continue growing in strength and the board is doing a fantastic job in our community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a Hobson's choice! Do we eat or do we have safety - that's effectively the choice.

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not financially support people who can afford to run a pool or spa, why is this even here? It's a no brainer.

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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: No issue with reducing tourism funding for international/national/regional marketing of Auckland. I do have concerns with increasing costs to some venues such as the Art Gallery, Museum and Zoo. I don't believe there would be a huge financial gain for the council in increasing fees. I do think there would be a huge cultural and social impact for Aucklanders if these facilities were no longer accessible to the majority of the population purely because of high costs of entry.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Based on information provided AIAL doesn't look like it is or will be a viable investment.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Increased rates on top of increased mortgages on top of increased costs of living, is deeply concerning. While I understand the council needs to find ways to reduce costs and increase funds I'd prefer a happier medium was considered in regards to the rate

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Recent events make it quite clear the infrastructure needs an upgrade and how and where we build needs a rethink.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I have concerns about proposed changes that specifically impact lower socio economic and minority/ethnic communities. Those mostly disadvantaged.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce tataki Auckland (so those venues increase their prices... more of a user pays model). PLEASE DO NOT REDUCE TRANSPORT FUNDING, we need to encourage people to use public transport!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: AKI council should still have some interest in AIAL

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: Agree

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need the funding in this area

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waste minimization important for the protection/sustainability of our planet/country. Use library services a lot! Auckland would not be an attractive city to live in (or attract overseas tourists to) if the Parks team didn't do the work that do. We need

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please do not reduce transport funding

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport services are needed to reduce congestion, provide affordable transport options as petrol prices continue to increase, to continue to increase the number of people using it, and to contribute to reducing emissions.

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Tell us why: I'm no expert - but there doesn't seem to be a strategic reason to hang on to the shares.

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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: There are plenty of property owners in Auckland who can afford to pay more in rates, ourselves included. Yes it's hard for those who are on lower incomes and with big mortgages, but I think this is the most fair option.

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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: Previous Councils (dominated by C&R) have kept rates low so they'd continue to be re-elected, and woefully did not invest in infrastructure, and we are paying the price for that. Long term thinking and planning and action is clearly needed, and so is

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Tell us why: All the priorities are important, but clearly some cuts have to be made.

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keeping the community buildings available for communities to use is a vital part of keeping connections going between people - we can do without the Movies in Parks, we can manage with fewer hours at the library, but if funding is cut to the extent that g

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce spending on public transport. Auckland traffic is diabolical and we need more public transport options, not less. Do not reduce local board spending. Local boards are in tune with local communities and are closer to knowing what they need. It is important to have resilient communities especially in times of disaster.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The local board understand the needs of the local community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you: As a member of Sustainable Paremoremo Group our focus is on the environment and the community.

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please DO NOT reduce the funding to the CAB's. They provide a service that NOBODY else does. As a result, they SAVE the council and some departments millions of dollars by providing FREE advice that other agencies would have to cover, or if they didn't, leave many people on a limb without any other way to get the help they need. It is run by TRAINED VOLUNTEERS at a minimal cost to you. The people of Auckland need a service like CAB's cover, simply because everybody needs somewhere to turn to when times are tough, and at the moment, times are very tough!

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Tell us why: I think it would be short sighted to sell them completely. Dividends will rise some time too.

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Tell us why: Future proof our communities so that suffering in the future is kept to a minimum.

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste management is a basic council function and responsibility. I do not believe that it should be an additional cost to ratepayers at all.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The council needs to provide the basic functions, such as waste management, and providing a healthy living environment. It is NOT responsible for entertaining children at free events. That said, going to the zoo is every childs right (and an educational on

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding for Local Boards, events, regional contestable grants and arts and culture initiatives. These services and support are vitally important to making this a liveable city, they enable local boards to make local decisions and for communities to showcase their amazing diversity and richness. If we take away this funding we take away our soul.

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Tell us why: Reducing the 'overdraft' and therefore annual interest costs is the one big ticket item we have but would hate to see us fully sell up and thereby deny future ratepayers access to dividend yield. Watering down our percentage of ownership of AIAL may reduc

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Tell us why: While I appreciate there are residents who will struggle with any increase we need to keep pushing forward with strategies and plans currently in play to keep the city from stagnating. Increased funding from central government would help for things like h

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Tell us why: Drop in the bucket but better than no response. Many of the issues now needing to be fixed are the result of no, or little action by previous Councils who underfunded investment in stormwater or land mitigation works in flood prone areas. Developers need

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Slow or pause things like the track upgrades at Sanders Reserve, the water access assessment project and renewal or upgrades to walking tracks.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community connection, celebration of diversity and giving residents access to free events when they may be stretched financially. Maintains our parks encourages people to use them and provides a positive visual impact.

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What do you think of these proposals? Delay the introduction of the food scraps bin system to the balance of the city until 2026.

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Just remember communities have had it tough, and while hard decisions need to be made now to get debt/spending under control these changes will impact communities in many ways such as through job losses, loss of services and fractured cohesion.

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: As Auckland Airport is the major international travel hub I see selling shares as a long term overall loss. I wouldn't want to sell any, but understand that some sale now may help reduce our overall debt burden.

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Tell us why: I see climate change adaptation to be just as important as mitigation.

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CAB and the funding for local childcare services are possibly up there for my highest priorities to protect.

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: I'm a member of the Hobsonville choir and travel from Milford to attend as there are very few community choirs in Auckland. We meet in Sunderland Lounge and if the funding was to be removed the choir would likely need to be disbanded. Community choirs are

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Rates increase

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Cost of living crunch on - council should not add to that

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: There were 100 year events - we can deal with these preparations layer

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Transport is the #1 issue focus on that

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The Citizens Advice Bureau should not have its funding cut. The value it brings to many Aucklanders is immense. Providing advice and recourse to people who would otherwise be unable to access either has wide ranging benefit to Auckland. To make resources to the CAB more scarce would negatively affect some of Auckland's most vulnerable citizens. Could the council please look elsewhere to reduce costs.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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).	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in bus services. If we want to get people using public transport more and more then these services need to be constant and people need to be confident they will be able to travel.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Citizen Advice Bureaus are very important to citizens across all nationalities. If necessary place them in Libraries if insufficient funds to keep them where they are.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed 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.

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Maybe a number of the initiatives proposed under the CATR should be put on hold or pushed out to a later date until the Council budget is more under control.

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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: I support the sale but shares should be offered to Aucklanders, similar to how shares of electricity generators were offered to public.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all reductions except pest control and environmental restoration where outcomes are tied with better severe flooding outcomes.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: In order of priority: pest control, flood control, clean waterways.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Local community events, Arts / community programmes and services

Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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: With appropriate transparency and use of Key Performance Indicators managed by qualified economists, Council could increase rates by 30% and I would support that decision. Some targeted Council funding lowers the cost of living for the people of Auckland

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Rates should be calculated on a parcel's highest and best use to deter land banking and inefficient uses of land. In particular, 53 Appleby Road, Albany, 0632 is an 82 hectare parcel of land that is used by a private golf course in the heart of Albany Sou

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Agree with the reductions but not selling Auckland Airport shares. Cut the red tape and fire or lower salary of Auckland Council bureaucrats to streamline services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Sell the Auckland Airport shares to NZ Government to keep them in public control.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: No increases to rates. Instead, cut council salaries and services such as community events (these are great but we can't afford them all).

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Infrastructure such as drainage should not be the sole responsibility of rate payers. NZ Government should use taxation to fund necessary infrastructure rebuilding to prevent future storm and flooding damage.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Planting trees can be done by volunteers on a charitable basis. Libraries are for books, keep it simple. Upgrading of paths/playgrounds and finishing Scott Point park is a good use of funds.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are the best use of funds as libraries and parks provide the most public good, out of these options.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Stop spending money on climate change policies. Even if NZ eliminated all emissions, this would have almost no effect on the climate (as China/India/US/Russia as the main emitters). We should focus on adaptation instead, and core services rather than puni

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

There are probably a lot of jobs in the Auckland Council that could be eliminated without anyone noticing. Also, some of the salaries at the top end are exorbitant.

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Maintaining the reduced public transport services,

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and

welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Reduced public transport funding would have a significant impact on the community. For those who rely on public transport, the reduction in services would make it difficult to go about their daily lives, limiting access to employment, education, and essential services. This could have a serious negative impact on their quality of life. In addition, the reduction in public transport services would lead to increased traffic congestion and longer commute times for everyone, not just those who use public transport. This would result in wasted time and increased costs for businesses and individuals, as well as negative environmental impacts from increased emissions.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining shares in the local airport is crucial for the long-term economic prosperity of our city. While selling assets may create a short-term gain, it is a short-sighted approach that could have greater costs in the future.

As the gateway to our city

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Use a combination of a higher general rates increase and greater use of 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: The recent storms and severe weather events have highlighted the urgent need for investment in resilient infrastructure. As we continue to experience the effects of climate change, it is clear that our infrastructure systems are becoming increasingly vuln

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: By investing in Local Board services and activities, the council can ensure that each community is receiving the support and resources that they need to thrive. Local Boards have a deep understanding of the needs and priorities of their communities, and t

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I urge the council to carefully consider the proposed cuts to funding for our arts, culture, and creative sector, and youth and community programmes and services. While these cuts may seem small in the context of the council's overall budget, they will ha

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reductions are needed. Council is way too bit with way too much waste.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Sell all shares, it is non core.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Freeze the rate and defund all fluffy bits.

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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 central government funding, just like Christchurch.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: First fund proper roading.

If funding for local board 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: Dont care.

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Beneficiary should pay, not rate payer

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Reduce tax/levies etc. Stop the waste at council level, reduce headcount 40%.

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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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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?

Please do not cut funding to Citizens Advice Bureau.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community and civic events, including ANZAC events, Library hours, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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Tell us why: Only to be sold to NZ shareholders- no overseas shareholders

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport needs to be funded.

Auckland Transport has already lost the faith and patronage of many public transport users with the rail shutdowns and frequently cancelled buses. I have resorted to walking most of the time in the past few months rather than chance a bus, and the few times I have caught a bus it has been crowded or late. This is absolutely unacceptable for a "world class city" and is disastrous for the environment by indirectly encouraging a return to polluting, space inefficient car dependency.

Funding for public transport should be increased to pre-COVID service levels, and additional funding should be sought to roll out more bus lanes and catch up on maintenance for shelters and infrastructure.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Budgeting for climate change will likely need to be much more than anticipated, with more and more scientists predicting societal collapse if not human extinction within the next few centuries.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Short-term reaction that limits choices and profits in the future. Why don't you sell some of the ports of auckland ownership instead

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: interesting the way you've set the answers- I would prefer setting a higher rate, not putting off equalising the business/residential rate and borrowing more. Note that the NETR and the WQTR really need to be met

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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 these changes- although I am baffled as to why a whole of the damage is not being met from the depreciation costs- the whole point of depreciation is putting aside funds to deal with replacement costs

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: sports facilities and upgrade of tracks at a single reserve are not particularly important at present

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they will reduce problems and thus rates in the future

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Maintaining social services and those which contribute to environmental wellbeing

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1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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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: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million

Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We should be in saving mode. I would suggest starting with the board and mayoral salary.

Removing our early childcare, public transport and selling AIA shares is a recipe for disaster - together we will see roads which are unpassable (no public transport) and childcare which is unpayable

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: AIA is an income bearing share which yields dividends. If we sell now we will sell at a low and make a loss, that paired with the loss of decision power over one of New Zealand's only international airports is a recipe for disaster

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: We need to have control of our financial future, we should manage our debts and if that means we pay more then so be it

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The storm response should wait until we have managed our debt sufficiently. For now, fix the roads and wait till the time is right

5. Local Boards

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to ensure that the community feels a sense of belonging, the park in milldale is a good idea but it should be explicitly stated as a goal.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants for community groups / organisations, Environmental volunteers in local parks, Construction and demolition waste minimisation programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I think that the community involvement is a great initiative (eg movies in the park) but I think that the investment in sanders reserve could be a bit overkill due to the budget and the fact that not many people want to drive so far for a park, it would b

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reductions to the arts and cultural events. The arts scene in Tāmaki Makaurau is already small as it is, so it simply will not be able to sustain without funding. Funding to empower artists is necessary, and art is a necessity.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Library opening hours and services

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposed reductions to transport, arts and culture and childhood education seem to be more damaging than useful to the people of Tāmaki. These are the aspects of our city which people not only rely upon day-to-day to move around the city but are vital to maintain jobs, the vibrancy and engagement for the people of our city. Look at your own house first before you cut down those of others.

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Tell us why: I think it is important to maintain some stakeholder engagement with the Airport, however the cost benefits of a partial sell looks promising.

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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: Don't make the cost of living higher than it already needs to be. If you are proposing the increase rates but cut funding to essential transport services and arts and culture - what are we as the residents actually getting?!

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: Further investment into our infrastructure to make it more resilient is essential.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The best way to improve transportation is to remove cars. A viable public transport system is 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: Deferring decisions just increases costs down the line

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The Hauraki Gulf is a desert compared to 40 years ago.

Libraries are vital community services

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am concerned about the reduction in public transport, however I also do not want to put more money towards a service I do not use.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What 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 not proceed with if any: reducing/maintaining our already reduced public transport options only encourages people to not use it which then will be used to make further cuts leading to more traffic on roads

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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: airport shares are incredibly safe, stable and will only ever increase in value. to sell them entirely is incredibly short sighted and shows the council has no plan beyond the immediate.

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Tell us why: this is simply offloading some of the problem from the more wealthy

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: it is important to do more than just fix the immediate problem

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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: These are not the only options available to us. Council owns a lot of land that sits vacant (is it around 92000 hectares?). Holding this land serves in increasing demand and by consequence valuations and our rates. Sell off this land in bite-size bits for developers and others who want to build a home. Use this money to reduce the cost of living in Auckland for everyone.

Council would benefit from taking a long-term view on the issues of decreasing spend on cultural activities. If we want to continue to be seen as a place where living is great, these things are important. From a sustainability point of view, Marketing Auckland as a destination should be a priority. It's not hard to measure the ROI of this.

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Tell us why: You can always buy back shares with a surplus when that happens. Why hold shares if you cannot influence the decision making process?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Sell vacant land for development. While this will reduce your assets it can be used to offset debt and therefore interest. It will also serve to reduce supply-demand tension in the property market, and as a consequence house valuations and new household b

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Tell us why: Because I think that with a little more competitive procurement, you might be able to reduce the costs of doing many of these things.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Long term focus on a more sustainable way of living in our city

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What do you think of these proposals? Stop wasting money visiting houses to check on swimming pool compliance. Put in place instead a user pays service that sits alongside selling a home or building a pool.

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1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All, especially public transport, ECE, economic development/social services - would destroy the positive externalities (less congestion, better child wellbeing, less crime)

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Once sold, cannot be re-bought unless at a higher price - short-sighted

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Early childhood education services AND cab

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change is coming, we need to prepare

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Because I disagree with having funding to existing services cut. This will lead to a reduction in services available and a reduction in the quality of these services.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Because selling these shares is short sighted and will lead to short-term improvement in funds only. However it will have a much bigger negative impact long-term

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Because I believe existing services should be better funded and this requires a bigger increase in rates.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Because a strong response to these significant events is required and this requires funds.

5. Local Boards

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reductions to any of these. With high CPI even maintaining them at current funding levels is a backward step. We need to expect to pay for rates in line with the rise in costs across the economy.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining ownership in strategic assets is critical for Auckland's future. Selling these shares while discounted due to the impacts of COVID is poor financial management. The opportunity cost for this capital is not significant enough to justify the sale

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: While it is difficult for households to pay higher rates during an inflationary period it is critical to avoid falling behind on rates. Increasing debt is a long term financial trap for the council and should be avoided with the exception of long term str

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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: Not enough clear detail around the use of this funding.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Local board funding is where people see the benefit of their local representation. It is simply ridiculous that this funding is being cut.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: None of these are acceptable

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What do you think of these proposals? Ratepayers should not be charged for a bin-swap to a smaller size when they manage to reduce their waste. Charging to increase bin size is ok.

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This budget proposal is a disaster. The last thing Auckland needs is an austerity budget.

While it is understandable that the council faces cost pressures the answer cannot be to cut services relative to CPI. If that means increases in rates to so be it

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Tell us why:

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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.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Access to community venues is important.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce funding

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts is 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?

Do not cut arts funding, do not cut CAB funding, do not sell our assets

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I oppose any cuts to the funding of the CAB service in Auckland. The CAB provides an impartial, essential service to the Auckland community, and is a first point of contact for many people in need of help. It's worth remembering that Auckland Council actually refer many people to the CAB, because they do not provide sufficient service themselves. The CAB only has managers as salaried employees (providing essential coordination of a large number of volunteers) and provides incredible value for money.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think it is best distributed between the council and the public- I would not proceed with 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

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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: Future years could be more expensive- it is good to keep some of the shares as a safeguard so there is a lifeboat for possible future issues. But the public can take on some of the cost too with rates. Distributing it between both groups thinking long term

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: The proposed rates increase seems fair enough- the council can't take on the full cost but neither can the public so splitting the load and the council accumulating a bit more debt seems fair.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: As the question poses, we don't yet know the full costs- I just don't have enough reasoning or scope behind the choice of \$20 million

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna 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 am not sure if I support the following proposed priorities at the moment as they seem too vague- a larger priority on environment and tangible community/lwi projects seems like a better priority

Looking for ways to better connect with our diverse community

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The local environment stays at my top priority, then access to knowledge.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Local community events, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Henderson-Massey Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: All focuses listed feel like top priorities- especially love the prioritisation of community-led environmental action.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental activation is the #1 priority for me, with accessible community support a close second (programmes and activations in community facilities a bit more engaging and inclusive than library hours).

Hibiscus and Bays 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: Love the priorities of library and community centre restoration, and above all I prioritise the funding of pest/plant/animal control and coordinating environmental volunteers.

If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability, Community programme delivery, Environmental education

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment and knowledge distribution within the community are most important to me.

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: I see a lot of value in most of the priorities, but less so in the Sanders Reserve track upgrades

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: I would love to select more community focused priorities but I just think all of the top three options and all environmental priorities are the most important focus. Especially a fan of the environmental education incentives.

Waiheke 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: A broad and well encompassed list of priorities that focuses on environmental conservation. Especially love the focuses on increasing biodiversity, and working with Mana Whenua.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental programmes and volunteers, Environmental education, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental focuses will always take top priority for me. I believe with the amount of tourism that Waiheke faces, the island is definitely in need of environmental support and protection.

Waitākere Ranges 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 like all focuses generally but I feel like they could be a bit more specific in their intentions.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: The west coast and it's wildlife are so important- and the Waitakere arts and culture facilities are a big part of what make it such a unique beautiful community of Tamaki Makaurau.

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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? The one-off \$40 fee for people wishing to change their bin size: is this for people who are also downsizing? This disincentivizes people to reduce their waste (which is counterintuitive to the price increases/introduced smaller bin size option). I think t

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please keep our park rangers and community parks/wildlife protection programmes a top priority!

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tax the wealthy who can afford it, not the poor who can't.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Seems short sighted.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I dont know here but don't let wealthy landlords pass on the costs to tenants or you just drive up crime more.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: A lot of the storm damage is worsened by poor land management. Shift the priorities here so the companies turning huge profits are accountable for their environmental impact

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Environmental programme volunteers, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think it vital that you do not proceed with the proposed cuts to the Auckland Citizen's Advice Bureau. The Auckland CAB's run a fantastic face-to-face service that is a vital part of our community. The CAB's and their volunteers provide empathetic, impartial, and anonymous advice that cannot be found elsewhere. The CAB's help people whom other agencies struggle to connect with and provide crucial advice to people who are not aware of where else they can get help. Cutting funding to Auckland CABs, a service that has now been helping Aucklanders for over 50 years, would have detrimental consequences for the Auckland community and would leave many members of the community without help or advice.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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: Completely selling an asset which is essential for Auckland's proper function is a terrible idea. If we need quick cash why are we selling a continuous benefit???

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport needs significantly more investment, not less. reducing service will continue to load cars on the roads, increasing long term maintenance costs and reducing quality of life through higher traffic, longer commute times etc.

Cutting funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited with the corresponding impact on service delivery is short term thinking, with the potential for longer term reductions in the city's prosperity - not to mention reductions in quality of life which these services provide.

Reducing regional services again impacts quality of life and in particular the central city can already be unpleasant due to homelessness, cutting spending here is needlessly cruel and will degrade the quality of life of the city (again).

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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: While the short term reduction in interest costs is attractive, this will not fix a long term core spending issue. Auckland needs to fix infrastructure, provide better public transport and work to both mitigate and adapt to climate change. Selling the sha

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Higher rates certainly makes for a more difficult short term, but will allow us the properly invest in the future particularly with regard to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Failing to properly invest in the past has led to many of our beaches b

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Greater investment will be required as climate change continues to deliver worse/more powerful weather events.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: In particular policies that support resilience in the face of climate change and more extreme weather events.

I also believe it is important to maintain a good quality of life and investment in parks, walkways and playgrounds promote this. These encourage

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

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The budget should better reflect the need to adapt and mitigate climate change, with a particular focus on better transport and water management.

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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: Not proceed with cuts to Local Boards as they are cash strapped already - services to local community are VITAL at this time when everything is getting so expensive, for example Library services are quite often the first point of contact for those in need, also the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). These services mustn't be cut anymore. There is a lot of wasted money in Council - middle managers especially, some of these positions are grossly overpaid and may not even be necessary

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: the roads NEED to be fixed. Full stop!

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't think there should be any reductions in Library hours/staffing as they are IMPORTANT community hubs. People go there as a first stop for information and help, they are alot more than places to get books. Also the Citizens Advice Bureaus are invaluable

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Tell us why: No sense in keeping an investment if you expect it to cost more than it earns over the long term. Do ensure that the council maintains sufficient legislative control of AIAL behavior, given its impact on the city as a whole.

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: We have several golf courses that make almost no return to the community in comparison to the shares in the airport. We should sell unproductive assets first, with the added bonus of freeing land for housing and parks.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe services should be available to all Aucklanders and feel that reductions could impact this. Reducing funding to regional services takes these services away from everyone. Only those who can afford it could attend e.g. a community programme, rather than it being available to all. When times are tough, having community services available provides those moments of joy needed when people are struggling. However I do believe funding could be withdrawn from ECE as there are numerous alternative options available.

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Tell us why: The sale of some of the shares will generate income however I feel it's important to maintain a so-called blocking stake of 10 percent.

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: By tackling it from both ends i.e. increasing rates and debt, it spreads the load.

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: With climate change resulting in an increase in storms, there definitely needs to be a plan in place to respond to these. Priority needs to be given to ensure infrastructure can cope with these events. Decisions need to be made as to whether or not land

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays 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: While I support the above priorities, I am concerned that funding could be withdrawn from other activities I feel are just as important e.g. arts and culture. During tough economic times, it is beneficial to our health and wellbeing to have creative out

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding for arts centres and partners, Community climate action and sustainability, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and culture foster a sense of positive wellbeing, and when delivered through community programmes they also instill a sense of belonging, vital to overall holistic health when people are finding life difficult.

With the recent storms, it is also cri

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Instilling a sense of community is vital for wellbeing, providing everyone with a sense of belonging, thereby improving overall holistic health.

It is also critical to address climate change at a community level as well as government level.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: As previously mentioned, action needs to be taken at all levels to address climate change.

Living in a diverse community it is vital to ensure everyone has a sense of belonging. Community programmes can enable this to happen.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? I have selected "Don't support" for the food scraps rate as we have been composting our scraps for some time now. We will soon be required to pay for a service I am unsure that we will utilise. I feel it would be more appropriate to provide food scrap b

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The funding cuts proposed are essential services. Public transport, education, and culture make a city.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Need a new skate park in the upper harbour area

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We are still coming out of the impact of COVID and the floods. While increasing rates isn't something anybody likes, cutting services will reduce our ability to generate further profits from attracting people to the city and generally reduce the quality of living in our city.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Something clearly needs to be done and it's better we all pay a little now than a lot down the line

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I won't get any use out of Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park and Caribbean Drive sports field upgrade and toilet facility but I'm sure it's a good idea

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment is something that needs constant care and especially with pests, if you let it go it's so much harder to gain back the ground lost. Library because we use the library all the time and they are wonderful assets in our community for learning

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Selling off state assets

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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:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Now is not the time to make more efficient and low-carbon options less available and more expensive. To do so is extremely short sighted and socially unjust.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This is a very bad time to sell shares and again demonstrates an extremely short sighted, cut and gut approach that is being forwarded by the current administration.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Why is there not an option to set higher rates of debt and increase rates? This is the option I and many others would support. I guess when you can pick the questions, you get the answers you're looking for, right?

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5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: I do not support the reduction in local body funding. This area of Auckland has a huge amount of housing going in and a massive increase in population. This area of Auckland needs a lot more funding into amenities, public transport and safe walking and cycling

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to these crucial public and community services. Ok, maybe we have to accept a reduction in the barely existing and minimal events being run. But do not cut crucial services and infrastructure delivery.

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What do you think of these proposals? The CATR is very well supported by the public. I oppose reprioritizing this rate towards AT - an agency which is planning on cutting services and infrastructure delivery that this rate is intended to SUPPORT!

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

We're in a climate emergency and a cost of living crisis. It is incredibly short-sighted to propose cutting public transport services and the delivery of low-emissions, low-cost transport alternatives. This is an irresponsible budget and I do not support

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Tell us why: Important to keep some NZ shareholding in our major NZ carrier.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Community groups, libraries etc are very important to provide a sense of inclusion, and wellbeing for residents

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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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 have been increasing for 3 years in Scott point and we still have no finished parks, no public transport, and only one road in and out still. We also have no food scrap service even though it's on our rates bill. I can't support an increase when

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a very poorly structured question due to an arbitrary limit of three choices and forces the user to omit a number of preferred options. I would have like to give an total ordered list of priorities.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public Transport, Auckland Unlimited, Regional services, local board

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is a poor time to liquidate shares, better to take on debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most 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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Not in favour of reducing rubbish bins and not adequately maintaining grass etc.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I'd also like to see more thought put into intensification and its effects on flooding

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, Open space low / no mow areas, Local waste management support

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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The Glenvar Rd work needs to be done as a priority for safety reasons. The roads currently in use are inadequate and dangerous

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: SHARES HAVE AN INCOME

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: COMPLICATED,

WATERCARE SHOULD BE EARNING ENOUGH REVENUE TO SUPPORT ITSELF AS A BUSINESS (IN/OUT INCREASE APRIL)

RATES TO BE INCREASED BY MINIMUM

STOP ALL INFIL HOUSING, INFRA STRUCTURE CANNOT COPE

DESIIT WITH OVERSPENDING ON CYCLE WAYS

CONSULTANCY FEE

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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: THIS COST OF \$20 MIL SEEMS EXCESSIVE

STOP INFIL HOUSING AND ANY CONSTRUCTION THAT ADDS TO MORE CONCRETE

USE COMMON SENSE AND CONCENTRATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

SINGAPORE IS SIMILAR TO AUCKLAND

LIMIT CONSUTANTS

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? FOOD SCRAPS.... I AND MANY OTHERS LIVE ALONE DO NOT HAVE GREAT AMOUNT OF WASTE AND USE ALTERNATIVE COMPOST ARRANGEMENT WITH THE KAIPATIKI PROJECT AND I OBJECT TO THIS FEE ADDED TO MY RATES

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 not proceed with if any: All proposed reductions heavily impact quality of living in the city. I notice road improvements are not on the table so I would like to see a proposal where a few major roading projects get dropped instead. I'd much rather the funds come from rates (private AND business) and new debt.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I see only a small short term benefit and a large long-term loss for the city in this decision and am strongly against it.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates for homeowners and businesses and use debt to finance the rest. People who live in the city should shoulder the cost of running it. Keeping rates artificially low is a very strange decision, I can't say I understand it unless it's made by p

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I would prefer a proper long-term plan instead of a weak reaction like this but it's better than doing nothing.

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why: Takapuna is a wealthy area and could easily support the current funding shortfall with higher rates. Cutting local services will make the place less of a community and dampen progress made in the last few years of growth.

If funding for local board 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, Arts / community programmes and services, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are the last few community spaces. Without easy access to them (via reduced hours) life in Auckland is just less appealing.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Local community events, Environmental volunteers in local parks

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I notice that this touts "support for library and local community organizations" in the same breath as talking about cutting library hours.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Again, I find libraries to be very important. Effective environment management is important as well.

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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?

This whole budget feels like it's not compiled with the best interest of the city in mind. Reduce PT, minimal rate increases even after multiple catastrophic events, sell off productive assets in a bad market. It just feels like a very short-sighted, reac

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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: Auckland Unlimited or ATEED has supported my pakihi and those in my network multiple time through the course of the last 4-years. The last 4-years included covid and it's lockdown which impacted 70% of our income. This meant reducing our team by 75% and keeping just myself and my two businesses partners on board when times were super dire.

Through Auckland Unlimited and ATEED, we were able to get access to accountants and lawyers that really helped saved our business and brought down some major costs.

We'll always be grateful to AU and ATEED.

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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 looking at a potential upcoming recession and/or depression. In 2008, the value of Airports dropped dramatically. To prepare for this, it wouldn't be a bad idea to sell then re-buy at a later time.

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: What is this extra 20% going to cover? Provide us with more information, please. If this extra 20% is going towards salaries instead of actual infrastructure or measures to prevent damage caused, I'd be for the proposal to not be processed.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Organisation (if applicable): Upper Waitemata Ecology Network

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't want to see Reduced funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Reduced regional services, Reduced local board funded activities, or Reduced regional contestable grants.

Restoration groups are hugely important to the social infrastructure of a community. They also provide consistency in times of fragility. Council staff, council teams come and go but the community is always there. 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.

It is important to me that the Council does not defund any action to resolve the urgent crises that Auckland is already facing, namely climate change.

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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: Once the shares are gone, they are gone forever. Think of the future generations, this is short term gain and a long term loss. These will start paying dividends again later this year and are appreciating in value. Selling them now will cost us in the long

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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: Rates should increase to the current rate of inflation (7.2%). Anything less than this is a net cut at a time when the repair job for Auckland is of utmost importance.

Reducing the NETR rate would mean a backwards step in climate change mitigation measure

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland has had on-going issues with wastewater overflows from the wastewater network, as well as discharges from poorly performing septic tanks. Water quality at a number of Auckland beaches exceeds the national guidelines on concentration of the bacter

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Upper Harbour is a multicultural, diverse and vibrant area, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The Upper Harbo

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to Local Board funding. If there are to be cuts to Local Board funding these cuts should be shared equally between all Local Boards.

Volunteer hours are a valuable asset that can translate into significant cost savings for councils. By lever

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: This is not a suitable time to sell these shares to get the best value from them.

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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: We need to spread the load over the years so that future generations also make their contribution to keeping this city alive and an attractive liveable city where people want to live because of its vibrancy and opportunities.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This is common sense as we know that the probability of serious climate events are likely to occur more often.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I am a regular walker through a park and notice how much these facilities are used for many purposes and enjoyed. They are used by people of who represent a cross section of Auckland's population ethnically and economically. They are a wonderful meeting g

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to maintain our environment. Once these are gone we will lose them forever. Parks need to be maintained safe and accessible. People require greens spaces and exercise out in the open to maintain physical and mental health. Parks provide presepcti

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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?

We need to face up to reality that there are costs in delivering a safe worldclass, climate change ready, city prepared to face the inevitable changes that will come with climate change. Political popularity gained by advocating low rates and taxes has le

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Clearly the areas where the cuts are being made are essential services. Tourism and economic development are key areas which need development coming out of covid!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares in Auckland airport when tourism increases is a dumb idea, this will be a major source of future revenue

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: But I don't support reducing funding, our local board seems stretched already

If funding for local board 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, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think it is vital our city has better public transport and more community support.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a big enough business to survive without Auckland Council input. Auckland Council will remain a stakeholder regardless

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The floods prove the need for better infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Preferably sold but ownership to remain in NZ eg Kiwisaver

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Preferably community facilities in Whenuapai

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Off leash dog parks & signage for where dogs are not allowed

Usability assessment of the parks surrounding Whenuapai Town Centre including Riverlea Reserve and Dale Road Reserves.

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Tell us why: It's a self evidently short-sighted policy which benefits only the immediate administration with no thought or care for the future of the city. What classic old man policy.

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Tell us why: money's gotta come from somewhere.

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport should not be reduced to the level proposed if at all. Public transport is key to providing options for movement for Aucklanders without access to cars, who can't afford the cost of petrol often those who have fewer options.

Reducing funding to TAU should not take place to the level proposed if at all. The services they provide are key to the quality of life in Auckland for both residents, domestic and international visitors driving significant spend within the city and making it an attractive place to live and work.

Reducing regional services should not happen at all. Many of these services support parts of our community most at need. By reducing the funding now to services like community education, homelessness funding and community empowerment there will be significant lasting impacts on individuals and communities that will require much greater investment to address in the future. Reducing homelessness and increasing community connection is key to reducing crime, creating strong supportive and resilient communities and would have a return on investment that makes the investment worth borrowing for.

Reducing local board funding should not take place to the level proposed if at all. Local boards are the key community representatives for Aucklanders, they currently have stretched budget and reducing them will likely mean the reduction in

community programmes that support local needs beyond essential services which greatly add to the sense of community and support those unable to access other parts of Auckland.

Regional contestable funding should not take place to the level proposed if at all. grants are a key way for local communities to generate activities that specifically meet their local needs helping to strengthen identity and community bonds. at a time when most households will be experiencing financial pressure and looking for opportunities to connect with their neighbors these local activities are key.

I have little objection to not providing early childhood services if they are taken up by another provider.

I think we should increase rates and debt to meet the needs of our operation costs.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling the shares now is a short sighted move that I don't support. We lose shares in a company that will likely return a profitable dividend in the future for what will be a very short term gain.

I think we should increase rates and or debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I think both rates and debt should be increased further to ensure that services are continued to be able to be delivered at the level they are. We have made it through several years of significant stress on the population services and the the economy and

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to increase our investment in climate change resilience as well as climate change prevention. This work is required for all Aucklanders to have a quality city to live in not just those impacted by the recent weather events.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Parks need to maintained as if people experience financial pressure it will be more important that they can access quality local parks and spaces to spend time.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The two areas of most importance, are firstly reducing community services, especially for communities in Auckland that are most at risk, the long term impact of reducing these services is significant and creates bigger problems requiring bigger investment

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Spending in public transport should increase to help create a sustainable city.

Further selling off the cities infrastructure such as the shares in the airport is a ridiculously short sighted idea.

All the proposed cuts disproportionately affect already struggling poor and middle income whanau. This is disgusting.

It is in times of hardship that support for those lost struggling is the most vital.

Decrease the financial benefit packages for the highest earning staff within the council (including the mayor).

Council spending could be reduced by eliminating wastage without cutting funding to projects and programmes that benefit most of the city.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Further selling off the cities infrastructure such as the shares in the airport is a ridiculously short sighted idea.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Start taxing businesses and individuals that currently don't pay their share.

Stop investing in the never ending battle that is roads and incest in sustainable transport options.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are good priorities. The proposed dual cycle way on upper harbour drive is an absolute shit show.

This area has already been victim to massive mismanagement and unnecessary spending.

Save money by not implementing poorly thought out ideas.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: All these programmes should be well funded.

Reducing funding to sustainability, education, and livability is short sighted

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Early children centres are essential and the projects for community outreach projects. Cut wages within council members. Look at water are ceo wages and other absolutely ridiculous salaries of the highest earners in council. Look carefully at wasteful spending on "business lunches" etc. I know people who have moved to council jobs and say its a joke how little work is actually done for their salaries.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't think it's fair how waste management is not the same across the same city. It is unfair that Auckland and Manakau don't pay per bin like west and north shore. There shouldn't be discrepancies as we have been the super city for more than 10 years!

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

It's easy to see this is a chance for the council to increase rates. Disappointing to see such a mismanagement of funds.

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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: Community services that build strength in our communities especially our most vulnerable e.g. supporting homelessness, education, community centers, creative hubs, libraries and leisure. We will need more than ever ways for people to connect, educate and find support. Climate adaptation and mitigation services should not be reduced now is not the time.

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Tell us why: believe in the value of the investment long term as travel and tourism bounces back.

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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: Also, make greater use of debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Additionally, rather than take money away from local boards that will force them at to look at cutting local conservation, climate mitigation and education keep the money their but put some guidelines on what these programmes need to focus on to ensure we

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Our community and environmental spaces provide a place and space that is needed to help maintain biodiversity, health and leisure benefits that are affordable and accessible to all. They allow our communities to congregate and enjoy a natural 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?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Our communities are only just getting back to being able to connect, support and enjoy our physical environments, parks and spaces. These spaces are important to ensure we maintain a healthy level of biodiversity, reduce warming as often provide canopy an

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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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:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't know how you can even say with a straight face you want to save money by keeping reduced public transportation, reduce arts funding, reduce homelessness funding, and no longer fund early childhood education. How do you not grow horns and a tail by proposing that. Be a public servant and serve the public.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: You're best ideas to reduce debt is to cut services for homeless people and children or sell shares in the airport which would provide future earnings for as long as there is an airport?

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Don't touch NETR or WQTR. Auckland beaches are already closed regularly because of shit in the water and it's an absolute embarrassment. If residential rates go up than business rates better go up to match. Debt is fine, Auckland and NZ are trustworthy de

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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: Don't half ass the preparation because it will be needed and maybe the mayor should have a twitter account to let everyone know what's going on during an emergency. Also maybe certain radio hosts should be talked to about downplaying official warnings.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are ok things but upper harbour has terrible public transportation. From hobsonville there is no bus that can drop my kid off even close to the Westgate public library. When I was going to Massey university in Albany, it would have taken me an hour

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Public transportation. Please just fund public transportation. Every person who could take public transportation but doesn't is a failure on your part for not providing better public transportation.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Can't afford these cost, tighten budget in these times

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Tell us why: Smart use of equity to reduce debt whilst retaining some upside for the future

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Tell us why: No use borrowing more funds

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Tell us why: The priorities are not clear enough

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Common sense when money is tight

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

public transport services

Community educational programs

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with a reduction in public transport services. The roading network is stressed due to the number of users and reducing alternatives will not improve this. The current Kiwirail shutdown of only a section of the Southern Line has added ~30% more time onto my commute - a permanent decrease in services would force longer commutes for drivers with less alternatives to avoid this increased commute.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is not financially sensible to sell an income generating capital asset to fund regular business as usual costs, and significant weakens the balance sheet of the council. The return generated on the funds utilised in the event of a sale would be negativ

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Utilising long term debt to cover operating expenses will force subsequent generations of Aucklanders to pay our expenses incurred in the current year, which is unfair and will decrease the attractiveness of Auckland for younger generations to come.

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Do not reduce the national environmental targeted rate

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am an active member of the Estuary Arts Centre in Orewa. I believe my passion for art and their fantastic contribution to the arts and community kept me sane through these last few years of Covid, floods and all things scary in our lives. To have a happy place to turn to, an art room, classes at Estuary Arts, and friends made from the classes calmed my fears about what was happening around us. They are VITAL to a community full of volunteers, friendships, art and the learning experiences offered to us to upskill our happy place.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The art centres are VITAL community hosts for individual passions and talents. They host a family of friends, activities, exhibitions and activities that bring JOY in people's lives. Please do NOT cut funding to thriving and critically important art cen

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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: Reducing funding to already underfunded social services will result in increased costs to maintain these people's livelihoods later down the track in

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: With the state of the country, there are larger priorities than local boards spending ratepayer money on events. Local board funding should go towards creating and maintaining infrastructure and events can be regional or prioritised when there is a maller

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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 one off \$40 charge only if changing to a larger bin size. Reducing waste should not be punished.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: All of 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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Core services such as those provided by Regulatory Services such as Building, Licencing and compliance, consenting etc should be maintained or improved as these provide a vital service that helps protect our communities from environmental impacts. For too

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Not comfortable with some of the proposals. Others I'm quite pleased with i.e. Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It would be a significant error of judgement to sell the cash cow noting the significance of this key infrastructure.

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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: Feels about right when considering cost of living challenges and higher interest rates for us all.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The storm we have experienced was merely an entree to the main course so plan ahead for worse. This event will not be a one off.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Think careful fiscal management is required so the bulk can be activated but maybe doesn't have all the trimmings.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service, Community lease charges

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What do you think of these proposals? A full audit of Auckland Transport who show no fiscal constraint whatsoever. Infact their wasteful spending is beyond disbelieve. Next time they come cap in hand seeking an increase in spending strip them of what they want. I strongly believe you will fi

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental programme volunteers, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of 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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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The main reduction I am against is the reduction in funding to public transport infrastructure. Maintaining and improving public transport services is crucial for a city like Auckland. Reliable public transport is essential for the city's infrastructure and is a key factor in reducing congestion caused by private vehicles. Other major cities around the world have demonstrated the benefits of a reliable public transport system. By investing in public transport infrastructure, we can increase the value of the city and make it more accessible to both locals and tourists.

I strongly recommend expanding and increasing investment in Auckland's public transport infrastructure. Although it may require significant upfront investment, the long-term benefits will outweigh the costs. A better public transport system can generate revenue and make it easier for tourists to explore the city, boosting the local economy. Ultimately, a reliable and efficient public transport system is critical for the continued growth and development of Auckland as a major global city.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining shares in Auckland Airport is crucial for Auckland Council. The council has made a significant investment in extending public transport services to the airport, and holding onto these shares would allow the council to reap the rewards of this in

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: As a ratepayer, I am in favor of increasing rates and utilizing debt to invest in Auckland's infrastructure and public transport system. In fact, I believe we should be even more open to using debt for these crucial investments. Investing now is crucial t

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: In my opinion, many areas that have been flooded recently could have been prevented if the roads and streams had been properly maintained. It is concerning that despite the existence of funds for this purpose, such maintenance seems to have been overdue.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals? In our area, we already pay for rubbish bin tags, and some have other bin collection services. I contest the base rate change given the community already pay for bin tags or use other services.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We live in Hobsonville which is a growing community and cutting budget for our board means we don't get the infrastructure like parks and facilities like other developed suburbs

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland is a happy an vibrant city because of the list of items detailed above. You cannot have a happy and optimistic city if all of the community and arts related funding is cut. Increase my rates to support this.

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Tell us why: Basing long term prospects on the dividends returned over the COVID period is unwise to put it mildly. Let allow the danger of letting Auckland Airport reside in private hands. The country and Auckland needs these shares to remain with the council.

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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 do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Again, this is linked to the first question - and it directly related to Auckland having low rates % increases - to retain a vibrant and community focused city we must pay for it. Adding the cost of a cup of coffee each week to the \$ of rates I pay you i

If funding for local board 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 rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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? Given what this city and the country has gone through already this year, I struggle to understand how the Climate Action Targeted Rate can be treated this way. Do what the is right and what was shown to have overwhelming public support less than a year a

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

We cannot live in the biggest city in NZ and have the lowest rates increase. Wellington is targeting over 12%. Auckland dwarfs the capital city and has been shown what needs to happen, shown by the weather, shown by the number of people wanting good pub

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It is against international evidence for successful and livable cities to cut services which are useful for workers and middle-and-lower income people. Making municipal spaces more difficult to access for the majority of citizens is a way to further exasperate poverty and cause a vast array of negative consequences. Do your jobs and do your homework instead of taking the tired and ineffectual approach of cutting services. It's been done for decades locally, nationally, and internationally and is only making life worse. Be bold and try something new for once.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: With tourism being a major source of income for Auckland and NZ, it seems absolutely moronic for the city to sell shares in the country's most major airport for a short term gain. Once again, this would be a case of empowered people neglecting the future

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase that specifically targets the people who make totally unreasonable amounts of income and horde properties. Make it patently unprofitable to own more than three residential properties.

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: Do this and more, and--as above--tax the richest in this city to do it.

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I'm all for arts and culture in Auckland. Being the biggest city in New Zealand, we need much more presence in this field, at the moment it's so mediocre, no unfriendly environment for musicians. Having said all these, I need to point out that the orchestra of the city Auckland Philharmonia is basically a fraud. Conductor and players are hugely disqualified, consistently dishing out dishonest performances in concerts. Uncultured audiences is one thing, but the orchestra members among them feel the same that people are stupid to pay such money to concerts when majority of the string players are all faking, especially the violin sections. This orchestra needs a complete makeover, and stop hiring foreign fresh graduate students. Cut down in size and offer attractive package to real players let it be local or foreign.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I feel the below 2 items are beneficial for the economic growth of the Auckland region, and hence I am of the view that they should continue to be funded:

1. our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
2. regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development

On point 2 I have taken out the social benefits around homelessness being funded - I believe that they should be funded from the MSD budget and not the Auckland rate payer.

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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 feel the partial sale of Auckland airport will help with short term funding for the council. But with tourism on the rise the share price is expected to go up in the next few years and selling the shares in their entirety wont be a good business decisio

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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 we pay a big amount for the rates as is. I don't wish to pay any more.

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:i feel it is necessary to prevent potential damage from any future storms.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: they seem more important than the others.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? From a general perspective I understand why the rates increase has been proposed, and it is important for the smooth functioning of the city. What i would like to see is council focusing on key tangible items like infrastructure, local parks and reserves,

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Good infrastructure is key for Auckland vehicle owners. we need good road connectivity which helps function the traffic smoothly. We would like to see bigger roads and not roads being cut in half to build cycle lanes or larger and required footpaths. non

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing 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

This is critical for general well being and the sense of community

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining some shares is likely to help the balance sheet in the future

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: This is a balanced approach

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is critical we start to future proof for climate change

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: There is a new and growing community in this area

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: These make a big difference to people who live in the area

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Please don't make complete short-term decision for the immediate issues we need to deal with, but ensure we keep an eye to the future.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I rely on bus services and other necessary services to get to my job. Without access to regular buses, I could not go to work or connect with friends and family. I work full time but the cost of living makes buses my only option. I also rely on libraries, and CABs as private resources are out of my reach financially.

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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: A low point in the market is the worst time to sell shares. Once they are gone, they can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for council

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Council should set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection.

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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: Auckland generally sucks to live in and this would take away some of the things that make it worth battling traffic and pollution daily...

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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: So short sighted to sell shares in an asset that will only increase in value over the next few years.

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: Why aren't businesses taxed the same as residential???

Anyway this obviously the time to access greater debt. It's a recession, government shouldn't stop spending that will only increase the hardship of citizens (macro economics 101!). Not spending will

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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: Storms are going to get worse and more frequent. Of course we need to prepare. Maybe business should be taxed at the same rate to pay for it too

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are all the best things about living in upper harbour. Totally agree with focusing on our strengths

If funding for local board 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: They're all important. What a question

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What do you think of these proposals? The focus on reducing debt in a recession is absolutely ludicrous. It's a horrible budget and will ruin auckland

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: public transport services - already not sufficient

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited - important for the wellbeing of Aucklanders

Reducing regional services - important for Auckland's culture & place of belonging

Reducing regional contestable grants - 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

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Tell us why:

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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: Some infrastructure is urgent

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: The need for open spaces and trees is important to me and people who live in houses without land - safe spaces for children in a busy area

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The future

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Hope public transport will improve services soon.

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Tell us why: I hope Auckland Council can control and direct the Airport's behaviour without 18% shares.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: this proposal looks raw and not evaluated properly.

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Tell us why: not interested in horse ride and mountain bikes

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Tell us why these are most important to you: pest control is essential in such a large city. parks are our lungs and lifestyle, water is life.

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What do you think of these proposals? when times are hard, let's focus on maintenance and decline celebrations.

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I believe this is unfair to give rates discounts to some groups of residents.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't want to see Reduced funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Reduced regional services, Reduced local board funded activities, or Reduced regional contestable grants.

Restoration groups are hugely important to the social infrastructure of a community. They also provide consistency in times of fragility. Council staff, council teams come and go but the community is always there. 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.

It is important to me that the Council does not defund any action to resolve the urgent crises that Auckland is already facing, namely climate change.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Once the shares are gone, they are gone forever. Think of the future generations, this is short term gain and a long term loss. These will start paying dividends again later this year and are appreciating in value. Selling them now will cost us in the long

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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: Rates should increase to the current rate of inflation (7.2%). Anything less than this is a net cut at a time when the repair job for Auckland is of utmost importance.

Reducing the NETR rate would mean a backwards step in climate change mitigation measure

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Auckland has had on-going issues with wastewater overflows from the wastewater network, as well as discharges from poorly performing septic tanks. Water quality at a number of Auckland beaches exceeds the national guidelines on concentration of the bacter

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Upper Harbour is a multicultural, diverse and vibrant area, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The Upper Harbo

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to Local Board funding. If there are to be cuts to Local Board funding these cuts should be shared equally between all Local Boards.

I ALSO oppose the cut of environmental volunteer programmes and library services though I cannot select mor

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community art is not an optional extra. It provides mental health support for so many people. Large numbers of people were sustained by participating in art programmes at the centre through the hard times of Covid. Many still find comfort & solace in their art as they deal with physical illness & mental health challenges now. Migrant groups experience a sense of belonging through being able to share their traditions & artworks with the wider community. Youth gain a sense of pride & self esteem creating & exhibiting their artwork. And for us artists being able to teach and showcase our art gives us extra income, which we rely on in these difficult financial times

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What 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 not proceed with if any: We have an emergency situation - this is no time to be cutting back on either crisis response OR future-proofing our community assets.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares now would be a classic error of poor timing, expediency over prudence

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The situation requires that Council should increase its financial capability by increasing both the general rate AND use of credit (debt) facility.

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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: \$20M increase would be a 'just-enough-for-now' response to match needs to cover future stormwater infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Our local board area has the same environmental and social vulnerabilities as most others in our region. There should be ZERO cuts to all crucial public and community services.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission

Tell us why these are most important to you: '-

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What do you think of these proposals? Re potential changes to planned use of CATR - these should be left as originally planned to ensure viability of public transport, as well as timely plans to increase provision of walkways and cycle ways.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

It is essential to the future wellbeing and development of our city and region that there are no mean-spirited cutbacks to plans for enhancing sustainability in all its forms eg drainage, public transport, community wellbeing & facilities, and the need

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Tell us why: Selling assets in a down market... This should be a last resort AFTER all other options, even a robo advisor would tell you that one...

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Tell us why: This is all part of why we moved to the area, these plans were in action and are VERY important to the community. While not all members may complete this form, we all talk about this and disagree with any reduction in this space.

If funding for local board 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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Stop with the leading questions...

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What do you think of these proposals? If the rubbish collection costs more, then charge more... but also ensure we have the capacity to deal with illegal dumping and the policing of those who do so.

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Reduce debt saves interest

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Interest is saved by reducing 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: Important to keep infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Got to keep improving

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community lease charges, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Spend on what is important

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? No

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't cut community funding because then you cut the community! I need these services, and so do my neighbours and their children.

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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 not proceed with if any: Public transport, social services, community services, early childcare, tourism needs to be kept as essentials.

Funding for golf courses and high art can be cut though. Maybe replace it with community gardens.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Yes to repairs, investments to

more long term resilient infrastructure. Unclear what operating budget increase is supposed to be towards if not on these two things

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Please consider community gardens and tree planting over just lots of grass and walkways.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Unless there is plan of what are you going to do with the money otherwise it will another commission taking years to come up with a plan and wasting rate payers money

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all needed and necessary, why don't try to improve the way you administer the resources you have instead of using the easy way out cutting funding and increasing taxes..

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

You should look on to reducing costs, like functionaries travel.

Reducing youth programmes will bring other consequences later on. There is already a short of venues so they will just disappear

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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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: providing early childhood education services

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Arts / community programmes and services, Environmental volunteers in local parks, Open space low mow / no mow areas

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Local waste management support, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Kaipātiki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Local community grants, Parks programme volunteers

Rodney Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Investigating plan / policy development to future-proof the development of local assets, Ecological restoration programmes, Construction and demolition waste minimisation programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Can we not increase efficiency on Auckland transport? Get the buses more full? Or digitalise some of local council work so we can have more local board representation?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Keep partial public control over an international asset

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: I am willing to pay more rates as long as I believe the rates are being used fairly and efficiently

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: Stop developing flood prone areas

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Reduce in person library services and maintain digital access. Most important to me is 20% green space maintenance

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Reduce the Māori language percentage emphasis on documents and renaming institutions if possible

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	

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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: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The community programmes such as CAB, courses in communities, etc should continue, early childhood education services are essential too, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited is vital if we would like Auckland to be a lively city (e.g. the Pasifika programmes differentiate us from other cities). The services benefitting the low income and middle income residents should be retained, other social events can be bankrolled by corporates such as tech firms and real property companies. Keep debt at a minimum so there will be reserves in case of another catastrophe, such as a pandemic, earthquake or cyclone.

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Why are we selling this to the private sector? They will just squeeze services for profits. Managing the AIAL well will mean an income stream that can go to improve services and facilities in Auckland.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: the only reduction is the first point, where public transport should be increased to discourage people driving their vehicles to work and reduce vehicles during pick periods.

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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: The return on investment on the AKL shares, is negligible and therefore should sell the shares to fund other essential activities / operating costs.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The cost of borrowing (debt) is high and therefore using less of debt is a better option by setting a lower general rates rather increase a higher general rates.p;::::::;

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: infrastructure is important to ensure the impact of future natural disaster is able to cope with especially in flood zone areas like Kumeu, Wairau and others

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Renewal of playground, upgrade tracks and reserves, improve the environment are not a priority. For example, many of the cycleways are underutilised. How many people cycle to work except for recreation. It's a waste of resources.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme

Tell us why these are most important to you: Some education programmes are easily accessible in the library and websites.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the Food Scraps Targeted Rate because residents can have their own compost bins in their garden except for those living in apartments. The cost of inspection (of pools) and filing fees (BWOF) has increased over the years.

It does not make

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The Community Lease charges should be increased and in addition rent is to be charged and many of these places are not paying their fair share of cost where revenue / income is derived from customers / clients / parents such as early childhood centres. Th

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Other

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Enable a partial sale, but don't increase rates or debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: I'd like to see funding of current community activities and grants for the Sutherland Lounge and local hall stay. The environment is also important. Stuff like walkways and parks can wait. We've got enough for now

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Important for my children to continue to have access to these activities

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Hobsonville Community Trust makes a difference to us as a family and our community especially Headquarters and Sunderlands lounge.

Our daughter had been dancing with Monarch dance studio for well over 4 years now.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Sunderland Lounge is our local community venue, and the place where our daughter is happily practicing Ballet with Monarch's Dance Studio. The hall a great place to meet other people of our neighborhood while learning some dance skills. We are a small fa

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Having shares in AIAL is nowhere near as important as continuing the services of the previous services such as art, education and transport directly impact the community and the upkeep it needs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Getting into greater debt will only cause problems in the long run. By increasing rates to a fair amount, the community can continue to maintain the city and all it offers.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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 not proceed with if any: Do not take away ECE services

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Tell us why: To reduce interest costs by approx \$40million!

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Fix the roads, pipes, buildings etc after our flooding fiasco! Strengthen everything for the future.

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Tell us why: Proceed with some priorities but it's hard enough being a home owner without having to worry about rates increases going through the roof.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental restoration and pest control (don't want weeds taking over!)

Waste minimization & Sediment Education (Create responsible people)

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Stop the council, allowing permits for putting mass housing with no off street parking onto roads that are labelled 'lanes' i.e. Lemon grove lane, Greenhithe. A double section of 3-5 lemon grove lane is now 12 x 5 bdrm houses with double garage but no spa

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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: Aotearoa love their home not go overseas anymore. Withdraw hardware like airplane or good profit for protect our country to peace, rich, nice.

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why: The impress meaning have some confuse.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Entertainment

Education

Profit

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Bring private services like Traffic safety back in house, to reduce the spiralling costs of these services.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Reduce privatisation of council services so you have more control of spiralling costs. Examples are traffic safety and Ventia parks management.

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: because more worse storms will come

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: My favourite is sanders reserve, im actually surprised it has been prioritised. the north shore needs more biking facilities.

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Long term, I believe the de privatisation of council services can greatly reduce operational spending. The pure nature of private businesses is based on making money as the top priority.

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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: Reducing funding on some of these will make Auckland a less desirable place to live. Is the goal to NOT have a good city.

I would remove the first 2 from the list. Or at least amend how much funding will be reduced.

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Need more focus on Public transport. It's currently easier, cheaper and faster to drive than catch a bus/ferry

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport

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Your feedback

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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: With recent extreme climate events, it is absolutely NOT THE TIME to cut funding for public transport. the better funded our public transport system is, the better it functions and the more people will opt to bus rather than drive cars, therefore reducing emissions in the transport sector.

Do not cut funding to 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. The funding to arts and culture in auckland is KEY to our city's culture and to cut funding would cause a tragic loss of culture and art within our city.

things are already miserable enough, please don't make it harder by taking away our arts and culture.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: My dudes, we need public transport to minimise congestion and subsequently help reduce \$\$ spent on maintaining the road infrastructure. Oh oh, not to mention that reduction in car dependency is good for the environment and noise levels!

The rest of the stuff is also needed to make the city liveable :D

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I wholly oppose cutting any spending in this section.

I'd rather we:

- Increase rates
- Increase parking charges in line with the percentage increases of public transport costs
- Repurpose golf courses in a way that increases revenue- long term leases, development, etc. while still maintaining ownership of the land
- Increase debt- our debt is lower than most governments across the world and predicted to drop even more dramatically, we can temporarily take on debt to invest in community and increase revenue in the long term.

This budget proposes cutting out everything that makes Auckland an attractive place to live for communities. Auckland Council should be investing now – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back.

Communities are who responded best on the ground during the Floods and the Cyclone, yet we're proposing to hamper them. The amount of funding cut will destroy community groups and lead to huge numbers of job loss not just in Council but in the community. Council engineering mass joblessness and a recession in the short term means they'll have to invest even more long term to build back up again. It's particularly frustrating to see the inflated salaries and number of positions open in the Mayor's office when people doing work on the ground are having their livelihoods threatened. Reads more like a wealth transfer to the top than anything.

Keeping reduced transport services and reducing funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited are very short-sighted approaches for a budget that claims to be about long-term sustainability. Short term investment in transport services will long term reduce climate impacts (and the financial devastation that comes with them) and reduce road maintenance costs. Investing in the economy and tourism will help buffer the city against recession and lead the economic recovery we need.

We've historically benefited from having low rates because of revenue generation. Now that revenue generation isn't as reliable, it feels like rates are being kept artificially low to benefit property investors at the expense of everyday Aucklanders. Perhaps we should spend more time explaining how a few hundred extra dollars a year on your rates translates into the plethora of exciting community development opportunities, events, parks and transport investments that make it worth living in a big city.

This budget takes the heart out of Auckland. With climate change increasingly threatening our infrastructure, our mental health, our wellbeing, community resilience, community investment and infrastructure investment is crucial. Everyone wants to enjoy Movies in the Park, ANZAC, Music in Parks, etc. but no one wants to pay for it.

In particular, it's outrageous to consider cutting funding from Citizen's Advice Bureau and ECE. That would directly disenfranchise the people local government is entrusted to support the most.

Youth development: there's an overlooked quirk in this budget that will lead to staff operational overload. All of the local board's have set Youth Engagement as a priority and want to keep their LDI youth funding. However, within cutting CSI (TWI and TSI) you're also cutting the Youth Empowerment Team. That means there will be no operational staff to look after the youth LDI funding and no youth expertise in Council.

Not only is this an operational risk as there won't be staff to deliver on services local boards have prioritised, it's a huge organisational risk in terms of Council's obligations under the Children's Act. You will have cases across the city of elected members and council staff interacting regularly with young people with no training or expert advice around youth mental health, suicide, boundary setting and proper youth mentoring. This opens up elected members and staff to huge organisational risk. At a minimum the Youth Empowerment Team should be moved in Connected Communities to maintain that organisational and best practise knowledge to protect staff and elected members and continue LDI delivery.

There are Youth Voice Groups across council that under LGACA, the Mayor of Auckland has a legislative requirement to listen to. Section 9.2.b says "ensure there is effective engagement between the Auckland Council and the people of Auckland, including those too young to vote." Without Council staff to support these youth voice groups, the groups we've set up will have no institutional support and young people across Tamaki Makarau will disengage.

I'd like to see Council look more at selling assets to raise capital than to just cutting spending. There are dozens of unused depreciating assets that could net millions to go towards local board funding and regional funding. Have we investigated the positive financial impacts of selling those assets and reviewing the dubious "special character" and "heritage" status of dilapidated buildings?

Has Council considered repurposing golf courses that only benefit a small portion of the society? The changing of leasing of a few golf courses would more than make up the community budget and create more investment and value in the community than they do now. Selling land is short term and may violate Treaty obligations but I'd like to see what options are possible in leasing and repurposing the land.

This budget is slash and grab instead of carefully considered. It guts everything without a holistic approach under the guise of fiscal management, but really what it's saying to a community that's been hampered by a pandemic and natural disasters is that when the next pandemic hits and the endless natural disasters keep coming, you're on your own and Council isn't going to be there to help because "it's too expensive". Just don't look at the contractor bills we're paying out of the mayor's office.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a vital infrastructure asset for not just Auckland, but for New Zealand. As future climate disasters hit with increasingly regularity, we need coordinated transport hubs, which is harder when airports are privatised. Selling these assets

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase rates and increase debt.

What's the point of having a good credit rating and high borrowing potential if we don't use it? After years of lockdowns and natural disasters, this is the rainy day we've been saving our good credit rating for and we can't

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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I really implore Councillors to consider the long term devastation this will have on community groups that will never recover. Hundreds of groups will no longer exist and large private funding organisations have already signaled they can't make up the gap

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Council says we can't afford these things anymore. I think we can't afford to lose them. Everything in this operational spending is vital to living in a thriving community. We need to take on more debt and increase rates to keep these things alive. If the average Aucklanders was told that they could pay \$6.5/week in extra rates and get to keep literally hundreds of community groups, events, halls, activations, parks, things that make life worth it, they would happily invest. Instead we sell the false narrative that their rates go towards things that don't work and paying council staff too much. Re-tell the story and stop playing politics with communities lives.

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Tell us why: Sell shares violates the Waitangi tribunal and will just mean foreign ownership (Saudi, Chinese, etc) will have more say in a vital infrastructure asset when climate change continues to reign terror on us than Aucklanders will.

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Tell us why: Increase rates, increase debt. Investigate land use of golf courses and revenue generation options. Sells crumbling assets and invest in infrastructure. Investing in community is the same thing as investing in capex spending, so why are we taking on debt

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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I would happily pay more rates to ensure funding stayed in communities via local board funding, regional contestable grants, and investment in town centre renewals and tourism.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support cuts in the arts services. I'm part of the Wayfind Creative program, which has helped me in starting a non-profit organisation that enables people to be creative on an internet platform that serves artists worldwide. Being part of the Wayfind Creative program has helped me in directing my goals towards starting this organisation, primarily by starting an educational Youtube channel to teach people about math and physics while creating my own game engine that creative people can use.

Other people in the Wayfind Creative program has similar goals as well, which would help create jobs and work for creative people. If cuts were made to creative programs such as Wayfind Creative, there will no longer be a way of means for people to start their own creative practises and set up businesses and non-profit organisations in the creative fields, which is what I plan to do.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Keeping the library open is important for improving literacy and critical thinking skills among the local community. Events and grants will help creative people like myself have a creative voice in our society.

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The Caribbean Drive project is personally important for my immediate family, as they live on Caribbean Drive and would use those facilities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: Only so much ratepayers can afford.

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Tell us why: Don't know enough to comment.

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Tell us why: Keep up the good work. Except for NZTA (but not under your control). Shocking what's happened to the motorway between Oteha and Tristram (all that work, but still only two lanes after Upper Harbour, so traffic is even worse after so many billions and year

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Library opening hours and services

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Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: DO NOT PROCEED WITH: What an ineptly framed question!! (Like much of this document)

DO NOT CONTINUE WITH TRANSPORT REDUCTIONS:

The provision of transport is abysmal already and needs urgent sorting (as it has for decades!!)

REDUCE FUNDING TO Tātaki Auckland Unlimited:

... until it can be demonstrated that this sector performs better than at present and certainly better than most Council CCOs or organisations; where performance seems to be

unaccounted for; especially if the ostensible cause of much deficit in income is related to/excused by Covid, international disruptions, etc, etc, ad nauseam.

As with many Council roles, there is little evident by way of expected outcomes. Charging citizens to 'sweeten' the cash flow, generate income and subsidise what they're already paying for by way of rates, is unacceptable.

REDUCE AND REVIEW REGIONAL SERVICES: so that a more realistic provision and costing validates 'demand, public interest and financial viability'. Many have been P.C. projects and 'feel good' activities; which sadly are an indulgence and something which we sadly cannot afford.

REDUCE AND/OR REMOVE LOCAL BOARD FUNDED ACTIVITIES:

These have become captured by sectional interests and often do not reflect the interest and support of the wider area community. Some shocking, wasteful decisions are clear evidence of this; 1) an virtually unused BMX track in Albany, sitting falling into disrepair; 2) the wasteful and insensitive mowing of an acreage of native planting based on a minor opposition to the siting of some trees. This was done without adequate consultation with those involved (voluntarily) in achieving the planting. This was disgraceful and inept!!

REDUCE AND/OR REMOVE CONTESTABLE GRANTS:

Once again, these reflect 'pet projects' and sectional interests, and are not a priority in this economic climate. Once management and availability of funds gives some assurance of sensible spending and implementation ...after adequate consultation, it might be able to be reviewed.

DO NOT REDUCE OR REMOVE: funding for childhood early education; though a review of the place of such child support is necessary to validate both demand and competent provision of service, when there is already a 'model' for childcare and early childhood education which is available. This should be an inclusion into the nationwide provision of service, not one based in isolation and simply accommodating sectional interests in an 'informal' manner.

IN SUMMARY:

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Sadly, but realistically, Council needs to call a halt to all but provision of 'essential' services and projects, until the current shambles is sorted. Fix and maintain what we have that is rapidly becoming uneconomic to maintain and failing to provide 'first world' quality service. Simply putting up rates or further borrowing and indebtedness is unacceptable. (just as having an ex-ipo-facto consultation is) which 1) fails to allow for definition of its content and scope by those being 'consulted' 2) shows clear bias and constructive avoidance of democratic process, by defining options (poorly) and limiting the range of considered options. 'OTHER' is an inadequate alternative for most ratepayers; predisposing respondents to simply NOT submit a response and defining and suggesting the limitations which Council has considered.

It's a 'sop' to democracy and suggests that implicitly, decisions have already been made; perhaps by people employed by Council, long term, and simply validating their position by spending disproportionate amounts of time, inexpertly framing these proposals and the excessive and poorly designed documents, which work against realistic and potentially valuable public contribution. Among the ratepayer population of Auckland, who is realistically likely to bother to 'wade' though a more than 80 page document; poorly designed/lavish and expensive to write and produce.

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Tell us why: DON'T CHANGE THE SHAREHOLDING POLICY; AND DON'T SELL THE SHARES!

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Tell us why: Until a more considered and detailed proposal is made by 'real experts', after due consideration (hopefully on a national as well as regional level) and realistic infrastructure projects are discussed and prioritised, NO FUNDING SHOULD BE SOUGHT VIA INCRE

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Tell us why: Normally, I would happily support several (if not all) of these priorities. Sadly, the performance of the Upper Harbour Local Board in respect to several local initiatives, has reduced my confidence to close to zero.

At present, like the Council as a wh

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What do you think of these proposals? There should be no further 'random' notion, such as 'the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed'. This is unacceptable, dishonest and as usual, allows Council to subsequently raise rates, without due PRIOR CONSULTATION.... whi

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To make matters worse cuts are being applied to appease political interests rather than for the long-term benefit of Auckland.

Cuts to Auckland's Public Transport services will not result in a return pre-COVID-19 public transport patronage; yet alone the growth in public transport patronage we need to become a serious city! Auckland is a joke when compared to many international cities. Public transport is MUCH cheaper than building more roads and parking infrastructure. And with parking minimums being cut from planning rules by government decree, a lack of public transport will only benefit commercial parking providers and oil companies as families have no choice but to drive longer and pay more for car parks. This problem will only grow worse as the city grows; and family's quality of life decreases with more time in traffic, more cost for running a private vehicle, and more carbon emissions to contribute to climate change. Better Public

Transport is the single biggest solution to making Auckland a more liveable city and this budget is demonstrating the Mayor's disregard for residents wellbeing.

Cuts Environmental Services is a financially and ecologically dumb idea! While an argument can be made that certain community services maybe more the domain of central government; looking after the forests and waterways within parks and reserves owned and managed by Auckland Council is Council's responsibility. And yet Auckland Council and its contractors have been doing such a poor job of this over the years that many of us have taken matters into our own hands and become parks volunteers. Now Council is proposing cutting the minuscule amount of the total budget that it uses to regionally support volunteers with plants, tools, and equipment. Without this funding at best volunteering will not grow as the city grows, at worst it will significantly decline, and in all situations, Auckland will earn its title as the world's weediest city. I am confident that Auckland Council has quality financial advice that shows that every dollar invested in supporting parks volunteers returns more value than paying for contractors to do the same work. So really this proposal is a political commitment to make Auckland a world leader in ignoring its responsibility to look after it's environment at a time when natural disasters demonstrate the benefits of healthy ecosystems. It is straight up dumb!

Finally, if cuts must be made, they should be made fairly, not equally! The Mayor is being truly insidious by trying to claim that cuts to Local Board funding is about empowering them to make choices! That is like trying to empower a passenger to prevent a train crash! Local Board's don't set rates or take out debt. Local Board's don't even have control over most of their own budget. And yet Local Board's are being made to take a proportionately larger cut to the spending they really control than any other part of council. The proposal suggests that Boards will be able to use both adjustments to asset-based services and LDI expenditure; a suggestion which entrenches existing inequalities in Auckland Council's funding allocations. Boards like Upper Harbour that have low asset-based services because of the historical neglect from Auckland Council to provide sufficient funding to provide new community facilities for new communities. What is more the community facilities they do have often service subregional needs and are subject to service minimums imposed on the board by the Governing Body; such as sports fields. Which means Boards like Upper Harbour have even less choices than their neighbours! Their cuts must come from the support they provide to local communities. Like the funding that Community Rangers get from Local Boards to support local Parks Volunteers (that's right another way the guys who give the most to community are being left out of this budget). This proposal appears even more unfair when you consider that Upper Harbour has the second largest urban forest cover in Auckland; meaning they take on a proportionately greater responsibility than most Local Boards to protect Auckland biodiversity. Cut to funding should come first from those who have the most to spare on discretionary and parochial projects; not from Boards who have been historically neglected and despite the fact they have been doing the heavy lifting for the rest of Auckland! Anything less than this is just lazy or corrupt political pandering to interest communities!

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Tell us why: Trying to adapt to climate change created stormwater events by cleaning drains more often, is about as sensible as trying to empty lake Pupuke with a bucket. Operational expenditure is NOT the answer. We need to heavily invest in the infrastructure of our

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Council needs to stop gutting its staffing capabilities and hold its contractors more accountable. Service levels are dropping because Auckland Council dose not have the staff to get things done and rely too heavily on contractors it can't adequately comm

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It would not appear that all areas of expenditure is explained. How much is being spent on efforts to rewrite history with name changes and Maorifying Auckland?. Was the Auckland rate payers consulted on this approach as it is going to far .. stop this rebranding expenditure that would save probably \$10 - 15 million dollars a year.

Engage an independent review once and for all regarding the wastage within the council P&G costs, remember the super city was expected to streamline services and be more efficient, instead it continually expends more.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Problem is that there are many households how are caught in the net of increased rates when they are paying for services that they never have had available to there property. Fairer rates schedule for rural households is urgent.

Proposed food scrap target

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Council allowed these developers/homeowners to build in areas that should not have been built on just so a large profit could be made. Your house then you insure it effectively.

As for infrastructure this has never been looked after, even though year on

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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?

In general you cannot keep expecting people to continually pay when the council needs to get their house in order.

A fairer system on rates in being applied to each house hold when it comes to Urban vs Rural properties.

Rural properties need to get a car

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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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: definitely do not reduce funding to local boards

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: no reason for AC to own these shares

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: the money is needed

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: All these are important and the funding to local boards must not be cut at all

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The things you are proposing to cut are the only things that make this city a good place to live, ESPECIALLY social services - the value public transport, the arts, and social services provide is MUCH higher than any savings you could make by cutting 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: I'm not an expert but this sounds stupid. Have you ever played Monopoly? Hold on to your utilities and definitely don't sell them in THIS market.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Make greater use of debt AND set a higher general rates increase. This is the point of a council

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The libraries are the most important to me - they provide free learning and recreation, a great digital collection, and one of the only kinds of places everyone regardless of age, wealth, disability etc can go to hang out, learn, be a part of a community,

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What do you think of these proposals? We need MORE and better public transport, not less

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please leave the CAB, other social services and the libraries alone - I believe these things are essential for a functioning society. Saving money by making the city worse is not a saving at all. People and our future are more important than your budget

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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: Point 3 is the most concerning, ie. reducing regional services. This will directly impact many activities which are relied upon for many families, children. ie. such as making community halls and similar venues more expensive to hire for activities such as dancing/playgroups etc. Just don't think the \$20m saving is enough to be worth the impact it will have on communities and families across the city.

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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: Combination of both is better than just one or the other. Council debt is already high so increasing further should be backed up with increasing revenue.

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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: Important to protect people's homes

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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 programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Involved in activities which use our local community hall and don't want these to stop because they become too expensive

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce public transport services because they are an essential service

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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: Due to climate change, storms like this may start to occur more frequently

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding for arts centres and partners, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I like and use Mairangi Arts Centre

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: n/a

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The Hobsonville Community Trust makes a difference to me and the community by allowing my family the freedom to do things that matter to us and connect with our whanau on a regular basis.

The Headquarters & Sunderland Lounge give us a place to do thi

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These propositions are LUNACY. Speaker as a rate-payer, increase rates! We need increased public transport allowances, not fewer. And we absolutely must maintain homelessness shelters, citizens advice bureau, and early childhood centres. These are VITAL to any city that wants to compete on the world stage. Our public transport is already the laughing stock of the world - please do not make this worse.

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I disagree with reducing spending on Libraries, arts or community activities. The benefit of these to people's wellbeing, ability to learn new skills and general quality of life outweighs the additional rates those of us who are lucky enough to have homes would pay.

They also add to the feel of the city for tourists from overseas. It gives a vibrant feel and an enjoyable experience for them.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why: The airport would not have seemed like a good investment while the covid restrictions were in place but air travel has recovered since and the plans to redevelop the terminals must mean that there will be benefits in the long term. I think it is just con

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Tell us why: I don't agree with abandoning the targeted rates for climate and water quality. We will have to deal with these things in the future anyway so dropping them now will just mean having to reinstate them or increase rates for them in the future.

I think th

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Tell us why: I don't see what other choice we have, actually. However, given my recent efforts to have the storm water drains cleared in my area, I would need assurance that it would actually be used to prevent future storm damage and not to pay someone to pass the bu

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: They are all things that are important for the area. Most of them are community and environmental activities which I wholeheartedly support.

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't know about the bin sizes and what effect that would have. I don't think a charge to change a household's bin size would work because people just wouldn't change their bin size at all in that case.

I don't know enough about the swimming pool item

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I think people will be more accepting of rates increases than you might imagine. They are not that high when all is said and done. What we object to, is paying and not getting the service we should. It is not the size of the rates per se.

I know that can

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Airport is not a everyday use item for everyone. While people don't even have proper land and road to live on, the council should deprioritize anything to do with the airport.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: Altho no one likes the increased property tax, but this is one way to have everybody to contribute a little. And yes, make a good use of the debt on roads, pipes and buildings please. This city is falling apart, and there'll be more bad weathers to come.

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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: Let's see how the city utilize the 4.66% increase first, before adding more on top of it.

It's easy to ask for money, but we need to see how well they're used first.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I only fully support the first priority 'Invest in projects that improve the environment and address climate change'. Others are nice-to-have. We're really just trying to have a livable environment right now.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Environmental programme volunteers, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: We should prioritize base living condition first, and something everyone will benefit, such as pest control, clean open space. Rather than movies in parks, they're only nice to have.

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: the \$140 every three years charge is already unreasonable, for permanent constructed fence. City should consider using photos for approval to save time. Or might as well just charge all pool owners

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

In general, City should prioritize maintaining people's basic living environment, just like a home - let's make sure it's not leaking/broken (like our road, land) and messy (like our roadside trees, overgrown grass, and pests) first, THEN we discuss nice-

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

Do not get rid of CABx

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Tell us why: Spread infrastructure debt across generations

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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: Can't be avoided.

Fix Wairau "stream" - increase outflow by widening exit

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Tell us why: 1.Reduce library hours by removing Sunday and Monday opening hours which would reduce expenditure and give library staff a "weekend"

2.Remove films/music in parks but allow busking in parks

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Not sure where this comment goes but coordination between street sweeping and drain clearing would be sensible and encouraging residents to clear drains in front of their sections.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting funding to community initiatives will severely affect those in need and most vulnerable in the community. In particular do not cut funding to CAB's and community hubs who provide vital support to communities across universally.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Don't sell the shares. Sell golf clubs or at least do not subsidise them.

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Tell us why: Auckland rates are reasonably low in comparison to other metropolitan centres so paying more would not be unreasonable to enable Aucklanders to enjoy the city they live in.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the following:

Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

These funds are programs are vital parts of the city's economy, its culture, and social life. Reductions will be devastating on all fronts, and the council should push for additional borrowing as well as government support as well as general rates increase, none of which would breach its own policies and targets.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is arguably the city's biggest and most significant strategic asset. Selling shares would be criminally short-sighted, and would be financially detrimental in the long-run. It would also contribute to the further privatisation of an inval

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: While the increase in rates is possibly sound, the council would arguably be in breach of its own mandates and policy framework if it does not make greater use of debt to provide a better budget for the city. Revenue from increased borrowing is clearly th

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: It is not clear what \$20 million is based on, or how it would be used to mitigate the effects of climate change on the city and its population. There needs to be a more holistic and clear-sighted strategy, and the latter needs to be more than just a 'stor

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: I support most priorities, in particular those relating to libraries and community organisations, but I do not support the idea of 'volunteering' and 'planting trees' as a climate change response, especially when there is a proposed reduction in funding.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a terrible question.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Only cut activities not meeting their specified KPI e.g. attendance number and rates.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I often goto the pools and have the number of paying people attending has reduced the increased in costs over the years i personally goto less than half the time i did before prices increased. Reducing number of paying customers doesn't help with the budget and is very short sighted!!

Therefore you should not reduce funding to Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, this will only reduce patronage fee paying customers will only choose cheaper or alternative entertainment.

Further to any other items mentioned as these seem to mostly affect lower income house holds/individuals which is unfare find other items to reduce spending that don't affec tlower income house holds/individuals so much.

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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: Auckland Council should not be provided services that are not available to all of its constituents, Auckland Council should sell its golf courses, and turn them into subdivisions with good wastewater systems and parks especially in places where land is expensive such as Takapuna Golf Course. Auckland Council should increase public transport rather than decreasing it to reduce emissions and congestion. Auckland Council should focus its services on activities to reduce Climate Change. An increase of 1% in rates to avoid reducing public transport. However, the increase in public transport should be selective to ensure that the increase is targeted where it makes the most difference.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Owning the airport shares is not a core function of the Council and if it does not lead to a positive cash flow then shares should be sold.

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Tell us why: Business rates increase should be at least the same as for residential properties. Also charge increased rates for Air BnB and people using their properties for short term rentals.

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Tell us why: Also focus on initiatives that are most going to impact Climate Change in the future. Accept the 3 Waters proposal from the gvt to reduce local rates.

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Tell us why: All these priorities are good for the environment and the well being of the residents.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Address Climate Change reduction initiatives.

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Auckland Council use of consultants should be reviewed and reduced. The Major seems to be spending money on legal consultants and surveys. This is not necessary. Staff levels should also be reduced, especially back office staff. Congestion charges should

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Continue to fund Tataki Unlimited we need more investment in incentives that bring people to New Zealand including tourism. I also would continue to fund community and education programs such as homelessness and funding youth centres.

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Tell us why: It's risky to sell investments to pay down debt, but if you have that high of interest in the debt, then agree with this.

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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: As long as the funds go to actually fixing road and pipe infrastructure and not to consulting groups, that's a total waste of tax 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: Totally agree with funding to prep for future storms and natural events, as long as these funds actually go to fixing infrastructure vs hiring consulting groups.

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Tell us why: Right now I only support planting trees, pest-free strategy, and water access assessment. I would rather see more investment in the maintenance of upper harbor roads, landscaping, improving access to upper harbor/reducing traffic, and incentives to bring

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: We should continue to invest in making New Zealand pest free and protect nature.

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What do you think of these proposals? Definitely very against increasing the pool/spa fencing compliance. It makes more sense to only do inspections on initial build of a property, change in ownership, when upgrading, constructing etc. Every 3 years is just too invasive on people's lives and

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Get rid of Auckland Unlimited completely

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Tell us why: It is not a core asset

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Tell us why: Cut their funding more. Its all nice to have

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with 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

I would certainly cut out 1/3 of the staff in head office including the CEO and CFO. They are the reason why Auckland is in the shit

They cant manage money. Auckland council has a habit of taking on drop outs from the govt. e.g Phil Goof, Maurice Williamson

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Tell us why: Support library and local community organisations to continue to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents

Citizens Advice Bureau is one the most important organisations in the community. It must not have

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

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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: Council contractor and employee costs should be examined, as there is a lot of waste due to poor communication between council and contractors. I am not talking about red tape, but rather contractors being sent out to do jobs at council owned facilities and finding the work has already been done or is part of a bigger issue with other tasks needing to be done first.

Local Board funding streams are greatly influenced by strategic brokers who have links to specific people in the communities they work in - not a democratic or impartial process. There is a lot of double-handling of paperwork and inefficiencies in middle-to-upper-management level of council.

Examine the Mayoral remuneration package on the basis of performance!

Tea and coffee is all that should be provided for council meetings - it is not appropriate to cater in internal meetings. Cultural considerations do need to be applied, however.

Community grants are vital to keep the city functioning. They should not be cut.

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If CAB funding is cut, will Council staff have the skills, knowledge and capacity to fill this gap?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling an asset that brings in income on a regular basis is a short-term solution at best.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Both increase rates slightly more than proposed and increase use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: I feel that most of this will likely go on consultants and plans.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Living in the Unsworth area of Upper Harbour I feel that I know or see very little about our local board. It seems to be 'dead zone' as far as engagement is concerned.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you: The park on Caribbean Drive is currently having large works done to the carpark and playing field. The stream walkway and native planting area has more and more weeds and appears to have little maintenance other than mowing the grass

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Selling of unused council buildings - the old council building in Takapuna (opposite the Library on The Strand) has been empty for decades. What is the plan for buildings such as this one? Why are they not sold to recoup some funds?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I disagree with cutting funds to services in Auckland. These are the things that make Auckland the great place it is to live, but won't be if cuts go ahead.

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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: Even though they say it's not, the airport is a strategic asset and it is stupid to sell the shares.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Auckland Council should do 2 things - increase rates because Auckland rates are too cheap for the services they provide, and use debt to pay for long term costs.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This has to be done, the storms are only getting more frequent and intense.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: I don't care about the sports facilities.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I care about the environment in my local area, especially to do with actual physical actions rather than just education.

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What do you think of these proposals? Please hurry up and send food scraps bins to my area (Greenhithe).

7. What else is important to you?

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Please do not de-fund the libraries, the art gallery and the zoo.

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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: Don't fund sports and stadiums and golf courses

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: keep the shares, the airport shouldn't be in foreign ownership

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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: Put up rates and get into more debt, it's the only realistic response

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change and storms get worse every few years and we have to deal with it.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't fund sports

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment around here is degraded by too much pollution.

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Don't charge for pool inspections

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 not proceed with if any: Given that the Council can raise further money to spread across generations which is how governments operate, rather than as a household, the socially disadvantaged are the ones who will lose out the most given the cuts would affect them the most and to return service to current status will take years. the current Mayor seems to have an agenda to sell off the assets when its not necessary and not providing genuine alternatives.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is not necessary, there are other avenues the council can explore

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: this is an option available

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Tell us why: Auckland is growing and infrastructure issues still needs to be addressed

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Tell us why: Fairly rounded in support of communities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership programme, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: At least maintain what we already have, waste is a big issue for Auckland, education is key for future generations

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What do you think of these proposals? Swimming pools should be cost recoverable, but be reasonable. Bus services are important to climate change and to target routes with greatest benefit is suitable.

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 not proceed with if any: Reductions to local councils must not be made - they are already cash-strapped

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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: Pointless owning these

3. Managing rates and debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Ain't no free lunches out there

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: climate change is real

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These reductions are targeting the vulnerable and the poor, not the well off people. Why don't you just reduce your salaries?

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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: Why get rid of assets that are of benefit to future generations.

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Tell us why: Rates as suggested but more debt to cover the other reductions.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Need this after your mess up with storms earlier this year.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Can delay Sanders Park track upgrades and access to Waitemata Harbour as not priorities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: its important to keep assets for the long term planning

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community and civic events, including ANZAC events, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities are for the benefit of people in and outside the area. There needs to be more priority to people within the area

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: More use of targeted rates

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More money for road safety, in particular safe pedestrian crossings in and around schools

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: • Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million

Public transport is already woefully inadequate and unreliable, this feels like false economy – enabling the community and visitors to travel around the city effectively can only assist in attracting Aucklanders and visitors to utilise it's amenities and business' which in the long term feeds back into the economic recovery of Auckland.

- Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

Rather than increasing venue prices to the few activities that Aucklanders can access in the city I would suggest a differential pricing structure with visitors from overseas and outside Auckland paying slightly higher pricing so that Aucklanders feel the benefit of what they already support in their rates. Recent implementation of parking fees at the Zoo, was there any consultation on this, must also raise some considerable revenue.

- 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

Absolutely not these organisations form the lifeblood of a community and Auckland council have a responsibility to foster the wellbeing of it's community. To take away funding from all the organisations that support this goal would be breaching their obligations. In particular the 32 Citizens Advice Bureaus across Auckland return far more on the investment with 900 trained volunteers delivering services for all members of the community. Being universally accessible, clients span all age groups and ethnicities, CAB's as part of their core service, offer valuable and sought-after face to face services providing information and options to clients seeking access to their rights and their obligations as members of the Auckland community. Clients who are empowered with this knowledge are able to participate to their community well-being. Who do you propose will pick up this work and support the community in all the ways that the Citizens Advice Bureau's do across Auckland. The community law centres do not have the capacity to fill this gap and can not think of any other agency that would be able to step into this role effectively.

During the recent crisis' in Auckland it was the community organisations that responded so swiftly to their community needs. These organisations are not icing on the cake they are the bread and butter of the community and without them Auckland would be a city without a heart.

- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

As above, local boards are the community's access to local government and through them they feel engaged and have a voice in their community, to restrict their activities will take away from their community connectiveness. Council should work towards equitable funding of local boards.

- Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

Further reducing funds going to community projects across all sectors once again will reduce the quality of life to those living in Auckland.

- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

Possibly – I don't know enough about the impact this will have on the 300 children and their families but it does not seem to be an equitable provision across across Auckland which in itself is not a good fit for a Council provided service.

If a rates increase is required to maintain all our community funding then that is what should be done.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares at the lowest point in the market is not an astute financial option regardless but it would be a short term solution, maintaining the shares provides for dividends long term which will be a better investment for the people of Auckland.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set higher rates, Auckland council rates are artificially low shown by the current situation we now find ourselves in. To live in a city that is looking toward the future and to provide the life style and community well being for ALL Aucklanders we must b

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Having recently moved to an area with excellent storm water infrastructure (Hobsonville point) from an area where it was woefully inadequate (Scenic Drive North) and unmaintained that resulted in significant slips that would have disrupted out lives, I un

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: It seems a bit divisive to have to pick 3 without a lot more information and some may impact others.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? I do not support redirecting funds from the climate Action targeted rates. I want to see more investment in public transport, cycleways and walkways.

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?

Further to the proposed cut in funding to community organisations, and in particular the Citizens Advice Bureau in Auckland. I have volunteered and worked for the Citizens Advice Service for over 20 years, I can not conceive of a city the size of Auckland

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities, and reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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 not proceed with if any: Should keep supporting childhood education services and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

We need these for a healthier childhood and parent.

if people cannot afford an expensive ticket to the zoo/museum etc. and the funding is reduced, it is too hard for them to survive, and AKL would lose the image as an international city globally.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Cost of live is so high already in AKL

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: this would directly impact the lives of so many in auckland, for whom living is already getting to cost too much.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: There should be greater use made of debt, and set a higher general rates increase.

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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: Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

TAU delivers medium and long term strategic outcomes for Auckland. Facilitation of investment attraction to the city brings talent, capital investment and networks important to Auckland businesses and the growth of the city.

TAU operates in a space that is unique – with drivers that are different from the private sector and central government agencies. As a local government agency, TAU provides impartial advice and is in a position to provide credible information to attract critical investment and new technologies to the city.

Reducing or removing TAU's activity in this area will have long term affects on the vibrancy, international standing and attractiveness of Auckland.

Auckland faces a considerable budget shortfall and solutions need to be found. Consideration should be given to a longer term runway to transition to an EDA for the city which has a different funding structure but could continue to deliver impactful economic development.

Impacts from discontinuing this work will not necessarily be felt immediately. International examples prove that disestablishing a city's economic development agency will have negative impacts for the city and that the cost in the long run is greater to the city.

All levers to fund this work should be considered including raising rates to the level of inflation, considered assets liquidation and more borrowing.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport is a strategic asset. Selling the whole amount means the Council no longer has a stake in the asset. However, reducing the shareholding liquidates part of the asset and reduces costs and can at the same time maintain a state in this critical i

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates should be raised to the rate of inflation.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Some of these costs should be accounted for in existing climate and sustainability work. Properly funding this work will cover some of these costs.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: These functions give those in our community who are at risk/don't have access to internet etc tools (access to internet via libraries, and rates reduction grants). Parks are important to the wellbeing of communities.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not increase debt. Increase rates

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Airport should not be further privatised. Don't take on additional debt. Increase rates and ask central government for more money to cover existing debt. They can increase taxes on high income individuals.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Debt is money out the door. Creditors will be looking for a return when they issue debt. Costing rate payers more in the long run. Raise rates, then locals pay for the upgrades they need, without the overhead of debt. The council has the option of raising

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: These all seem pretty critical to me. Raise rates, don't cut funding.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the decreasing in funding of the arts and culture programmes, these programmes are vital for not only the culture within Auckland but also so many individuals in Auckland, not only with this beings some peoples means of employment but also for the wellbeing of others. The arts enables expression of individuals and enriches the lives of so many people whether actively participating in or being audience to any of these programmes.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waste can be a large issue in the area which is not always addressed, not only this but often times public spaces in the area are ruined by lack of maintenance and therefore are not enjoyable for people in the area. It is also vital to address the climate

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Do not sell to an overseas buyer though.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Sustainability and green spaces, less development, and planting any green space we can.

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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: Zoo opening hours should not be reduced as it's always busy. The price could increase a little. Likewise, pool hours should remain the same. Maybe Kids could be free with a community card, otherwise introduce a small charge.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's an income stream which will increase year on year, all going well, especially with all the development of the airport planned. Increase rates

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: We can't sustain this level of debt

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Seems like we are going to have more natural disasters, so we had better prepare for them

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: it's more important to put playgrounds in new subdivisions where there have none, rather than renew playgrounds that are basic but still have a few swings and other things....that can wait til debt is reduced. Sanders reserve is not near major residential

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Environmental programme volunteers, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: People need to be encouraged to use outside areas. With all our new subdivisions, maintaining the parks and environmental areas has become even more important, so volunteers need to be encouraged and supported

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals? We weren't clear why new bins were required?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need more investment if public transport. AT is currently unreliable across the board and traffic is diabolical with out a trusted alternative.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: happy to pay a rates increase if it is consistent across commercial and residential

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: also invest to avoid future storm damage to infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Transport needs to be a priority to get to these places. Fix bus lanes and bikes lanes to nowhere and allow people to move around. If traffic is gridlocked in the weeks and weekend no one will want to leave the house to use these services.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Transport is important to me. The ferry service was reliable, but recently plagued by issues. Driving is a horrible alternative. Messaging from Auckland transport to try not to use services during peak hours is embarrassing and wildly out of touch with th

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: As part of a NFP organisation, I would like to see that we deliver our programmes that have been supplementing government efforts in building strong community connection which is very crucial in a healthy and united Auckland.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce community programmes or social services such as homelessness. These are essential to the health and well-being of Auckland citizens. It is important to care for the needs of many types of people. If these essential programmes are axed there will be an increase in mental health problems and homelessness and more money will be required to start new programmes all over again down the track.

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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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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don’t yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Don't reduce community services at a time when they are really needed or increase prices at the zoo etc. sell the golf courses!

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Should hold some say in the airport

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: People are struggling now. Don't increase rates when house prices have dropped and people have no money

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: Stop all the excess building and leave water systems alone

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Improvements need to be finished

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers

Tell us why these are most important to you: Will help environmental issues for the future. Movies in parks are not important

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in public transport, this is already inadequate and unreliable, you need people to be able to commute to work and pay their taxes!

Youth activities, you need to keep youth engaged in healthy activities and away from trouble!

Stop unnecessary spending and review where operations can be optimized to reduce costs even little things such as site visits when coordinated better can save costs!

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Is this is not a very narrow short term view is AIAL an asset in the long run why hand over potential profits to overseas bodies?!

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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: Use your current resources more efficiently!

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: It is important to continue to support community organisations as have in the past, put other projects on pause that are nice to have but nit in times of strife, we can plant trees later! And though walking paths are adored by all we have enough at presen

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community lease charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce community Programmes, arts or Social services!!!! These things are all super important for our communities to thrive

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Interest is already high enough stop increasing it

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We should be preserving our environment

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on 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: Your numbers are wrong and the way the question is structured poorly, lumping unrelated items together, and the preferences are written that if we don't accept all of the proposals there will be a rates rise. Very poor.

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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: Again the questi(n and proposal,is wrong, providing incorrect data or data twisted to get the result you want. Lack of analysis, or at least analysis that is transparent means start again with this.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The preference does not necessarily relate to the proposal. Business -roperties need to have increases in line or more than residential given the proportionally higher impact they have on our council funded services.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:Again proposal is good, in general, but the actual funding pathway and the implications are skewed to support the proposal in entirety (or not).

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These are the things we should be investing. Plus the proposal is clear and not encumbered with bias and emotive language. This engenders trust.

If funding for local board 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 rate remission grants, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: Sorry but this question is just too plain biased and is skewed to make a reduction a fait accompli.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? The ones pulled out and used for the survey create a bias where these are the ones focussed on and would provide hard data to justify, depending on the results. This is not a good survey methodology.

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?

Far too intense and bulky proposals that uses jargon and wording that can be confusing to many people. We can do much better in providing simple and informative information for everyone. Looks to be set up to be non inclusive and biased toward European

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport costs and running times - if you've ever been on the north express busses you will know how we are packed in like sardines, one night it even took me 40mins to get on a bus, waiting as countless busses drive past, filled to the brim with people. This is not only important for personal safety and comfort however it is vital as NZs largest city to have a working public transport system for both tourists and locals alike. Go anywhere else in the world and the public transport is cheap and runs like clockwork. Let alone the cost on the climate and lower our emissions. Then you have the cutting funding to other essential services like the pools and leisure and most importantly cutting the Plunket discount?! As someone who has personally see a child flourish in this programme that quite literally saves children from drowning - a fate that is far too common for kiwi kids and something the council should be actively trying to stop.

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Tell us why: Seems odd to be selling while the market is so unpredictable

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Make greater use of debt along with setting a higher general rates increase

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: It is important that as a city we have infrastructure that can withhold extreme weather events that are likely to become more common with a changing climate. The devastating, destruction and delays that affected so many within Auckland cannot happen again

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: It is vital that we deal with the changing climate, adapt and respond to changes adequately. It is so vital to educate the next generation in these changes and how to help along with protecting our native environment. Important to minimise out waste.

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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?

Climate action needs to be prioritised and put at the forefront of auckland's future. A changing climate is rapidly become more prevalent in Auckland and NZ and we need to adapt and mitigate future areas of concern. Another vital area is to those services

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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: the council should not touch social services, that is stupid and dangerous. the council should sort out the verges and drains. we who live semi rurally have not had any water tables done since the formation of the super city (they used to done bi annually) the verges are a mess and between those and the drains many properties were needlessly damaged in the severe rains we had. and guess what? nothing has been done since. do your job and look after the rate paying citizens and that is every living person in this poorly managed city. we all pay our share of rates through home ownership, rent, mark ups on goods and services etc

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Tell us why: never sell the farm

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: these seem to be glory projects and our drains remain blocked. sort out the basics first and if theres money left over then spend

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The IPCC sixth assessment report has been released today which demonstrates the seriousness of climate change. Given this and the recent weather events experienced by Auckland it is hugely concerning that it is proposed to not only cut public transport but also make it more expensive. This is the opposite of what is needed in Auckland which is already suffering from a lack of good public transport services to help people shift from car-use and the associated impacts on climate change.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling these shares at this point would be a huge and irreversible loss to the Auckland public. It would be short-sighted and a temporary fix to the budget problems and would mean that future revenue from dividends is lost. The airport and its landholdin

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt (particularly as inflation and interest rates are expected to go down over time). Disagree with reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, particu

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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:Support increasing the operating budget. It is clear that significant work needs to be done to better prepare Auckland for such events, including investment in stormwater infrastructure.

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Strongly oppose the proposed cuts to these important public, environmental and community services. In particular it seems inappropriate to cut funding to environmental and community services given the recent weather events showed how vital a strong local

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not agree with the proposal to reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted rate. This was established last year with public support and should be used as originally proposed, including investment in more cycle lanes and walkways.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: In the long term it is important to keep key infrastructure assets in public ownership.

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Tell us why: A rate increase for households at the rate of inflation (~7%) is acceptable.

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Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community climate action and sustainability, Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We pay low rates compared to other parts of NZ

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education, Local community grants, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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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Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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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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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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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: perhaps selling council owned golf courses as they contribute less to the community.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut funding to AT. Every dollar we save will cost ten fold in traffic issues.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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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: Do not proceed with:

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board-funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, well-being and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities' feelings.

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Must focus on environmental issues, recycling, local community projects to develop resilience. Also arts and libraries. Please sell off golf courses to fund projects that help more people... swimming pools used by way more people than golf courses. They are

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There is a value to the social infrastructure that community groups and facilities, (including Citizens Advice Bureau) provide to the community. These services and community and education /art programmes support and enhance the vitality and well being of diverse and vibrant city.

Public transport services should be retained, Auckland needs a consistent and reliable bus system

Access to early childhood centres should be maintained. This funding is minimal in the operational budget and is an essential service for its users.

All these services enable a community to build resilience, essential for social well being in good times and times of emergencies.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This is a valuable land asset and should be retained so the people of Auckland have a strategic land holding for the future.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Try to avoid cuts to the Zoo, a world class facility which is enjoyed by all people, especially the young.

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Tell us why: I'm reluctant to see a natural monopoly fully enter private hands but the Council shareholding isn't large enough to affect anything it disagreed with anyway. Debt reduction is important, and we currently have better things (roads!) to spend our funds on.

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Tell us why: Debt reduction has to come - you can't keep getting deeper into debt - ask Credit Suisse.

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Tell us why: \$20m isn't going to be enough to cover the storm damage.

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What do you think of these proposals? Although the pool owners should pay for the Council inspections, there shouldn't be inspections in the first place! It is a personal responsibility to keep your non-swimmers out of a pool and if we lose a few per year that don't, well that's Darwin workin

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Where is the section on those blithering idiots that run the roads? Clearly they need to change their priorities. Bike lanes are NEVER going to be a solution to Auckland's traffic woes - at least not until it's housing density approaches that of the Europ

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. Council and Auckland Transport should also look at other revenue sources, for example AT has increased Public Transport Fares but hasn't increased parking costs. AT shou

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What do you think of these proposals? The CATR should continue to be used for more investment in buses, walking and cycleway. Traffic in Auckland is getting worse and without continued investment in alternatives it will make Auckland unlivable.

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It is important that Auckland does not cut services and looks to increase revenue from other sources.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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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: Airport shares are not a good investment, they are not providing a service to ratepayers, low dividends and not much growth. Grow is irrelevant until you sell them anyway. Crazy to be servicing so much debt at high interest rates while sitting on this 'in

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why:

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assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and leadership

Tell us why these are most important to you: Taking care of our environment cannot be paused - it would be devastating and also not financially wise as it will be more costly later. The other projects are important but movies in the parks etc can be paused and brought back again in the future without

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland has come through the downturn brought on by the necessary responses to covid. Now we are in a phase of growth and expansion. Now is the time to invest and grow not focus on reducing costs and service.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: International travel is now opening up and rapidly growing after the covid contractions. Definitely not the time to sell an under valued asset just at the start of a boom. Now is the time for Auckland to receive the benefit of such a strategic asset.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The option you missed, higher rates increase and more debt. Now is the time to invest in Auckland and to expand our climate response. An under inflation rate rates increase is not what's needed.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This is just the start of bigger climate issues. Let's get ahead of things early.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Now is not the time to reduce support. Now is the time to find the funds to continue or increase the current service levels. Through higher than inflation rates rises and more borrowing. Also to look how to increase returns from under performing assets. W

If funding for local board 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, Community lease charges, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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: Auckland council has a very high credit rating, and is in a position to borrow more responsibly without having resorting to these cuts.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling Auckland International Airport is fiscally irresponsible and is verging on the sabotage of Auckland councils finances. Auckland Council has a high credit rating because it owns these assets! Auckland council will be selling these shares at a much

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The council can afford to go into debt, and there are other costs that be minimised such as ridiculous consultant costs, that do not impact negatively on most Aucklanders.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Prove to the Auckland public that the money will not be wasted on climate change impact reduction infrastructure. Provide a detailed plan and worst case scenario costing and use world class engineers and experts to help the council establish a fiscally ef

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Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: These cuts negatively affect the Auckland public including the reduction of work hours and jobs for council employees. The community activities targeted will be eliminated and that is not the outcome that Auckland wants or needs.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites

Tell us why these are most important to you: In the above section you have constructed a Q and A format, that is not fit for purpose. Limiting my response to only 3 out of 12 service cuts is a cynical and dishonest attempt to minimise honest public feedback. So I'll give the correct response,

ALL

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What do you think of these proposals? Phase out all diesel buses, replace with low maintenance electric/hydrogen vehicles. Increase the amount of available vehicles.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Tell us why: If there was no change to the service provided at the airport this could be beneficial

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Tell us why: No objection to the increased rate of 1% only

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited because I worry it will impact on Auckland's long-term economic prospects by not attracting as many tourists to the region in the longer term which would further reduce revenue received across the Council group (e.g. via public transport, visiting the Zoo) and negatively impact NZ's GDP.

I also believe reducing spending in this area will make the city less vibrant and therefore less attractive to immigrants and skilled workers we need to move here.

I believe things like the Auckland Art Gallery can afford to have a higher admission costs to recoup more of the money that is currently funded through council means.

The council should not be providing early childhood education services (directly or indirectly), all of this funding should be cut.

I believe some local board activities funding can afford to be reduced, for example not run as many events like music in the parks, movies in the parks, Kaitpatiki summer fun days.

The public transport services should not stay at the currently reduced levels for peak travel times, the level of services provided at peak times need to increase to maintain a base level of service that makes it attractive for a reasonable number of people (and help to meet emissions reductions targets). Currently bus travel at peak time is not meeting current demand with the reduced level of services operating.

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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: We shouldn't be divesting key assets and strategic ports of entry. The council needs to maintain their current shareholding levels.

You have stated "This is projected to reduce interest costs on our debt to save an estimated \$87 million per year, which i

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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: We should be using multi-generational debt funding to pay for capital expenditure that will last generations, not trying to fund it on a short-time-scale rate increases.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Council should consider if this is a sufficient level to fix the issues that have occurred this year, it seems too little.

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Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think it is critical to continue funding for environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Ecology initiatives assistance programme.

With literacy rates dropping dramatically across the country I think it is crucial that the library continues to opera

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Parks programme volunteers, Local business support

Upper Harbour Local Board

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I don't think we should reduce support for school engagement on environmental issues as we need to educate young people on how to look after the environment.

Unfortunately, I agree that we need to reduce funding in proposal b for – Reducing regional conte

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reductions, especially cycleway rollout

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Our rates are lower on average than most councils

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Priority should be given to cycleways

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Build more cycleways

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't want to see reduced regional services, Reduced local board funded activities, or Reduced regional contestable grants.

Restoration groups are hugely important to the social infrastructure of a community. They also provide consistency in times of fragility. Council staff, council teams come and go but the community is always there. 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.

It is important to me that the Council does not defund any action to resolve the urgent crises that Auckland is already facing, namely climate change.

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Tell us why: Once the shares are gone, they are gone forever. Think of the future generations, this is short term gain and a long term loss. These will start paying dividends again later this year and are appreciating in value. Selling them now will cost us in the long

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Tell us why: Rates should increase to the current rate of inflation (7.2%). Anything less than this is a net cut at a time when the repair job for Auckland is of utmost importance.

Reducing the NETR rate would mean a backwards step in climate change mitigation measure

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Tell us why: Auckland has had on-going issues with wastewater overflows from the wastewater network, as well as discharges from poorly performing septic tanks. Water quality at a number of Auckland beaches exceeds the national guidelines on concentration of the bacter

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Upper Harbour is a multicultural, diverse and vibrant area, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The Upper Harbo

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose cuts to Local Board funding. If there are to be cuts to Local Board funding these cuts should be shared equally between all Local Boards.

Volunteer hours are a valuable asset that can translate into significant cost savings for councils. By lever

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What do you think of these proposals?

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It seems as though this council fancies its-self to be a business and consequently, the only thing that has been considered when drafting this budget was the amount of money everything costs. This is an inequitable budget as it prioritises saving money fo

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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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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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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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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: As an immigrant and a new mother, many of these services have been vital in helping me connect with the community.

They kept me from feeling isolated while battling depression and anxiety.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Based on Auckland Council's own assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase you investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of w

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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

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Not reduce public transport services. We need to make sure public transports are reliable and deliver on what is promised (only keep services that they know can be done - if possible add more). Everything else can go. I'd also encourage rates increase to cover deficit. It's the rich that own a house that are capable of funding these things. And if we live here, then the renters should also own part of that cost too.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The value of AIA is not just as a business to which it generates revenue, dividends/profits. It is part of a strategic arm for the council and the moment you lose that voice to 'strong arm' key strategic decisions is when the price that's paid is more than

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: increase rates, this will likely drive house prices down too as 'investors' need to take into consideration rates in their calculation.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: The proposal mixes both general infrastructure and storm repairs. I think you need to change scope of proposal to accurately reflect your 'storm response' title. E.g. "Some key capital works programmes listed below will continue.

- Renew and maintain our

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? AIA - don't sell

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Improve housing density (build up) around key transport networks. Like Albany, but also imitated across all major transport hubs.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Critical to maintain all current services, especial art, youth and cultural funding.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: Rather pay more rates than lose services

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: Do more for mitigating climate change!

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Because decent community facilities help reduce crime, increase connection and thereby reduce loneliness, depression etc. Do not cut spending on libraries! They are an absolute lifeline for so many, especially the vulnerable.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: As a pest reduction volunteer I already see the increase in bird life. All environmental activities must be supported and continued

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Would rather pay more in rates than reduce really important work across the board.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Almost all the above add value to the residents of Auckland.

Public transport reduces traffic and road maintenance in the long term

Tourism attractions like the Auckland Zoo generate money for the local small to medium businesses. The pros outweigh the cons.

Auckland and New Zealand as a whole need better community outreach and education systems. Reducing funding will create a bigger inequality between the fortunate and less fortunate. Education creates jobs, jobs create income for Aucklanders

Without childcare subsidies parents can't go to work. This puts more pressure on the welfare system. Very selfish short sighted solution Mr mayor

In summary. People live in Auckland because of what is on offer to the residents. Take the benefits away and people with money and experience will leave.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland airport will generate income for generations to come. Selling shares is a short term solution.

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Tell us why: Rates can always be reduced in future when the gap in the budget is less. Capital growth in property prices will also increase the rates income with out any increases.

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Tell us why: This makes sense. As long as the money raised is kept separate and only used for its intended purpose.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

What Auckland has to offer needs to be unique, if not the income generated from residents and businesses will move to more welcoming cities / towns.

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Library opening hours and services, Parks maintenance level of service

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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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	Support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Greenhithe Community Trust

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Those operations add to the richness of our city. The huge reductions proposed will set many organizations back by years and cause others to close eg Greenhithe Community Trust has 2 part time staff who rally volunteers to restore Auckland Council gullies, reserves and coastline and do pest control... these leadership roles could cease. Plus youth group leadership. Plus newcomers group leadership. Plus seniors club leadership. There groups and activities add to community well being. Plus Auck Council will lose trust. Who will invest in an organization that treats its people and organizations like that?

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to invest more in our infrastructure to reduce slips and floods

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: These priorities are well thought through, not extravagant, provide services and facilities for all and add to the well being of our communities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives

assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment has been badly neglected and we need to prioritise it now to have something left for our future generations to enjoy and thrive in

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The huge reductions to operations proposed will set many organizations back by years and cause others to close eg Greenhithe Community Trust has 2 part time staff who rally volunteers to restore Auckland Council gullies, reserves and coastline and do pest

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduced number of public transportation.

No longer providing early childhood education services.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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Tell us why: Should focus on improving transport infrastructure from this area.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need these activities and organisations to be a thriving city! They add richness to our city, for all. Just be smarter about the spending and reduce waste.

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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: Its a great asset

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:We need to catch up here!

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: These are great priorities that make Upper Harbour a better place to live

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to empower communities and we need to restore our environment

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What do you think of these proposals? We need to teach people to live lightly and reduce waste

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please dont gut the support to the community groups that are providing leadership to get things done locally esp in the areas of environmental care, youth groups, newcomers groups, seniors groups. ..They add richness to our communities in so many ways - e

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