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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

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

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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?) 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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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

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).	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.	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:

• Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).

• Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).

• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reductions proposed will strip our city of any life, community, or caring. Do not proceed with any, they are absolutely shameful proposals.

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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

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If you strip Auckland of funding to the arts you will have no one to pay your rates and no one will want to live in such an abysmal excuse of a city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cuts to Funding for arts and culture are very damaging. The arts and culture sector provides significant employment, strengthens community engagement and social cohesion, and enhances wellbeing and quality of like: all so important for our communities right now.

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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 no longer critical or strategic for the Council to hold the shares in the Airport

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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 communities cannot afford the loss of critical community services and support for the arts and culture

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 for a more extreme weather future is essential

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why: Capital expenditure on "nice to haves", for example the Lees Institute should be postponed so essential community services do not need to 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?) 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: Communities need support in these challenging times

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Critically review all "nice to have" projects.

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I appreciate that Council finances are tight. It is essential to maintain support for community services and atrs and culture expenditure

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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: Now is not the time for carrying high amounts of debt - interest rates and uncertainty are high. Now is the moment to delverage where possible

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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

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 the Leys Institute Library project should be deferred. While I am a strong supporter of this project and believe it needs to be undertaken I think this is something that could be deferred as it benefits a small proportion of the community in 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: None of us have a planet to exist on if we do not take our environment seriously. Arts are important to bringing us together as a community

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? There is a huge amount of waste in public works. Having 9 people on a job, only 1 of whom is doing anything is an eye watering amount of waste and completely out of step with what we observe when we are travelling overseas.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cutting arts funding and community arts funding. Community arts funding has been found to have a direct link to enhancing and supporting mental health needs. Mental health is an important topic in New Zealand with many young people in a mental health crisis. The number of people who are currently hanging on directly because of community arts programmes in New Zealand is astounding. Cut this, and you'll be cutting lifelines.

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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding to certain things is not good for our long term success, invest in our water, drainage structures, including our roading. Our public transport is shit, it only serves the companies who run them and not the 1.5+million people who would consider 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

Tell us why: Having shares in the Airport is good, we need to try and maintain our shares on asset that will provide dividends. Having nothing will only give us a headache on how to recovery that income stream, yes our debt is high, but lets face it. You guys end up

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

Tell us why: Having high rates for business is a good option, as they tend to use more than your average non-business buildings. I do not know why business get the same rate as non-business, as they would normally incur higher usage. Waste, water, etc... We need to

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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: Increasing our operational budget is not the solution for a sustainable operating (cost) model, since do you see business increase their 'operating' model to meet a demand which is 'century storm conditions'. We could be best to deploy those funds either

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?** Other

Tell us why: We need to look at those initiatives which force us to change our wastage views, and look more sustainable lifestyles of old. Local people to run their programs as they see fit, a more collective, collaborative approach.

If funding for local board 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: These types of funding should not be sourced locally, it's more of a centralised services. Taking these services off of local boards, will enable us to fund local run / operated community based programs. Including performing arts, and Nationally celebra

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?** Other

Tell us why: Lets stop building these parks in areas' which don't need them, we don't need to build more eco-friendly, new-age parks. How much money goes into that project, from start to finish. We should keep this fund available for building better beaches, water

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These programs should be removed from local board funding again, as these I would classify as central funding streams.

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? Other

Tell us why: I am repeating my views on the reducing fund approach, yes, we need to manage debt. But lets keep most of the debt in our central council budget, so we can free up our local boards to spend specific to their needs. Parks, Ranges, Beaches should not be l

If funding for local board 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 planning and investigations

Tell us why these are most important to you: Centralised activity, no one local body to pay or fund.

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 do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Nah man, we need to look at those venues with a centralised budget lens. Yes, we have local who use them the most, but they are the responsibility of everyone again, no just some ONE.

If funding for local board 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: Centralised budget again.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yeah, stop paying your guys six figures, with allowance, budget to do nothing. Do more ground works, talk to the locals of other boards regularly. Once appointed we general dont see you MF's till next election time.

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What do you think of these proposals? Yeah, these increase cost towards rubbish services is shit. Manukau region have not paid for rubbish far less than Waitemata region. If your going to increase rubbish cost, at least have an equal starting amount.

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Stop talking about reducing shit, when we hadn't even spent it. Start listening to locals, when you ask us do you want your shopping centre roads reduced to one lane. To reduce cars, and increase foot traffic and we say 'no'. You still do it, WTF So y

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: the currently reduced number of public transport services. I hope they can return to normal

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Tell us why: The council does not need to intervene AIAL's affairs

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Tell us why: rates increase by 4.66% burden residents

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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: Those who suffered should be helped and we should not suffer from severe weathers substantially again

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I support "Increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported" and "Ensuring our community centres and libraries". The fund for the other two should be cut so that the council's fund shortfall can be solved.

If funding for local board 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

Tell us why these are most important to you: people can not live without food, water, and reading

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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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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

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

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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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme, 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.	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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Waitematā

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would NEITHER proceed with reducing regional services such as [...] arts and culture programmes [...] and other social services activities, NOR with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited [...] at venues it manages such as [...] Auckland Art Gallery.

The arts is beneficial to a country's mental wellbeing, as can be attested during the lockdowns, when everyone partook in some form of art (film, music, visual art) for entertainment, solace, and connection.

To defund something so important is a nearsighted decision. If we do not support the arts, whence will we turn when we need it next, and it's not 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: This looks to be a reasonable solution to reduce debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Because of the current cost-of-living crisis, increasing rates will put added strain on the rate-paying populace, and have knock-on effects to renters. Minimising rates increase would help alleviate this.

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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: While I am averse to increasing rates, safety is paramount.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I value prioritising "programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment".

Please consider replacing grass and growing an alternative that does not require 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?) 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: I value the arts and community connection

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Later start times at libraries, e.g. from 10am.

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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?

Perhaps a review of unused/dormant Council-owned properties with a view to selling these to add more towards the budget.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Local body council investment into the arts, culture, zoos, public transport, and other community services are essential for the growth and sustainability of a city. These investments provide numerous benefits that enhance the quality of life for residents and make the city more attractive to visitors, which in turn helps to attract businesses and skilled workers.

Investments in the arts and culture can enhance a city's identity, attract tourists, and provide opportunities for local artists to showcase their talents. Public art installations, festivals, and cultural events bring people together, promote social cohesion, and create a sense of community pride. Additionally, cultural institutions such as museums, galleries, and theaters provide educational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Zoos are also important investments for local communities. They provide a unique opportunity for people to learn about and connect with animals and wildlife, which is especially important for urban dwellers who may not have regular access to nature. Zoos also promote conservation efforts and provide jobs and economic benefits to the local community.

Investments in public transportation are critical for a city's growth and development. Reliable, efficient, and accessible public transportation systems allow residents to easily access jobs, schools, and other essential services. They also reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, which can have significant health and environmental benefits.

Without investment in these essential community services, a city may become less desirable for residents, visitors, and businesses. This could lead to population decline, decreased economic activity, and an overall decline in the city's quality of life. Investing in the arts, culture, zoos, public transport, and other community services is a way for local bodies to support their communities and promote the long-term growth and sustainability of their cities.

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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: Privatisation of public assets has historically lead to increased costs. Let's not continue to make the same mistakes

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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 city needs investment. While there is never a good time to raise rates we need a mayor and a council who have the courage to do what needs to be done regardless of whether it garners political favour

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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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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 shareholding not essential to Council's core business

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

Tell us why: Appropriate to increase debt for future generations to pay for currently constructed infrastructure

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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: Essential future-proofing

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Tell us why: Particularly support adding areas suitable for low-mow / no-mow programming

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Especially 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. As an arts practitioner myself, this will seriously jeopardise my ability to make a living by reducing the number of employment opportunities and access to funding (making what little jobs and funding remain more competitive to access).

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 and 'liveable'. Covid has made many realise how access to arts and related community programs directly affects their mental wellbeing, ability to engage socially and contribute to their community, and ability to continue and share cultural practices. This is a crucial time for the arts sector, in which many organisations have been hit hard by Covid and need more support, not less.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. When people go out to see arts and culture, they tend to spend money in these areas too. Not to mention, a city with great arts and culture attracts more tourism. When people feel there is nothing to do or see in their city, they become less democratically and economically involved. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities, which arts programs directly impact.

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 shut down. 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: This is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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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.

Cuts to these services are irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-third

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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: Recently we've seen the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure. It's high time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. The extreme weather we have seen re

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Tell us why: It is clear there is a real focus on environmental protection and community well-being in these priorities, which I wholeheartedly 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), 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: As an arts practitioner, I believe the arts are vital to our community and society at large, and I have directly benefitted from the running of Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū. I would support Option 2 of a partial reduction in funding.

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What do you think of these proposals? I support changes to waste management, but I want to emphasise that all areas should have food waste collection available. The one-off fee for a change in bin size will be fine for many households, but could discourage low-income households from making th

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

I strongly believe that a city with a healthy arts sector is a city that has strong and engaged communities, attracts tourism, is economically viable, and creates a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, where more people want to go out and spend money on v

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please reduce non core activity and associated cost. Everyone must tighten their belts.

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Tell us why: Returns on shares are less then the interest payable on Council debt.

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Tell us why: Cut expenditure on non-core items and reduce rates increase currently proposed.

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Tell us why: Redirect investment to resilience by reducing spending on non-core Council activity.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Stopping spend on regional economic development and tourism promotion will hurt substantially more in the long run than it costs today.

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Tell us why: AIAL is a strategic asset that will grow and deliver direct economic to the region as well as a better return via dividends and equity growth.than the cost of paying off debt in the short term. This is a short sighted idea but if we need to pay down some

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

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

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

Tell us why: The gateway to our latest city should be controlled by the people of Auckland.

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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

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: If we lose these we will never get them back.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland Council is engaged in numerous services that are low value, or better conducted by others. I would encourage further 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? 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 strategic benefit to owning the shares. The Council should not be in the business of investing in securities. I would encourage the council to also sell other assets that sit on its balance sheet including Ports of Auckland, and some of the

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

Tell us why: The targets rates should be removed all together. Money is fungible and every spending decision made by council should be weighed up equally against competing interests (including doing nothing). To ring fence pools of money can only lead to sub-optimal

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

Tell us why: The city just needs to better prioritise its spending within existing fiscal envelopes. The storms have highlighted a venerability, works to mitigate should simply weighed against alternative uses of the money. The answer may well by doing less elsewher

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Tell us why: Just look after the physical infrastructure and assets in our neighbourhood, any money spent on wider ambitions is wasted. Just sell the Leys Institute Library, out requirements on the purchaser to keep the facade if you like, but get the council/local b

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Makes a tangible difference to the physical environment.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Anything which involves the council and/or local board telling the community how they should live. Just help people to live the way they want to live. Things like community climate action in particular seem to have a dubious benefit in the context of na

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate Action Targeted Rate should be scrapped. Having protected areas of expenditure can only lead to less than optimal outcomes. Given the financial pressure faced by the council and rate payers hard to understand why this would be progressed much le

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Tell us why:I think more storms are likely and closer together

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are vital as reading is so important, I think local events help community building in the local area, and anything that helps with water control is good

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Tell us why: I want to pay more to get more services.

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Tell us why: We need to prepare for further climate change-related events. Bring on Three Waters!

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support reducing 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?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: As the flooding has shown, we need to protect our land and waterways.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I can't agree with reduced funding.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to protect the environment to minimise future damage from climate change

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the mayor's salary

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We need to fix our waterways. I'm sick of having to check how safe water is before I go swimming. It feels very Third World. Unacceptable. We need Three Waters.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The two areas I would advise against reducing operating spending:

1) Auckland Transit. Auckland Transit is already significantly underutilized do to poor service. We need to invest in a public transit system that can keep pace with Auckland so we are not drowning in cars and traffic.

2) Reducing 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. This funding is a net benefit on our budget, do we really want to reduce funding for youth centers and homelessness only to increase funding for police? Reducing funding in this area is a mistake that will cost us more long-term and takes funding away from the people who need it the most.

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Tell us why: If the interest on our debt exceeds the dividends from this asset then this is a wise choice. I don't foresee much negative externalities from the sale of this asset. However, council should consider the sale of other assets such as public golf courses du

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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 very expensive right now. I don't understand why we would take on additional debt in this economic environment while also selling assets to reduce other 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: Auckland is in for a rough time for flooding, we need to be more resilient and address areas that are vulnerable.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I really appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the budget. Thank you for reading this and trying to get useful insights from this.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I was born and grew up in Auckland and am now a long-time Auckland resident. I understand that costs needs to be cut by the Council but I am outraged at the level of budget cuts that will impact our arts and culture and social amenities such as libraries.

I do NOT agree that the Council 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 because they will negatively impact Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back in this area. Proposing these cuts demonstrates short-sighted thinking from an entity which likely authorises the same amount of spending on road cones on Auckland's streets in one year.

The entire city benefits from a thriving arts and culture sector and the Council's support of facilities and community assets is an important part of that ecosytem.

Having just spent nearly three months in Europe, I have witnessed the difference in cities which value the arts and culture and where these are seen as a vital part of healthy communities. Reducing civic support of such initiatives here in Auckland, where funding already is much less than in many other cities around the world, is myopic.

Aucklanders should be able to access taonga such as our city's art gallery and museum free of charge to ensure everyone has access. They should enjoy venues where cultural events take place. They need access to libraries to be an educated, open-minded, literate community.

An active, healthy arts and culture sector directly improves social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life and an educated community. It makes our city more inclusive and welcoming, boosts the local economy, creates jobs and makes the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding is wrong and I urge the Council to consider the real priorities to make this city a living, vibrant community into the future.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Decrease Council bureaucracy and increase Council productivity and efficiency to reduce cost.

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

I live in the CBD, close to the Auckland Transport bus depot and the AT building. I have to negotiate Auckland roads by foot every day and car (some days). I attend events in Tataki Auckland venues. I visit (and support) our art gallery and museum and I

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This section proposes cuts to many of the things we value about living in our city.

There are proposals to permanently cancel hundreds of buses a day as well as increasing the cost of catching them. To cut funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services. To gut early childhood and Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), as well as halve Local Board discretionary spending, in practice.

The CABs are so useful they should not be cut.

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Tell us why: This is a suggestion to sell the 18% shares Auckland Council currently holds in Auckland International Airport.

Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they ar

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

Tell us why: Our city, communities and neighbourhoods are built with collective, public investment that is funded by rates, taxes, and fees. Debt can also be used to spread the costs of investment that will have future benefits for our communities.

Cuts to 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: In 2023, with the climate crisis landing on our doorstep, we’ve seen the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure. It’s high time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme we

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Tell us why: These priorities are great. Don't cut funding for them.

If funding for local board 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: We need to look after the environment

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? All areas should have food waste collection available

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The council needs to do more to avert climate change. More focus on the environment. Less focus on cars and parking. More cycleways and public transport. Make it easier for everyone to bike. Save the CABs.

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Tell us why: Put the library on hold if it's feasible, continue to use temp spaces

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AC is NOT staff-heavy, nor contractor heavy. Can't speak to consultants.

Critical that we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi when making decisions around the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing local board funded activities across all boards

Reducing regional contestable grants

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

Tell us why:

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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

Waitematā Local Board

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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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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?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please retain and even expand AT services to give viable alternatives to driving everywhere. This is so important, otherwise we are on a downward spiral of asphalt and sprawl. Also, reducing investment in early childhood education is just shooting ourselves in the foot… people in the prime of their tax- and rate-paying years will leave to be someplace where both parents can afford to work.

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Tell us why: I don't care about the airport. Let the market worry about the airport.

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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: Also in favour of more debt. Spend more on climate change mitigation, managed retreat programs, greening our city, infrastructure/public transport, and housing modernisation, and send me and other Auckland homeowners the bill. We are otherwise paying for

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

Tell us why: More and faster please. Make up for decades and decades of under-investment.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Give them more funding! What is wrong with you??

If funding for local board 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, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The climate crisis is existential and local action is one of the most efficient ways to deal with it.

Waitematā Local Board

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No. No more austerity.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community services are more important than ever following the flooding and show how people need to come together. These services are at the core of developing community and encouraging different groups to come together

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Tell us why: The airport has provided a return for many years. It would be short sighted to sell something that is essential to our tourism and community.

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Tell us why: Seems fair

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Local boards are the face of the council and are the only connection to the local community. They know what is needed more than many of the other council services. Do not cut their funding. It amount of goodwill they provide is the best pr the council get

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programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library service is essential and has a broad appeal to many different groups. Community centres again provide for many people and activities. You let the pest population grow as this will damage beyond this year

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Don’t cut funding to art gallery, zoo and other facilities that encourage family and community groups

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I remember what it was like living in Auckland before the Council involved itself in Community making activities. It was a boring, dead excuse for a collection of people living together. I struggle to understand how Auckland Council would look to the UK to find shortsighted ways of dealing with this crisis. Go on - have a look at what closing libraries has done for their dying communities. These are policies designed by, and for, a passing generation. Have a thought for the younger members of our communities. The young mothers for example. The zoo, the libraries, the gallery are a life line for vulnerable people fulfilling a necessary service. You are attacking the young to placate the old.

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Tell us why: This is so bloody stupid. You don't have to work in finance to understand that single digit interest rates on a loan are cheaper than the double digit returns likely post covid. This is a vital service to our city. Is it OK to leave that vulnerable to out

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Tell us why: You don't provide an option for higher rates, and higher debt. This is clearly an option. Your rates increase is less than inflation??? You don't think we need to spend on underground services beyond that already budgeted????

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Tell us why: It's not rocket science.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Shortsighted.

If funding for local board 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), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is crazy. Keep mowing all the grass. It's important to give the impression that everything is under control, especially when it is all falling apart. Maintaining the grass is clearly the most important issue facing this city.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes, stop mowing all the grass. We will have to cut back on some special events, clearly.

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Some of the proposed reductions hit the most vulnerable people in Auckland, who are already disproportionately affected by the cost of living increases. And the massive cuts in economic development are counter productive.

While the market should lead on economic recovery, the public sector has a role in championing future looking economic sectors that the market is not delivering on e.g. those that better consider what society values including protecting the natural environment.

I would significantly reduce the economic development cuts and I would not proceed with the community focused cuts i.e. pricing for the zoo, the regional services and early childhood education.

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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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Community resilience. Both social resilience and environmental resilience. We need to equip all our communities in Auckland to be able to deal with natural, economic and social shocks.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I think the budget cut in some essential services is very radical. We must ensure Auckland Council provides essential services, e.g. early childhood services and social housing for homeless people. The budget cut for regional Arts, events, and community initiatives is too much. I understand central government and Auckland Council are facing financial pressure now, but Aucklanders still need those art activities in their daily life.

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Tell us why: Selling our holds at Auckland Airport helps with our financial constraints.

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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: Raising property prices could be a short-term solution for us now since we need to deal with a lot of debt. However, we need to bear in mind the rising property market prices must not deteriorate our current wealth inequity issue.

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Tell us why: We need to be more resilient to extreme weather events like Cyclone Garielle in the future but we also need to spend money to reduce our carbon emissions (i.e e-bikes and e-scooters rebates and make them our accessible in suburbs in Auckland)

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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: Due to increasing rates of ram raids, I support Albert-Eden local board to invest in policing in the community. I also like the idea this local board take climate change seriously and ready to take actions to tackle 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?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change should also be on the top of our to do list now especially when we reflect the floods in Nelson and Auckland. Therefore, I think funding and investment in building up climate resilience and restore our natural environment is a smart busines

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What do you think of these proposals? I fully support our government to invest more in bus services since there is a shortage in bus drivers in Auckland now and we need more investment in upgrading our bus so we can use renewable energy or natural gas to reduce our carbon emissions.

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Regarding community leases. The proposed annual administration fee of $1,300 is very challenging. Especially given the context of local board and some grant programme funding being reduced. Community facilities and non-profit organisations operating in th

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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

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am worried about cuts to transportation services, arts funding, social services (eg homelessness), and ECE. Auckland is already a challenging place to live if you're not wealthy. We need to support young families, artists, the most vulnerable in our communities to ensure an inclusive, healthy and vibrant city for decades to come. Also, I strongly feel that Auckland Art Gallery should remain free and inclusive to all. Can't we just up the rates on anyone who owns a range rover or other obnoxious gas guzzling car? That's a joke, but honestly, we should tax the rich, not the vulnerable.

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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: Very concerned by the proposal to reduce the NETR and possible impact on the work-programs. We need to look after our environment. Especially in a climate and biodiversity crisis. This is essential to the public health as well as the liveability of our ci

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 urgently need bold investment in making our city carbon neutral and more sustainable and resilient. Otherwise it's just an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. Would love to see Auckland Council leading the way on city climate policy.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I am really thrilled to read these priorities. Particularly the climate change mitigation, low-mow/no-mow biodiversity initiatives.

Would love to see the council invest in more tree planting, and stop cutting down old growth trees! (Bring back tree prot

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

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? Tax the rich

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Get rid of your shitty golf courses first before you dear touch CABS or any service that helps the public, instead of a minority based golf courses which wastes water every day to maintain a single sport.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: We need to be ready but the costs are so high for a city that doesn't even have consistent and safe public transport and has a mayor that wants to cut funding to public services which actually help the citizens unlike a round of golf

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Funding to open spaces is a waste of money if you can't control the crime within the city. Focus on making it safe for people then start focusing on leisure.

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arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to repair and heal our community from the stress of covid, the current state of Auckland is shocking to say the least, I've seen so many injustices go about this city in such a small time frame, it's time to make our city safe and heal the wounds

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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Stop funding the golf courses, and start funding public mental health awareness and increase safety and security within the CBD area

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport funding needs to be increased, and not decreased. Aucklands public transport is embarrassing, being infrequent and unreliable which makes it hard to use. More investment in Public transport is critical for tackling climate change, reducing inequality and making Auckland a more attractive place for people to live and 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? 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 an important strategic asset. Some level of public ownership, whether Council or Central Government, is important to ensure there is a direct democratic link in one of NZs most critical pieces of infrastructure

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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: For too long Auckland ratepayers and ratepayers in other NZ cities have under invested in our infrastructure and our cities. We are paying for this now with failure of our infra during storms, and the terrible level of public transport infra and services.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on 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 family silver is very short sighted.

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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: Invest in green infrastructure and save long term. It's easy maths.

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Tell us why: Green infrastructure is imperative in this climate chaos.

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Without eco matters at the heart of council and government, there is no life!

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Scrap green field single dwelling building. Increase housing density. Protect all native trees. Any new road must include cycle lanes. Low emissions zone for CBD and surrounding areas. Congestion charge.

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

Climate change is the number one issue facing Auckland, and having climate change denying mayor is the worst thing. Get rid of the mayor, and his minions, and save a fortune. Akl doesn't need neoliberal politics. We need a climate change leader. Also, tim

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Macro-economic reviews have shown that austerity/spending-cuts in any economic climate cause economic slow-downs over the following five years between 1.8 to 3.5% (Jorda & Taylor 2015, The Economic Journal). Any decrease in spending now will increase debt liability going forward, and will reduce the productivity of Auckland's economy in the future.

Public Transport - PT has been severely affected by the COVID pandemic and Aucklanders are only slowly returning to use this resource. Investment in PT is the only way to get Auckland out of it's motorway-induced traffic mess. Forcing Aucklanders back into their cars will create significant and costly traffic problems, incidents, and maintenance issues.

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited - this organisation serves to support the local economy in particular tourism. COVID lockdowns affected the tourism economy and Auckland institutions need economic support to develop and grow the tourism industry. Cutting funds will achieve nothing but damage Auckland's institutions and harm the economy.

Regional Services - this is a broad title to cover most functional services that the Council provides to Auckland around environmental protection, community support and engagement. No benefits will be gained through cuts. Community disenfranchisement will drive higher crime, anti-social behaviour, and significantly increase costs to the Council. A loss of

community, educational, environmental services will be detrimental to the local and regional economy as well as undermining tourism.

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Tell us why: Set higher rates across the city where this is affordable. Auckland has vast wealth in a few concentrated areas and there are many that can afford to contribute more to support economic growth to lower Auckland Council's 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: Alongside the need to invest significantly in public transport and public amenities, infrastructure needs to be resilient to the new climate context that we will be subjected to. Summers like 2023 are not going to be anomalous in the future and Auckland m

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Irrespective of economics, we need a liveable city. Young people need programmes to engage them and direct their energy, develop and support them. The Arts are always the first to be affected by service cuts, yet are fundamental to a society and the devel

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop mowing berms.

Stop planting flower beds in parks - replace annuals with native woody plants.

Start thinking about economic growth rather than savings.

Also... fire Mathew Hooton and Ben Thomas - these guys are political operatives who are costing th

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What do you think of these proposals? What changes are proposed to the bus service funding by the Climate Action Targeted Rate? I can't comment on something I know nothing about - please provide more information on the proposed changes.

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Tell us why: Rates are very low in Auckland and have barely been increased in forever - we need to contribute more or the overall well-being of the region

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We need more funding more arts, community events and heritage buildings. We also need to continue essential community support. Support the library proposal an no/low mow. We need more funding to go to the city centre and areas Central like k road - essent

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts environment and community cannot be replaced once they're gone. Climate change, waste reduction are also important.

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste and reducing it is crucial and the council plays a great and important role in this mahi. But could services be provided privately, with more of a regulatory/thought leadership/change/big picture role? Just have the frontline stuff done by others an

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Supporting arts, vulnerable and minority communities, Climate change/waste/transport/community services including libraries needs to be paramount. Higher rates are appropriate needed and overdue. Resign Mayor Brown!!!!

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The next five categories are all about the fabric of our city. Those intangible aspects of the city that enhance our quality of life. Often we don't realise who is funding the activities we are enjoying but once the funding plug is pulled it will become all too apparent as things we take for granted no longer happen (Important for me - Music in Parks, Pasifika, Auckland Art Gallery, Citizens Advice Bureaus, Public Library and support of local initiatives that enhance the local community - youth activity support, budgeting services, foodbanks, urban marae)

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Tell us why: Sellling the Airport shares is a short-sighted approach and false economy. AUckland International Airport is a blue chip share which should be held in any portfolio. The airport is the international gateway to Auckland - we should retain our say in how th

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Tell us why: A combination of rate increase and a greater use of debt. We need to invest now to maintain our city as an attractive place to live and invest for the future to ensure it remains so.

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Tell us why: We need to enhance our capability to deal with current and future storm water and water quality issues. It is disgraceful that so many of our "Prime" use beaches are not swimanble after storms.

I am a strong supporter of the Three Waters inititaive that w

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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

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 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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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:

• 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?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Aucklanders have been underpaying for services for too long. We need to front up to the challenges and start paying more rates.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: We need to hang on to infrastructure so that it can be properly integrated into our transport, tourism and travel needs. Airports make most of their money out of car parking, and hence cars coming to the airport. If we want reliable and frequent public tr

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: We need to start paying for our services in a realistic fashion.

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: Ensure that consultation occurs.

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

arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate first at this point. I don't think we have any option.

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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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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Submitter details

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rates SHOULD rise, it costs money to live in this beautiful city. We shouldn't compromise our standards for our city "to keep rates low". If you can't afford to pay the rates, then you should be renting or live elsewhere.

Reducing or cutting funding to valuable community services such as CAB will be devastating to the local communities they serve. They should not be cut at all because people don't want their rates to go up.

We should find a better balance of increasing rates and taking on 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: I think it's extremely shortsighted to sell ALL of our shares in AIAL. It is a valuable asset which will only go up in value, and selling the shares at a time where international travel is resuming is just stupid.

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:

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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduction of public transport, as well as public venues (Auckland Zoo, Art Gallery), is a monumentally stupid way of making Auckland a world-class to city to live and work 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: Auckland will continue to grow into the future and AIAL will likely be necessary to this process, seeing increased value over time. Selling in a time of general economy uncertainty only kicks the can down the road.

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: Making Auckland a world-class city requires greater funding, but increasing the debt deficit that other aspects of this proposal is trying to lessen only opens up a future in which the city has to sell off further assets to cover debt.

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: Greater increase required as storms of that calibre will only become more frequent.

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why: A degree of cost-cutting, if necessary, can be found in areas such as 'no-mow' or 'low-mow'.

If funding for local board 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: World class city requires world class services and programmes for individuals, community groups. Cutting fund to these only serves to push individuals out of the central city and cause increases in issues.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Cut salaries and positions across middle and upper management in local boards, mayoral office.

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?

Invest MORE effectively in public transport options for the city, and accept that it will NOT be cheap to make Auckland a greater attraction to residents and tourists. Allow for higher density building in and around the central city, including Parnell, Po

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Synergy Digital

Your local board: Waitematā

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

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 regional contestable grants to save $3 million

Reducing funding to the above will have a significant negative impact on the futures of Auckland's creatives and innovators.

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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:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce or maintain the number of public transport Services.

Auckland's public transportation is already appalling enough, with all the train shutdown and bus delays. Why are you doing this!! we should be increasing the 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:

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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: If people can afford 2-3 million dollar houses, they can afford to spend few hundred dollars more per year

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

Tell us why: Cut down the consultant fee first

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Tell us why:

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programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep events and venues fully funded. We need to maintain a vibrant community, and we can't do it without activites.

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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: High support for public transport, walking and cycling. High support for community activities and events.

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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Tell us why: We do have to address this budget shortfall, but so many Aucklander are already finding it very hard to make ends meet. If you raise rates from here, please do it on an income basis so that the wealthiest pay more.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change and protecting our environment are not going to wait. The flooding and increased cyclones that we're dealing with now are a direct result of climate change. And libraries are invaluable and people need their services every day.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduced public transport, homelessness funding and early childcare will lead to worsening population inequity with effects on crime rates, homelessness and unemployment. Short term financial gains for long term community damage.

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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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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? 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?) Library opening hours and services, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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?

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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 better rental regulations and taxes on rentals and Airbnbs.

Rather than cutting public transport increase road use costs such as toll roads.

The poorest members of the community should not wear the costs most.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public Transport is critical for many Aucklanders who like me do not have a car. But moreso, public transport is important for our climate goals. Do not reduce public transport services. Auckland Council can increase rates and/or take on more debt, allowing much needed investment and preventing cuts to social services. Underinvestment in our physical and social infrastructure has left current and future generations with a mess to clean up. We can do something about that now.

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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: Selling these shares will not provide any long term value.

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 both set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt.

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

Tell us why: We need to make Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. This takes money. And it means taking Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri seriously. Auckland Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. But seems to have done very litt

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why: While the Local Board priorities include "Ahu Moana marine protection", there is still approval from council for the Pūtiki Bay marina development. Please invest in saving our ocean life, not destroying 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, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: '- DO NOT proceed with reductions on public transport. Auckland bus drivers work hard and make little money in today's economy. Buses are always late, or canceled, and not accessible compared to most cities worldwide. Further reductions make public transport even less affordable and accessible, which is unfair for bus drivers and disadvantaged communities relying on public transport for work, study, healthcare, etc.

- DO NOT proceed with funding reductions for Tātak Auckland Unlimited. Their work is crucial for Auckland's economy. But DO increase ticket prices for Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues - these organizations offer high-quality services and deserve to get paid more.

- DO NOT proceed with reductions on funding for arts and culture programs and youth centers. Arts & culture are crucial for Auckland's image, community well-being, and tourism (that can generate huge profits). A city without arts and culture is like a zombie - a person without a soul. Reducing arts and culture programs will hurt Auckland's ability to generate profits from international and domestic tourism, and the visitor economy in general.

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Tell us why: I think this is such a good idea! Commercializing airport services can really benefit Auckland's economy, saving a large amount of money for the council. This is totally valid and should proceed.

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Tell us why: I don't think it's a good idea to further increase rent, but it's a good idea to increase rates for people who are buying their second or third.../multiple properties. This helps reduce our social wealth gap. We need to ensure super-rich people are not bu

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Tell us why: This is valid! Natural disasters are about survival. Increasing the budget for this can save so many lives.

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Tell us why: I don't think Leys Institute Library is a priority in this economy, with increasing crimes in the city center, homelessness, harassment towards women, high rent, inaccessible public transport, parking spaces, etc.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community programs are very crucial for residents' well-being and our ability to generate profits for economic growth. No one wants to visit a place and spend their money if no community events, arts programs, or festivals exist. Water and waste

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes! Making it harder for individuals to get benefits!

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Welfare should only go to people with real disabilities, inst

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What do you think of these proposals? Increase entry fees for Auckland zoos, art galleries, and museums. Increase money penalties for damaging individual and public facilities, such as smashing glass, cars, and art installations. These happen way too often on a Friday and Saturday night.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of these reduction choices seem poorly thought out - many compromise the city as both a place to work or to raise a family in. Why 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? 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: Again, selling all shares is outrageously stupid.

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:

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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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?) 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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining a reduced capacity for public transport serves to further congestion and increase damaging effects on the environment - consider adding a highway toll or an inner cbd congestion charge and aim to increase public transport spending over time. Auckland is already criminally underserviced from a public transport point of view.

Cutting funding of early childhood education is unacceptable in any form. Privatization of this area has already led to unaffordable and poor quality care available to the majority of New Zealanders. The government and councils should be increasing spending to make state funded early childcare the gold standard in NZ.

Reducing social services such as support for homeless will worsen the poverty gap and just further harms the most vulnerable of our society. It will lead to worsening crime and inequality, ultimately reducing the livability of Auckland and further reducing the councils ability to fund activities. This is an incredibly short sighted plan.

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Tell us why: Maintaining a partial ownership stake in one of Aucklands most important assets is key. Reducing the holding to service debt makes sense but selling all shares puts AIA at risk of being taken over by an entity that does not have Aucklands interests at hea

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

Tell us why: Rates should be increased and importantly, commercial property/business rates should increase more than residential. Given that businesses are income generating and able to offset costs they already have an advantage over residential to be able to swallow

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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 needed.

Additionally, stop providing permission to build in flood planes you idiots.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Prioritize the environment, social services and making Auckland a greener space with better public funded spaces and services.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We should not be cutting spending on arts & culture, social services such as homelessness funding and early childhood education services. We should also try to move back to the full public transport schedule, or at least closer to it than we are currently.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: the city is already lacking on an international stage and needs signifanct investment, not less.

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: none

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board-funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

It is important to consider the long-term effects of such cost reductions on the local economy, culture, art, and community sectors. These services are crucial in promoting social cohesion, well-being, and quality of life in Auckland. Moreover, they contribute to the city's inclusivity, which is important in attracting and retaining residents and industry.

Cutting funding to these services may result in job losses, closure of organizations, and negative impacts on the local economy. Additionally, it may reduce the quality and diversity of education in schools and communities. Therefore, it is essential to invest in Auckland's future by supporting these services, especially during challenging times.

I believe it is crucial to consider the long-term consequences of such decisions and don't believe there has been enough time and effort put into investigating the effects these proposed cuts will have.

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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 off the Auckland Council owned shares in Auckland Airport is not a wise decision for several reasons.

Firstly, Auckland Airport is a valuable asset that generates significant revenue for the council. The airport is a critical gateway for New Zeal

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council should consider both setting a higher general rates increase and making greater use of debt to fund its operations and capital projects for several reasons.

Firstly, Auckland is a growing city with significant infrastructure needs. The c

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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 ALL Aucklanders experienced on Anniversary weekend this year, the under-investment in our stormwater drains led to widespread loss of property and possessions as well as tragically, the loss of lives. Investing in stormwater infrastructure is crucial

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I was almost in tears reading the Waitamata Board's proposed changes/cuts - how about t

although I shouldn't be surprised as most of the candidates I voted for didn't get in - instead we have a bunch of greedy capitalist pigs who i have no doubt are main

If funding for local board 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), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: As a resident of Auckland, I strongly oppose the Auckland Council's proposed budget cuts to arts and community center programs at the Ellen Melville Centre & Studio One Toi Tū along with local community events such as Doc Edge & Buskers Festival,

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Maybe you could start by reviewing the salaries of the Local board chairperson, deputy chairperson, and board members.

The Waitemata Local Board chair is on an annual salary $98,713 which is $42,561 more than the median income in New Zealand - outrageou

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

As an Auckland resident, I strongly oppose the budget cuts proposed by Auckland Council for several reasons.

Firstly, the proposed budget cuts will result in a reduction in essential public services and infrastructure, which will have a significant negat

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is such a poorly thought out and regressive approach. The reality these services are extremely valuable and we should pay for them.

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Tell us why: I'd love to see the data on when a short term gain realised through the sale of a valuable public asset was ever a strong long term financial solution. Maybe don't sell the family silver and instead increase rates.

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Tell us why: We need to pay to have a world class city. So let's pay.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: It would be nice if these were written in plain English and could attract real accountability instead of the vague corporate language you have chosen.

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a silly question. These are all important. However, being forced to pick, an effective response to climate change and environmental management is essential.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Do not seek consultancy services from any of the big four accounting firms and do not instruct any first tier law firms (other than for emergencies like litigation and/or investigations).

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Tell us why: Reduce staff and spending on salaries especially high ones.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Not enough given the recent damage. Increase this to fix the critical areas like Karekare and Saint Marys Bay. Then annually 50million at least

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? Other

Tell us why: Priorities must be the slips and repeated flood areas. Buy them out and put back into 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?) 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: People need the arts and the libraries to recover from recent traumatic events. Climate action and the environment are linked here.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Recent flood events in Saint Marys Bay streets have taken priority. So does the Leys library restoration Option 1.

If funding for local board 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 community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: People need the arts and the libraries to recover from recent traumatic events. Climate action and the environment are linked here.

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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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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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.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals? I support charging for waste but we have compost bins and recycle everything we can. Less than one small bag goes out. You are not catering for us very low users. Don't charge us, charge the heavy users otherwise it is not fair.

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?

Leys Library restoration Option 1 is very important now. Just do it. Also fix the storm water to stop more rivers and floods through Vine St in Saint Marys Bay. And its important to keep our historic neighbourhood with its trees and 20th century houses

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport is crucial to any developing city. There is plenty of evidence from international examples of the correct way to develop proper transport infrastructure.

Why would anyone in their right mind limit the budget of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited? It's what makes a city liveable. The same goes for the arts, cultures programmes.

I'm unfamiliar with "local board funded activities" but based on everything else they're trying to cut, it's probably something useful and helpful with future scalability.

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

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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

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: Clearly, futureproofing is necessary to avoid massive damage costs.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If costs have increased, then rates should increase. Ratepayers aren't necessarily against rate increases, typically we are interested in making sure our rates are well spent and not wasted. Many Auckland home owners have enjoyed massive increases in house prices, they can give a little back to help the city through this budget squeeze. We have some of the lowest levels of rates in the world.

The Mayor, Councillors are elected to build a better city not win popularity. Display leadership by identifying proper efficiency and cost cutting opportunities. Ratepayers suspect Council organisations are overly bureaucratic and inefficient. Go looking for proper cost cutting inefficiencies rather than these populist examples. Cutting childhood education, culture, art, zoo and regional events etc is designed to engender emotion and outrage. And most people see straight through it. It's stupid and hurts many vulnerable people at a time they most need support. Have some compassion.

As a business person, I suspect there are tens of millions in efficiencies and savings to be made in IT and administration. The mayor was elected on a platform of bringing business disciplines to Council. Get on with it. This is no better than previous Councils.

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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: What happened to never selling the family silver? This holds true in tough economic times which have been brought on by COVID disruptions which are now past us. A proper analysis has not been made public so it's impossible for the public to know whethe

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 rates rise for most households is insignificant. Failing to raise rates and increase borrowings is a political failure. Get out and sell the benefits, we can't continue to save our way out of the massive infrastructure deficit we have created. The

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals? Environment spending should not be curtailed.

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 frustrating that "recovery" budgets are being introduced when Council organisations have failed to adequately address the causes of Climate Change. We now have to get serious with mitigation and adaption.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: '- Continual reduction in Public Transport services. This is exclusionary and inequitable for many of the whānau we work with. They require reliable and consistent public transport in order to attend vital appointments and mahi. For many of our whānau public transport is the only viable option for travel across Tāmaki. With the current status quo of reduced transport options the gap between socio economic groups widens.

- Reduction in funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. This will also have a disproportionate impact on our most marginalised whānau as well as those who are suffering through the cost of living crisis. Without funding to community accessible venues and organisations it becomes another act of inequity. Whereby those who are on the lower end of the socio economic scale lose access to these venues and any social and cultural impacts of attending these venues. If we are considering a further reduction this means we arent thinking about social long term impacts on whānau who cannot afford access. Our whānau that we work with would be hugely disadvantaged by these cuts.

- Regional services cuts are another example of inequitable cost reduction. Once again this affects the most marginalised who are more likely to use these services as part of their everyday lives. This becomes another wider social issue and one that has no long term benefits. The community groups and work and arts programmes that occurs via funding from council are intergral parts of our community especially our rangatahi and their inclusion. After 3 years of

Covid lockdowns and disconnect for rangatahi cutting more community services especially those that are free and easily accessible for rangatahi will only further marginalise and ostracise a whole generation who have already felt disconnected.

- A reduction in local board funded activities is a decision we do not agree with simply because we have seen the first hand impacts of access to activities that are funded by the local board. The whānau we work with deserve publicly accessible events that are funded by the local boards. Especially in areas of high deprivation and low socio economic wealth.

- The proposal to increase rents on council owned buildings for NGO's is something we oppose. As an NGO that relies on affordable rent in order to continue providing wrap around social services to the whānau we serve it would mean that our services would be hugely diminished and our ability to exist in our community would also be at risk. The amount of rent rise that is being proposed is inflationary and unfair for small NGO's that are existing on the very bare minimum of funded budgets.

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

Tell us why: We need to keep some equity for the future but also

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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

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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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?

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

Tell us why: Increase business rates

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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: Don't cut local board funding

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Find a new mayor who can manage the city effectively

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These services obviously need the money, do not proceed with any of these.

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Tell us why: Classic politicians, looking for short term gain and spiting long term investments.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please, please, please do not proceed with the proposed reductions. A dynamic, metropolitan city needs a vibrant community-minded culture and a robust, efficient public transport service.

The current state of transport services is atrocious, and I don't want to imagine how it could possibly get worse. The abominable level of transport options is already making me seriously consider leaving this city. If it gets any worse that hypothetical becomes resolute.

Cutting funding for homelessness and other community services seems completely bizarre and out-of-touch (and very uncaring) in today's economic climate, when people are really struggling with the impending economic recession.

It also seems very strange to cut funding for economic development, which surely would bring financial benefits in the long-term.

Arts and cultural services make cities dynamic and attractive to live in. I'd rather pay a little bit more in rates and have a city I feel happy and proud to live in, than save a tiny, negligible amount of money and feel despondent about the place I 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It's not a very astute time to sell these shares at a low point in the market. If we lose these assets, they can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt.

The difference in affordability between a 7% general rates increase and a 13.5% general rates increase is not that large.

The effects of your proposed changes will have a devastating and

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Tell us why: It's incredibly important to invest in stormwater infrastructure right now, especially of recent extreme weather events.

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What do you think of these proposals? Please ensure that all areas have food waste collection available.

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Please invest more in public transport and in green initiatives. We live in 2023. How Auckland is currently operating and functioning doesn't feel sustainable.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I hope the council does not reduce finding for public transportation. I do not own a car and rely on this service to get around the city. I would happily pay much higher 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: Don't sell when the market is down. Many Aucklanders (like me) have plenty of extra money. Just ask!

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: Aucklanders have the money to afford higher rates. I certainly do. Please ask for more.

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

Tell us why: We cannot afford to not invest in this.

5. Local Boards

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: Auckland should be spending more on priorities like these

If funding for local board 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 and accommodation grants, 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: Reducing our carbon footprint is very important to me.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: Selling off infrastructure has almost never put worked for tax payers.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please prioritise maintaining support for regional and social services, and arts funding. We need to keep Auckland a place we 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:

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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:

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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? Fewer consultants

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What do you think of these proposals? Pay as you go refuse collection to encourage people to recycle more and compost.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would much rather pay an additional 8% in rates then cut these needed services. But then there are other solutions to finding this $125 million, how about selling off one or two (like Remuera) of the dozen golf courses Auckland Council own? This is a sport catering for a small, mostly well off, minority who can easily become members of private courses. Why is this not part of the equation? The council has hundreds of millions of dollars tied up in golf courses, catering to a small section of the population while the art gallery, zoo and stadiums cater for a wide and diverse number of local people and visitors.

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Tell us why: Plans to mitigate the effects of future severe weather events should not be reduced due to climate change. If anything, more needs to be done.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We cannot reduce any programmes to dealing with environmental protection and libraries are important havens for people in the city centres.

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Please save the historic St James theatre, we must not repeat the terrible destruction of our artistic heritage as happened with the senseless demolition of His Majesty's theatre.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am against all reductions, but I am especially against the proposed cuts to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). They provide an essential service and would not be able to provide the e same level of service without Auckland Council's 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: I believe in public ownership of lifelines assets as they provide a crucial service for the people of Auckland. I do not believe the values of private shareholders would align with the needs of Aucklanders as much as the councils values do.

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: Increasing rates will reduce profits for landowners in the short term, which will encourage productive investment rather than property investment. It will also incentivise building intensification, which is drastically needed. Taking on more debt will put

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: Climate change will only worsen. The lack of meaningful action towards reducing our emissions and pollution is evidence of this. Since we have decided not to act, climate adaption will be necessary to protect our coastlines and other exposed assets.

5. Local Boards

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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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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

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Need to include improvements to transport connectivity

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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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? Need to maintain existing CATR funding and do not remove funding for buses or cycling improvements

7. What else is important to you?

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

Would like to increase rates to ensure we maximise public transport improvements across the city, as well as urban design to make the city a healthier and less polluted place to live

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not decrease any of the budgets. The services are essential and must be increased

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

Tell us why: Auckland council should have as much control over Auckland 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:

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 victims of the storm needs to be rehabilitated as quickly as possible. It would be difficult if not impossible to do on a small budget

5. Local Boards

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: All of the priorities are important and must not be reduced.

If funding for local board 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:

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? Services such as public transport should be funded adequately at all times.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Home owners are millionaires, they can pay more rates so we can continue to receive services.

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make 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:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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 arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Aotea/Great Barrier 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, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?) Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Local events, arts and culture programmes, and other such things are what make a city worth living in. I would rather pay higher rates for a higher standard of living, than think that my only avenue of getting any form of life enriching activity is to look outside the city border.

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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: Dont make the same mistake that has been made with power generation, forests, and state houses. These are long term dividend paying shares, that also gives the council a voice in the management of the port that most people travel in and out of New Zealand

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: If you need a justification as to why it's important to repair our city from the last event and prepare for the last one, then I don't know what to say.

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?) Library opening hours and services, 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: Community and connection is one of the two biggest thing that can actually drive down disengagement in society. Long term stable housing being other, which is someone outside of the councils ability to control

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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Community leasing charges

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

Instead of trying to increase everything you should look at making things like public transport more efficient so more people use them. Mass transport should be designed to move people through the most congested part of the cities efficiently. You shouldn

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As our city grows, public transport provision needs to grow. The current combination of substantial congestion, combined with the need to reduce our collective carbon emissions, indicates that now is not a good time to allow public transport to stagnate.

Many community services (Such as the Citizens Advice Bureau), provide an excellent service to the community, and should be retained.

The Eairly Childhood Education sector in NZ, has major issues with the cost, quality & availability of services provided. This is not the time to be cutting back on funding for these.

The goal of having rates rises well below the current rate of inflation is un-needed, and not worth having a slash and burn of things the population values.

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

Tell us why: As the cities only major airport, I consider the city continuing with its current (around 18%) shareholding in the airport to be prudent, to ensure the city has a decent say over the airports operations.

I disagree with the phrasing of the options, in th

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Tell us why: CPI inflation is currently running at 7.2%, far more than the proposed 4.66% increase in rates (so a decrease in rates in inflation corrected terms). Given the need for increased council spending (particually in area's like transport & climate change

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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: Extreme weather event's seem to becoming more common, I think it is logical to spend some money getting ready for the next one's

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: ECE services have an awesome impact and cutting it saves very little, do not cut that. Programs that are cut need to be seriously considered as some programs provide a great way for less fortunate people to get ahead in their careers. Instead of just cutting events, turn these things into fundraisers, or start charging small amounts for things, even a gold coin donation can make a difference. We will be worse off with less community-led events happening. You need to consider who the main patrons are for different things that are being funded, if it's a arts event in the CBD that clearly attracts wealthier people, start charging, but an exhibition or event in a low decile area should have a donation box. Things don't have to be so clear cut and we need to start acknowledging that some people can afford to pay more than others and the council doesn't need to provide free services for it's wealthiest citizens.

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Tell us why: In a time where we are not consistently taking on debt we will be grateful for having the dividends and a stake in the international airport. We must at a minimum have a 10% stake. Everything else that has been allowed to go fully privatized ends up with

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Tell us why: All the homeowners that have complained about blocked drains and the council not being quick enough at fixing things now needs to put their money where their mouths are and pay for it to happen. We need government support to make sure these costs aren't j

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Tell us why: We need to do something about the storms and can't just leave it until it's too late.

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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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: No/low mow should not take that much money as once areas are identified the job is done.

I personally don't proritise arts as it seems like the sort of thing to attract well off people who could fund these things or atleast pay entry to these things, I do

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? We pay far too much in traffic control every time a road or lane is closed. I understand the need for safety but people need to be more responsible for themselves a bit more. We don't need 3 trucks to close one lane, or a cone every 500mm "just in case".

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

Any time council services are required to clean up, cordon off, or otherwise "pick up the pieces" of people's mistakes or actions, at least a percentage of the cost needs to be passed on to the person responsible. Ratepayers need to stop covering the cost

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: A difference between a 5% and a 13% rates rise is very small proportion of household income. But the 'savings' would have a massive negative impact on our ability to meet our obligations in the climate crisis, I care about the city we are building for th

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Tell us why: These investments will pay for themselves 10 times over in comparison to instead paying for the damage the next type a storm event occurs.

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Tell us why: These priorities add up to resilience in our communities, they build a city I want to live in.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I feel these 3 would have the biggest impact for children - now and in the future. They are a significant part of the powerless that the budget cuts would trample.

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No more uban sprawl.

Green our city.

Above ground light rail.

A bridge solution for the 2nd harbour crossing. The proposed curving bridge to the We

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The art gallery zoo museum etc are essential services and important for tourism bring life and visitors and spending for local business Keeping our city a vibrant place

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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: Important to have done veto power

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 need to borrow People are financially stressed re covid storm cyclone etc world economy cost if living We can't afford rates to increase much

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

Tell us why: We obviously need to future proof but not yet things are so dure now Pistpone rate increases for a year or two till we recover a bit

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Libraries parks art gallery 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre

programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: So many young people using Grey Lynn library

Waterways and ecology important

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce too salaries

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What do you think of these proposals? Like the idea of smaller local buses

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Yes the speed limits around Ponsonby 40 in Ponsonby Rd works well so why not 40 everywhere nearby This mix if 40 to 30 to 50 is confusing and dangerous

30 on Hopetoun Dt which is not residential is mad and I am sick if being tailgated I feel as if I a

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Tātaki, transport, regional community, educational and social services. The ONLY proposed reduction I would proceed with is simplifying management structures and reducing the large number of employees on very high salaries. At the moment there is a ENORMOUS amount of money wasted through poor planning and incompetent project management e.g. the alteration of roads and footpaths such as in the West Lynn shopping area which then needed to be re-altered to avoid flooding. if the work had been properly planned and executed this would not have happened.

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Tell us why: Once sold, public assets are lost and in private ownership simply benefit the already rich.

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Tell us why: I am in favour of reasonable rate increases plus an increase in debt. High rate increases penalise poorer home owners and large additional debt penalises Aucklanders of the future. A combination of the two is at least a way of spreading the pain!

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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: In my opinion much of the storm damage is the result of poor planning and irresponsible urban development e.g granting permission to build on unstable and very steep land, changing the requirements which in the past ensured that properties retained permea

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please continue to support the arts. There is no culture without the arts and this both important for residents and visitors to the region.

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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 are an important method of paying directly for services. Landlords will need to increase rents but that is unavoidable as costs for landlords have gone up too with the inability to put costs against tax.

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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: Infrastructure is important. Do not delay addressing these issues. Also put some accountability on owners and residents of property to maintain drains and trees on their properties. Also educate owners to have sustainable landscaping.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The proposals read as cuts to funding of the arts. The central city is a hub of arts activity. Undefunding this will further devalue the appeal of the inner city just when we are trying to get people back into the city.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Underfunding the arts will take the soul out of the city. Why bother living in a major city if there are no arts to enjoy. You might as well live in a rural town and watch TV.

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? I love using the busses. The half price fares got me using the bus more often. Free cars would get more people on the busses in the long run.

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

Please do not get rid of the Ports of Auckland. After the damage to road and rail in Northland, it must be obvious that developing Whangarei port and getting rid of Auckland is nonsense.

All port cities in the world keep their ports. Auckland must stay r

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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: I do not believe that retaining a partial, minority interest in the airport is better in the long term than the benefit of reducing current debt by the value of the shares.

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Tell us why: Capital expenditure is necessary

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

Tell us why: We need a better response to such storms and weather events which are likely to increase due to climate change.

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Tell us why: Important for a thriving 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 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: I believe there is room for reduction of other services without affecting the impact of them as a whole and that environmental protection is a priority for a healthy sustainable city.

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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, 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: I think all these priorities are important but these are particular areas which help to reduce inequality and give access to resources to those who otherwise wouldn't have them

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?

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduced public transportation will just lead to more car usage and consequently more wear and tear on the roads, and more money spent fixing them. This is a debt we will have to pay at some point, and will additionally indirectly cost those who do not have viable public transportation options for critical services, by putting more pressure on them to purchase vehicles and have to pay the costs associated with that.

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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: Is the combined value of the shares and dividends projected to exceed the interest on the debt? If so, keep all the shares - there's no point sacrificing our future for short term boosts to the budget.

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

Tell us why: Is it possible to increase the rates more on properties which are higher valued? Why is it always the poor paying the price for economic shocks, instead of those who can better afford 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

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 economic development initiatives, Environmental restoration, pest control, community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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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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 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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These reductions will end up costing us more in the long run. Cutting early childhood and social services is disgraceful. What will the long term effects be from reducing community and education programmes, homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres? These are incredibly short sighted and socially irresponsible ideas.

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

Tell us why: This is not a good time to be selling shares. once they are sold this asset can no longer be leveraged.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set higher general rates increase AND make 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: Clearly our storm water infrastructure needs huge improvements. This increase in budget has come too little too late and we have paid the price. We need to stop acting after the fact and start making decisions for the future even if that means spending mo

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: You are taking away social services from our already struggling communities. These cuts are going to more harm than good in the long term to our most vulnerable people. Not only is this irresponsible and counter to what you are supposed to be doing as a c

If funding for local board 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 grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: If I could pick more I would, but these things serve the community and provide safe spaces and support to those in our community who need it. We need to be investing in these things to protect and support us moving forward.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Perhaps your own already excessive salaries!

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? The climate action targeted rate was only established last year with huge public support. Public transport in Auckland needs investment.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not reduce the Regional Services as set out above. These services are aspects of Auckland life that enhance the value of the City.

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

Tell us why: he City appears to gain no real say in the operations of the airport through its shareholding and little in the way of return.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Rates should be inflation adjusted.

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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 costs should be built into BAU plans and budgets

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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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? Strict controls on local board operating expenditure. Reduce payments to Board members.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The rates levied are inequitable. Property values are not stable and some increases in rates were levied at a time of peak value for properties. Rates levied should be in relation to services. Why does Waiheke have a water rate across the board when very few places have shared sewage and most do not have water supply or sewage removal..water quality is not a charge that should be levied as part of rates, these are at the personal cost of the landowner. Services such as the library and citizens advise bureau are community-centred and costs are minimal compared to the benefit accrued to health and wellbeing.

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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: Selling the shares would be a one off trade - it will not be able to be repeated. Shares pay a dividend and this will accrue over the years. ACC should have representation on the AIA board to ensure ratepayers are represented. To say rates and debt will

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: There should be more flexibility in rating formulae.... to take into account the history of the owners of the property... and what was paid for it relative to the average income at the time. Following the fixed formulae this means that the gap between th

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

Tell us why:A larger proportion of time and investment should be for impact mitigation, climate change and future proofing. Public transport should be strengthened and council managed (particularly in the case of Waiheke ferries). Footpaths should be safer with bette

5. Local Boards

Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why: It would be better to see the proportion of key areas of spend reduction that would occur compared with previous years. Some areas have not been invested in before e.g. roads and that should be a health and safety priority

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Action for the future will have benefits for people and the planet.

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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?

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

Tell us why: It is important that Council retains a share of this strategic asseet for the city so it continues to have influence on decision making and can continue to obtain revenue as post Covd travel continues to rise.

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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: A modest increase in rates to avoid the increase in debt. As inflationary times recede and growth returns to more usual conditions reduce the average annual rates increase. For the value of Auckland properties the rating level is low compared to communiti

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 city requires more storm and climate change resilience.

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why: Some commnity facility user charges could potentially be increased to reduce cost burden.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community events hold people to a neighbourhood and build community ties and assist with memory making and place making. Similalry Libraries provided essential information hubs. I agree that hours coudl be reduced - my local library is open on Sunday afte

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?) Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Community leasing 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?

Arts, culture and heritage are essential in making Auckland a liveable city and is part of the attraction for visitors and new settlers coming to live and work in Auckland.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We need these supports and services to function as a city. These cuts will send our city backwards.

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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 off our valuable assets is not in our best long-term interests.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Some tangible environmental gains and support for the arts

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I do not support the cuts. I prefer increased rates and debt funding

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Council's proposal is a 'hatchet job' that would set our city back, at a time when we're already lagging behind other cities in so many areas. If we want to retain and grow our population and tourism while caring for our environment we need more investmen

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: A city is not a business. Cutting services will save money in the short term but affect the long-term liveability of the city. This will lead to further antisocial behaviour and fewer ratepayers. By investing in the city, we are ensuring it remains a desirable place to live and continues to attract ratepayers. Ratepayers are investors, not consumers. We should convince them to invest more not less.

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Tell us why: The fact that the city holds shares in AIAL means that the city gets a real say on the planning and development of critical infrastructure.

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

Tell us why: The financial outlook is grim at the moment. Interest rates will probably continue to rise. I would rather see an increase in general rates for this year and make use of debt when interests are low.

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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: Higher rates for areas at risk of flooding. It will disincentivise development in flood-prone areas and hopefully higher density developments closer to employment centres.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The potential loss of the CAB is an incredibly backwards idea. CAB helps people who may not have the means to hire an attorney for a consultation. It is at the centre of fair access to the justice system.

If funding for local board 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), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please see above.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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? Higher rates for high-impact activities such as pool inspections, etc.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cuts to CABs, local boards, cultural and community events, and social services diminish the quality of life in the City, and harm those most vulnerable most: the poor, homeless, Maori and Pasifika, students and young people, and LGBTQ.

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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 poor market timing to sell these shares.

Further, selling our public assets has never worked out well. They belong to us, we have more control over them by keeping 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: Set a higher rates increase, and make greater use of debt.

It is irresponsible to cut services during the current crisis to both social equity and the climate. We should not even be considering reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted R

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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 MUST invest in greater resilience, given the inevitability of increasingly devastating climate disasters in the coming months and years.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support cutting services, whether social, economic, environmental or cultural. These services are vital to the quality of life in Central Auckland. Further, those most harmed by any cuts would be those who are already most vulnerable: the poor, h

If funding for local board 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 feel it would be responsible of me to prioritise 3 of these, as so many are really essential to our quality of life. Again, it is especially important to avoid further harm to those already most struggling and vulnerable.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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? All areas should have food waste collection available.

The Climate Action Targeted Rate should not be cut to fund bus service, it must be protected for its original purpose. A large majority of us supported its passage, and continue to do so given the in

7. What else is important to you?

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

I want to stress again the importance of maintaining Auckland quality of life by maintaining and wherever possible increasing services, especially those that impact the most vulnerable, and their ability to negotiate upcoming climate and economic crises.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing youth services and earlier child education is not in benefit our future. More crime will come with this

Art galleries, zoo and art events are part of nz

Culture program means that we acknowledge diversity

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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:

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, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: Local events keep us connected with each other

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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

More support for people with disabilities and in general to education.

Our children are our future and the ones who will pay higher rates and live with climate changes

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Trying to catch a bus from the outer suburbs on a Sunday night is already grim enough. I rely on public transport for my health needs and for rehabilitation suppport.

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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: Silly to sell in the current market, short term thinking.

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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. It is a fallacy to manage local government borrowing like household debt; we need to fund infrastructure, rather than worrying about the next election cycle.

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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 doesn't sound like enough really.

5. Local Boards

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?** Other

Tell us why: I support all key priorities listed.

I do not support any cuts to libraries or arts and cultural services. Council should set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt

If funding for local board 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 programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community programme delivery is essential and needed.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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• 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 support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

I do not support cuts to libraries, CAB or arts and culture services.

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million
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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Albert-Eden 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?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Sports and activities in parks

Tell us why these are most important to you: Provide art access and enterteinment

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.	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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Gutting services which largely serve those on lower incomes just so you can keep rates increases low is effectively stealing from the poor and giving to the rich. How about you grow some backbone and lean on those who have unfairly benefited from an out of control housing market instead of once again offloading the burden onto people who are already struggling. These changes would destroy decades of cultural development and support for underprivileged people. Further widening the chasm of inequality in this country. This entire budget is disgusting, shortsighted and morally weak.

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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: After years of investment in massive improvements to the airport it seems shortsighted to sell before any benefits of that investment might be gained. Once again selling assets for a quick buck will only benefit the wealthy.

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: Gutting services which largely serve those on lower incomes just so you can keep rates increases low is effectively stealing from the poor and giving to the rich.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not decrease these vital services, public transport, community programs or Auckland Unlimited. I depend on these services for my business. My transport nvad my wellbeing.

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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 these assets will appreciate, its a bad time to sell and the dividend can be used to offset debt repayment

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: Better to pay for today's costs today

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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: Obviously necessary

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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

Tell us why: Stay focused on the 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?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our environment and our people need protection

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Least important

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Pay for today's costs today, improve assets where you can and prioritise effective community initiative

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any. Times are tough, we need all the social support and community building we can get. Services for low income people are not what we should be cutting.

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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: Long term it is better to keep the asset. Short term solution to a long term problem

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: With the housing growth we have had the infrastructure hasn't keep up. Rate increases and more funding towards capital expenditure is need.

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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

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

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 all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community facilities, services and activities, Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

Reducing any kind of public transport.

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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: this is not a great time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market

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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- 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: Cuts to services are far from an inevitability; they’re irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis.

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: We need to future proof for climate related crises. The flooding had huge effects on peoples lives and we had no idea what to do. I ended up stuck in town with no where to shelter and no way home.

5. Local Boards

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why: The reduction of gallery funding would mean basically closing it down?? it is just being rebuilt?

Seems silly.

And silly to change climate choices including education & community responses/facilities for 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community events & art programmes bring necessary culture to areas. Why visit a space with nothing going on. Climate action and low carbon lifestyles are seen as alternative and need to be the norm.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Parking tickets & charges. There is a car in my area that parks on yellow lines that they have painted over every day. And tickets for running red lights. This happens at pretty much every single traffic light.

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.	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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• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Reducing public transport while the rail rebuild is happening is so stupid. Not having trains in areas already is putting so much more pressure on buses and traffic. The bus system should be revamped and structured rather than cutting services

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cutting funding to arts and culture in Auckland. We are only just becoming an amazing place to visit for those reasons

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

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? 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

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Increase debt, not 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: Not as esnible time in the market to sell, increase debt instead.

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:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Also support the continuation of cycling initiatives

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reduction of services, such as tourism and investment would cripple Auckland's ability to bring tourists to the area, and increase the number of external investors who would likely go elsewhere. The spending of funds to bring investors over has a slow return on investment, but will likely benefit the city in the long-term. Furthermore, tourism continues to be Nz's most important industry and a reduction in services catering to this will likely have a wider impact on other services such as hospitality and tourism providers. Reducing transportation needs is also against the publics interest in reducing the countries carbon footprint and goes against the 'clean, green, 100% pure' image we, as a nation, are trying to promote the world. The services TAU and AT provide are vital. Yes they could do with better oversight and money spent better, but removing these would hurt the city in the long-term, despite the short-term monetary gains.

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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 off shares means there is not a reduction in services provided to the Auckland area. The airport could benefit from further investment from interested private individuals.

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: With the coming increase in wages across the country, most households should be able to deal with the increase in rates. Reducing the water quality would potentially be a disastrous idea if we have further flooding issues and would likely impact on the po

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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 weather events have shown that Auckland's infrastructure isn't up to standard. However, this also includes all services Auckland provides, including public transport.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Why do we need a library? Most people have computers and access to alternative materials. I agree with reducing emissions by reducing the amount of mowing required, however this should not take away from the need for open spaces and trees

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are important for the environment and our commitment to a cleaner city.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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? 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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Waitematā Local Board

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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 our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt

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

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Tell us why: I oppose the cuts to local boards and think that the funding should not be reduced for any of the boards

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these offer long-term benefits to the local community but these three also offer long term benefits to the local community AND local ecosystems

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR - there should be a higher investment in all forms of public transport, buses in particular. It's ridiculous that not only is there a planned cut to CATR but AT itself is proposing to cut buses also. We need well-funded public transport, many of us r

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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: These shares are valuable and give Auckland multiple seats on the AIAL board and dividends over many years. It is a shortsighted idea to sell these for quick gains - especially now in a market downturn. AIAL controls a large amount of land and is one of

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't want any of the reductions in funding to occur.

This is NOT the time to reduce funding in public transport services, Auckland Council needs to increase these public transport services to ensure it meets its' commitment to meet emission targets set out in the long term plan.

I do not want to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further $27.5 million. Reducing economic development and tourism promotion would be counterproductive.

I would support increase pricing at council run golf courses to generate additional income and small pricing increases to venues such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland.

I would also support a large increase to international visitor levies/taxes to raise additional revenue.

I do not support 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 services are essential for maintaining Auckland's social fabric.

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

Reducing regional contestable grants to save $3 million

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

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

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

Tell us why: This is not the time to consider selling AIA shares. The shares are at a low point in the market, once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

In addition the shares are owned by Auckland citizen

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: The Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use 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.

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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: It is very important to me that we invest in storm-water infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why: I oppose cuts to these important environmental and community services.

I do support the local board investigating additional areas suitable for low-mow / no-mow programming to reduce emissions and maintenance costs and improve soil quality and biodiversi

If funding for local board 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), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: The above are all important apart from the last proposal related to no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

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? I am extremely concerned with the proposed reprioritisation to the Climate Action targeted rate changes o which was established just last year with overwhelming public support.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I am very concerned at the councils budget recommendations to reduce services and reduced commitment to climate change and the selling of airport shares.

In particular I am opposed to the reduction of public transport, Citizen Advice Bureaus, community

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

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

I support buses, CABs, community gardens, climate action, empowering local boards. Councils should invest in these things.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The council should stick to its core business

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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 shares is not the Council core business

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 are already high

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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?

Get COO's cut down to size....especially the barely competent ....Eke Panuku and ATEED

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding for community cultural and creative initiatives would mean depriving communities who cannot afford to pay for these events, no access to cultural and creative 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: Seems a particularly short-sighted decision

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: Rate rises are always political meaning we needed to increase these more steadily over the last decades

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Tell us why:A no-brainer

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Tell us why: The most possible of the options available

If funding for local board 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 programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: Supporting our young people is vital

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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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: A city is about people living in an enriching environment. Art galleries, zoos, libraries should be readily accessible for all residents.

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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 it is sold it is sold. Let's keep our assets and possibly harness more revenue from them.

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Tell us why:

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce arts and culture and community support services. Reducing these as well as local board funding is a double 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? 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: Prefer combination of increased debt and slightly increased rates.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Do not support cuts to arts and community support as these are also proposed to be cut at the council level so represents too much of a risk. Local funding is invaluable in these areas.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community must be supported at the local level, and local waterways must be improved - this applies to all Local Boards

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Building improvements should be put on hold.

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What do you think of these proposals? Operational spending: please do not make changes to the arts and community funding as there are no other sources for these. and once gone I do not have confidence that they would be renewed. Events, artists and the most vulnerable are essential parts of l

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: CAB services are invaluable to a huge majority of Aucklanders whom cannot afford to pay for legal advice. I've used when getting legal advice for poorly run Body Corporate Property Management decisions eg hiring workman who do not know the building code. With more apartments in Auckland being built, Body Corporate issues will rise

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Tell us why: Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of what they consider 'affordable' (that is, less than 5% of the median annual household inco

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You are cutting support to what is valuable in our city. I take public transport 90% of the time (i.e. going to work, doing errands, etc) and the current reduction in transport services is already taking a toll on us. I am also particularly concerned that you plan to reduce the funding for community empowerment and funding for youth centres.

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Tell us why:please invest in storm water infrastructure, especially after the huge flooding.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: After the recent storm events, i feel that we should put priority on climate action and sustainability. Our local community centre, Ellen Melville, and and the people that makes the community programme delivery happen goes hand in hand - i am a big suppor

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate Action Targeted Rate feedback - please do not cut hundreds of buses a day! I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We talk about saving for a rainy day. This is the rainy day (literally).

Cost reductions during a climate crisis is unthinkable. Cutting funding to public transport, to economic development, regional events, regional contestable grants, will devastate Auckland's future. At a time when young people and families are fleeing Auckland due to unaffordable rent and excruciatingly painful day-to-day experiences getting from A to B, this is not the time to be cutting funding to the very things that are designed to alleviate these problems.

What's more, cutting funding to our culture, arts, and community sectors guts Auckland of the things that Auckland is so prized for - our rich cultural diversity, the festivals, our arts and theatre scene. These are the very things I chose to move to Auckland for. After you've saved all that money, what is left of the city?

What's more, the current amount of debt is small relative to the total assets that Auckland Council owns. Even if it might seem like a big number in isolation, it must be taken in context of the bigger picture - it is a serviceable, and in fact quite low percentage. It is a given that life will be harder under climate change, due to our inaction over the past 30 years - we are paying the cost now. If we want to minimise future costs, the best way forward is to invest now, and not waste yet another decade while the people of Auckland bear the brunt of climate change.

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Tell us why: It would be sold at a low price, and it would be very hard to get back in the future. What's more, as an island nation, the airport is a connection to the outside world. Having some public stake in it means that it's not entirely operating on a for-profit

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Tell us why: While heavy investments in stormwater infrastructure are obviously, painfully important, I'd also like to point out that providing clear guidance and communication during extreme weather events is also part of storm response.

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Tell us why: I am unclear how prioritising programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment is consistent with the proposed massive cuts to community delivery programmes such as City Centre

Network, Cultural Events, Social Housing Commu

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I absolutely oppose any reductions to climate action, sustainability, and environmental education. This must be the top priority. Aucklanders need more investment in education and enablement to make the lifestyle changes necessary for a sustainable future

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? This is the wrong question - it is not the time for saving more, it is the time for leveraging our debt and rates to invest in a future where we're ideally not paying for an extreme weather event every few months.

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What do you think of these proposals? I am extremely disappointed that the Council is using the Climate Action Targeted Rate to reduce costs to Auckland Transport. It is actually abhorrent, that the very rate that is collected from ratepayers for the purposes of reducing our emissions is bein

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Climate change is the #1 issue facing all of us today, and every day into the future. For the sake of all Aucklanders, especially our rangitahi, especially those who don't own big fancy houses in nicely-draining neighbourhoods, please keep the next 10 yea

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Public transport is crucial to a city which is livable, environmentally friendly, and attractive to tourists. Thousands of people depend on it, and cutting investment is the *exact* opposite direction that we should be taking.

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Tell us why: The flooding greatly affected many of my friends living near the strand. Some of them were forced to leave their homes and search for a place to live while studying full time at the University of Auckland. Increasing the operating budget to prepare for fu

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Tell us why: I oppose the suggestion that these crucial public services can be cut. The only reasonable course of action is to reject the funding reduction.

If funding for local board 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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these services are important and the suggestion that only three can survive the austerity budget is insulting.

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What do you think of these proposals? all areas should have food waste collection available

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After the declaration of a climate emergency the proposed budget cannot be wilful ignorance. We *need* to invest in the future, in public transport, in the environment, in education, in arts, and in our city. Cutting vital services and selling assets is n

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Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I strongly condemn these cost reductions. The effect of such a sizeable 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, rather , now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Our arts events — such as the current, brilliant and popular Auckland Arts Festival — live music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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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

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: Climate change mitigation should be at the top of any list of priorities.

We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from Covid-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt ou

If funding for local board 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

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?

Reduction in Cultural Events

Without funding, most of Auckland’s cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and

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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

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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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Continuing reduced number of public transport services is simply unacceptable, climate change is here, we need to stop driving cars, we have the least liveable city in that respect and it unfairly penalises the most vulnerable in society; elderly who can no longer drive, disabled, people who can't afford to drive or uber. It's an unconscionable proposal from the council and mayor and demonstrates their appalling lack of ethics and regards for well-being and safety.

On a personal note, I, a young female student, have been left numerous times after a 12-14 hour shift at the hospital, with either a flat phone battery or no money to afford Uber's home (my student allowance barely covers rent) and all buses at 10 pm for the next 40 minutes to an hour have been cancelled, and I have been forced to walk 50 minutes home in the dark. I think this policy is jeopardising public safety and you will have an incident.

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Tell us why: The airport stock is at a low point in the market and airport traffic is fast rising to pre-covid levels. The shares in the 5 years preceding 2019 generated returns of 22.6%/ year, which also dwarfs the cost of debt at around 4-5%.

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Tell us why: Need to both 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: I oppose all proposed cuts, the proposals are horrific.

As stated earlier, climate change is here. Stopping funding for community climate change and sustainability, reduced pest control, stopping funding for waste minimisation and reducing funding for m

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I genuinely use the library frequently - its a good place for me to study and I borrow books, I'd be personally impacted.

I have repeated myself from previous comments but the climate change-denying proposals are unconscionable. Climate change is here, w

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What do you think of these proposals? Compost/ food scrap services should be extended and available all throughout Auckland - we need a unified collective shift, to minimise climate change, continuing to generate methane through landfill of foodscraps is not all good... Council is well behin

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Climate change needs to be a priority, and we need to start attempting to minimise its effect and plan properly to protect society, this involves spending money, which would be a responsible spend.

As listed above, the food scrap service needs to be ext

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Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No culture , childcare or transport? Yeah, nah.

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Tell us why: Low market! Why sell now?

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Tell us why: Considering the floods I would hate to interrupt tennis again from poor infrastructure

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Again the local councillors seem to be the more competent stewards

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

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Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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Tell us why: Don't sell your shares, numpties.

If you're strapped for cash, you don't sell your passive earners.

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Tell us why: Specifically, increase rates for people who own more than one dwelling.

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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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from Covid-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change concerns

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Not sure, but:

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

Reduction in Cultural Events

Without funding, most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and c

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Tell us why: AIL is a strategic asset paid for by generations of Aucklanders. It should be left in city ownership for future generations. Instead, consider selling golf course land as few Aucklanders benefit.

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

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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've seen the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle firsthand and it is devastating, I absolutely support increasing operating budget if it means a better response in future!

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These all align with my beliefs. Living by the Leys Institute Library it's very exciting to see that this is being prioritised!

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think climate action and education is so important in the face of global warming, particularly given recent events. It's important to prioritise activities that combat this and encourage eco lifestyles.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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I believe all areas should have food waste collection available.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 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:

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:improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: AIA share generally provide a return to Auckland Council. Selling them is short sighted and does not help future generations benefit from the return.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I prefer that Auckland Council does not proceed with any reduction. These are all critical services that benefit aucklanders, many of which cannot be provided by anyone else. Of particular concern is the cut to public transport which is of critical importance given the need to reduce emissions to mitigate the impact of climate change, as well as to improve general health and wellbeing in creating a livable city.

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

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

Tell us why: Selling the interest in Auckland Airport means losing any gains from dividends and share price increases for all aucklanders in perpetuity. Instead, debt should be reduced by selling or rezoning non-productive assets that only benefit a small proportion o

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

Tell us why: Both make general rates higher and make better use of debt in order to avoid cutting critical services

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Tell us why: Proceed but increase the operating budget by more than 20 million in order to proportionally respond to the risk that storms, flooding and natural disasters pose to Aucklanders.

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wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are of critical importance and none should be cut.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the rediculous amount of community consultation, rework and kowtowing and just get on with actions and projects that evidence suggests need doing

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What do you think of these proposals? One off fee to change bin should only be to make bin larger.

Food scrap bins should be free to encourage use.

In terms of bus service funding it is unclear what is meant by change. All bus services which encourage PT use should be fully funded.

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Tupuna Maunga should be empowered to do what they believe is necessary and important for the Taonga of mana whenua.

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Tell us why: get rid of it - use it to improve things and not cut so much.

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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 are rate rises so much lower than inflation? that makes no sense. you are artificially reducing council budgets... seems like a politically/conservative driven view, rather than a sensible one. rates should always rise by at least the inflation rate.

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Tell us why:see...when you cut things back there are consequences. don't cut back things Council does... raise revenue!

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Tell us why: i support cutting local board funding as they are a ridiculous duplication of the council which shouldnt exist. they dont need their own budgets.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: these are normal, sensible things to spend money on - the basic services.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? just eliminate local board budgets - centralise it all and there will be savings. (ideally you would eliminate local boards, but i know that can't be done)

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What do you think of these proposals? increase rates by at least inflation!

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don't cut council services... you are not looking hard enough at things you spend money on/own which could be sold to make a lot of money (like golf courses!)

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These areas involve the most people across the region. Everyone has waste, libraries are free community spaces that provide wide ranging services essential to our most vulnerable communities. Local grants can target specific communities of need.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree with reducing any funding to the Auckland Zoo, Art Gallery, Libraries, Citizens Advice Bureau, stadiums or venues. I also feel that reducing funding to community and education programmes is a mistake

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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 is a valuable resource for all Aucklanders and we need to keep some if not all of it in council ownership

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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

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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 remember that community is everything - we are social beings and anything that diminishes our ability to interact with each other diminishes us as a society. Attempting to reduce 'easy' options like libraries, the zoo, CAB is short sighted and ill

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants

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

What is the purpose of a Council if it does not support & enable its people? I was born in Christchurch and raised in Wellington. What are the most prominent memories I have about these cities at a fundamental level? The ease of accessibility to public transport. The city galleries, always at the heart of the city, the art guarded by a beautiful, grandiose building. The city libraries where I spent countless hours after school, listening to CD's, or trawling through art books, and translating french novels. The feeling of safety and calmness I would feel entering those spaces, and my appreciation for them now, the safe haven they provided for me.

I do not support any of these cost reductions. I cannot begin to imagine a more dry, barren place Auckland would become if any of these services weren't funded by the council. One of the biggest reasons I decided to move to Auckland was because I always felt like there was more happening here in the Arts & Entertainment sectors: and I wanted to be a part of it. Taking funding away from this sector now is the last thing that should be happening. We need to nourish the people of Auckland, and bring them together, not divide and isolate us even further. A cost of living crisis is even more of a reason that the council should be continuing with this funding.

The trickle-down effect of stopping this funding would be massive. Hospitality, public transport, retail, and arts & entertainment are all linked. If one suffers, consequentially, all suffer. The events that happen in Auckland attract people from around New Zealand, and the world. Auckland would lose a large amount of tourism, which helps to generate revenue, positively affecting the economy. People simply won't travel to Auckland if there are no events, negatively impacting our local economy.

This isn't just a case of cutting funding. This is a case of upholding social well-being, quality of life, inclusion, and celebrating all of the different cultures & people that make Auckland City the best Auckland City it can be. Now is the time for us to invest in a community-focused Auckland, because if we don't do it now, we lose it in the long run.

Do not proceed with not directly funding early childhood education services! The little ones are the ones who need education the most! Aucklanders need help right now! Not to have funding taken away from them! Its only $1 million! In the bigger scheme of things is it really worth taking that away?

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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: Lets hold onto this asset while we can. With the economy in such turmoil, now is not the time to consider selling our assets. The economy ebbs and flows, and eventually it will turn around and the shares Auckland Council hold in the airport will generate

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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: Yes! Increase the operating budget by $20 million each year. We need this type of spending to future-proof our cities in the wake of a climate crisis.

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste management rates changes: All households in Auckland should have food waste collections.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing social services right now is an irresponsible move. Likewise, arts and culture funding. Does the mayor understand a city is not just a business? It is orders of magnitude more complex, and more important

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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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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A city is more than a business. Austerity measures targeting environmental action, arts, and community building will only achieve a diminished living experience for Aucklanders. Use debt as necessary and continue to pressure central government to fund se

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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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I did not see accountability for where money has gone or the reasons for the blow out. Cutting or reducing some of the operational spending for the listed entities should not be punishment to rate payers for bad overpaid management. . Restructure management, the new city tunnel has no budget accountability, stop wasting millions on projects that don't go ahead. Wasting millions on road and cycle ways in the city only to be removed after 5 years and then redone. Roads that are falling apart a month after they are put down and need to be relayed.

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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: Sell shares or increase rates, this is lazy balancing of the books.

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

Tell us why: Already paying too much for amenities I don't use and not getting the amenities I would love to have. I am 63 years old and live in the city in a 164 unit apartment building where each apartment pays rates instead of over the land GV value. I pay for s

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: Our stormwater and drainage did not cope with the January floods in the city at high tide. Keeping these maintained and upgraded should be a priority.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Yes improve water quality and more community police in the city to stop the professional beggars. Help get noise pollution down in the city at night. Beach Road is more populated per head per square metre than any suburb yet no consideration is given 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?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: If library service's means Citizen Advice Bureau then I support keeping it. Not everyone can afford legal advice, and CAB are great at pointing you in the right direction or sending you relevant links to find information. And it is great having somewhe

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Money for local budgets should help the wider community, not small pockets of groups.

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What do you think of these proposals? I did not support the number of buses on the road during Covid. Empty buses even double decker buses on their regular routes when no one was around to use them. Bad planning and waste of tax payers money.

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

1.Don't let mangroves take over our beautiful harbours and waterways. They where not therefore before so no reason to let them creep any further.

2. AT Education and signage of the basic walk, cycle, drivers rules. KEEP TO YOUR LEFT . We are a multi cu

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I strongly oppose the proposal to cut funding from the Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB provides invaluable services to the most vulnerable in our society, many of whom have nowhere else to go or even if they do, are not aware of it. Additionally thanks to the amazing volunteers who volunteer their time and services at the CAB, every dollar that the council invests in the CAB is returned multiple times over, something that can be said for very little, if any, other council spending.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Many of these services are invaluable to lower income communities, and reductions will hit these communities disproportionately. In particular, public transport, childcare and social services such as the CAB should all be improved, not reduced, to stop the disadvantaged peoples of our city from falling even further behind. Without these, it is harder for working people to find and keep employment, and they are at risk of exploitation from employers and landlords if there are not easy-to-access services that can inform them of their rights.

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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

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Ensure that funding cuts to Tataki Auckland Unlimited are well targeted and do not compromise the richness of Auckand's cultural life - ie preserve funding to art gallery, APO etc but NOT to tourist promotion (NZ Govt does this and Auckland is gateway anyway), funding of innercity dance parties 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? 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: Strategically important asset to Auckland; you're selling when share prices are depressed so seems dumb timing.

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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: Bond yield/prices and interest rates are likely to decline from current high over the medium term - effective management of debt over time will help cushion ratepayers during a cost of living crisis. Running up some debt with long term repayment plan ma

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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: Frankly, emergencies should be managed centrally by national govt which can marshall support of police, Army etc. Crazy to devolve this to local agencies all over the country. Leads to current shambolic, inconsistent approach.

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Tell us why: the Leys restoration is a gold-plated joke. Just fix it and reopen it instead of wasting all this extra money for an unspecified future use. the environmental activity is noble but, again, why is it for a local council and not a matter for national agen

If funding for local board 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 grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries vital to communities. Local grants hopefully assess areas of community need. the rest of these are worthy but unnecessary in current environment. the council is not the EPA - we already have a Ministry for the Environment.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? As above, focusing on basics and your core mandate instead of the massive scope creep and vanity projects you fund.

Also your administration is bloated - for example, why do you need so many comms people for an organisation that is only locally focused,

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What do you think of these proposals? None of these things are needed in current environment - they're not mission critical. cut your cloth.

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I appreciate the challenge for Mayor and others to blow up all these sacred cows but it just feels like you are not taking the hard decision and just opting to soak ratepayers. the only genuine service i receive is a weekly rubbish collection which is pr

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing 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

Losing the arts and support for our communities will not benefit our city already under immense pressure from the climate crisis. Taking money from these programs is like putting a band aid on a present problem, and leaving it to future leaders to clean up when we see the long term effects of these budget cuts.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Dont cut arts funding, dont cut Citizen's Advice Bureau funding

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Tell us why: time to borrow and invest, not austerity, no better time to borrow than now - low interest, good credit rating

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Tell us why: While I support these priorites, i do not support reduction in funding of local bodies. Also why is there nothing in priorities about increasing public transport options (increasing public safetiy, more open space = better amenities for local hospitalit

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535 hectares of golf courses around Auckland valued at 2.9 billion dollars. - maybe a few savings could be made there, rather than slashing the budget for CAB which helps hundreds of thousands Aucklanders every year and costs a fraction. In these difficul

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Tell us why:

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Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why:increase the budget and allocate the additional costs to rateable properties according to the degree of environmental risk in that area. To share these costs equally creates moral hazard and penalises cautious folk who make wise choices about where to liv

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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 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?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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? Drop all accommodation grants and other forms of social welfare. Its not Auckland Council's role.

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What do you think of these proposals? Lobby government for powers to push the complete cost of environmental enforcement activities on to offenders. i.e. actual investigation costs, prosecution cost (on a client/solicitor basis including cost of inhouse lawyers), remedial costs, etc. Go har

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Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for 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 shatter. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

As a professional actor who relies on arts funding to stay employed, these funding cuts would likely make my job impossible and force me to change careers. Arts and culture is incredibly important to keep alive. We should understand the value of this sector even more than before, given how much many of us suffered during lockdowns without the sense of community arts and culture provides. This is a necessity for our communities.

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I speak as an Auckland resident and someone who has used and advised many friends and members of my family to use the service the CAB provides - they are amazing!

I am in my late 60s and someone and recently retired. I have rarely accessed government support throughout my life, but having retired and now living on pension income, I reached out to my local CAB to better understand my entitlements. I understand I could have talked to a recording at MSD or MBIE, whcih I tried to get through to on several occassions, but in terms of my mental wellbeing, I 100%preferred to talk to a human being and I received an empathetic, knowledgable and swift response. I am now able to manage my retirement in full knowledge of my entitlements and it has greatly reduced my stress and anxiety around the future - this is rarely the outcome when I have to deal with faceless local or central government agencies.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't own a car, so i heavily rely on our Public Transport Network to be frequent and reliable. The new reduced time table is already really bad, to lock this in would have such a negative impact to me and the city as a whole.

Any cuts to community events and culture programs are also really bad, its one of the things that making living in this City great.

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Tell us why: Why would we sell at a low point in the market?

It would affect our debt to asset ratio

Why is this the thing being sold and not our golf courses.

I use the Airport, but i've never played golf in Auckland.

Its earns us revenue right? Thats seems bad to

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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.

We have been underinvesting in Auckland for far too long, why would continue to down this path of spending too little.

I want to live in a vibrant city that thrives in

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

Tell us why: Storm water infrastructure is so important, lets not skimp on it.

We can also use it as an oppertunity to make Auckland a better place to live, more green space, less tar seal. Become a real sponge city.

Its win / win / win

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Tell us why: Do not cut funding for the local boards. They offer important community services, especially to the less well off.

The CBD already has an issue with homelessness now, how does that look without all the support services.

Plus the events add vibrancy to th

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Tell us why these are most important to you: This is such a stupid question.

The local board offers a range of important services.

I try to live a low carbon lifestyle, and further improvements to that would make my life safer and better (Low traffic zones, more cycleways, more PT)

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? Please please continue committing to climate action. There is no planet B.

Plus it will let us lead better lives, more Cycle Lanes, more public transport, more helping people live low carbon lifestyles

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Im a regular cyclist, i use it to get around, especially on the weekends.

My BIGGEST RISK OF DEATH right now comes from riding on the road at being hit by a car. Why do we waste so much budget on consultation and delay about whether or not i can saf

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Tell us why: Once it's sold it's sold and it will never be owned again.

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

Tell us why: It is essential we are prepared as a city. But what about getting people to reduce emissions to help curb the impact of future storms as well as upgrading storm infrastructure?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I think it's vital that the council invests in infrastructure around public transport, cycling and walking. Auckland is such a great place to live, but the reliance on cars is overwhelming. Please use this opportunity post Cyclone Gabrielle and the floods

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Whilst an increase in my rates is not desirable, it is the only sensible option. In my ideal world, transport should be free to a token gold coin, the same with access to the Zoo, and art galleries 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an integral part of the city. In fact the Port should also be owned by AKL Council.

The shares are currently low in value and it would make more sense to increase the stake, rather than to sell this asset. If the Council want to dump

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

Tell us why: My suggestion is to set the rate increase higher as well as make better use of available debt facilities.

Auckland infrastructure is in a mess because of years of neglect. There is never a better time to bite the bullet than right now. We cannot change

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Tell us why: Drainage and storm water separation are lacking severely behind Auckland's growth in population and increase in density. An annual budget increase, at minimum in line with growth is required for status quo, to fix past shortcomings requires additional i

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Tell us why: Compared to my Youth, life is pretty daunting for today's Youth and most of it is because of lack of action of past Councils.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Whilst it could be entertained that Libraries are a dying art of educating our young, it is inconceivable to give up on providing these resources. With the high inflation, not everyone can afford a Kindle and ebooks. My children, all adults now, almost

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Absolutely!

Why do we have a Mayor? During the recent Emergency is was abandonedly clear that the current incumbent proved to be a total waste of money, demonstrating arrogance and incompetency, definitely better off with reallocating those funds.

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What do you think of these proposals? I was under the impression that the swimming pool inspection fee is already covering its costs. I recall that the 3 yearly inspection fee was now included in the annual rating.

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Tell us why: The dividends from the airport shares currently provide poor returns but when the global economy picks so will dividends. This is a huge strategic asset for Auckland and should not be sold for short term gain.

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

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

REDUCING LOCAL BOARD FUNDED ACTIVITIES

REDUCING REGIONAL SERVICES

ALL of the above provide invaluable funding or services that enrich the lives of Aucklanders. Our city will be less liveable without proper support for its arts and cultural institutions, arts and cultural activities and events, and programs for rangatahi. I work in the creative sector in the intersection between education and the arts, and I have seen many positive outcomes for young people engaging with council funded projects and the ripple effect on their whanau and communities. Despite all the good we do and continued to do throughout the period of the pandemic, the arts sector is grossly undervalued and underfunded, and as such on any reduction in funding, support, or services will be a major blow to our artists, and audiences/participants. I want to continue to live in a vibrant city with a strong creative heart. Do not cut off the lifeline of funding and 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: Sell shares and retain current spending on arts & culture.

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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

Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why: Where are arts and cultural activities supported in these priorities? Where is Rakino island in these 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?) Library opening hours, Local community events, Community grants programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? sell the golf courses

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What do you think of these proposals?

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keep the leisure centres and pools free or low cost

keep the libraries open

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Stop mortgaging the future prosperity of Auckland because you're too scared to annoy today's homeowners and car drivers. A climate emergency like this proves we need to be doing more to progress towards a more sustainable, resilient society rather than sl

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

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This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

Do not proceed with:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā 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-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

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

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Tell us why: I support prioritizing climate change mitigation programmes & investment in public spaces such as acquatic centres and parks.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Early childhood centres, Citizens Advice Bureau, 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.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why: Review planning and building permissions. Prevent building in unsuitable areas eg, floodplains, on or below unstable slopes.

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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 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:

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Reducing budgets for public transport will exacerbate the already poor state of public transport in Auckland and simply discourage more people from using it, when we should be encouraging the opposite. By improving public transport, this leads to increasing users, reduced traffic congestion, lower emissions, and a better quality of life for many people who rely on it. Moreover, reliable and efficient public transport can also help people save money, which will improve their overall cost of living.

2. Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (TAU):

Promoting community events, culture, and arts is essential to keeping Auckland as a city people want to live in. A vibrant arts scene can attract tourists and improve business and quality of life for Aucklanders. Everything TAU manages helps build a sense of community and foster social connections, improving the overall health and well-being of the community.

3. Social and community services:

With recent weather disasters and high cost of living, social and community services will be in demand. Decreasing these services is detrimental for vulnerable populations and has a negative impact on the overall well-being of the community.

4. Local board funded activities:

Similar reasons as the above.

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Tell us why: 'Now is not good time to be selling shares in AIAL, because you are unlikely to get a good price for selling them. The airport industry is still recovering from the pandemic, and in the longer term should bounce back further. Other drawbacks:

- Long-term

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Tell us why: Looking at the options investigated by Council, the highest general rates increase of 13.5% to address the budget pressure equates to approximately $433, or $36 per month. This is affordable compared to medium household income, and can be used to address

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Tell us why:'Investment into water infrastructure is crucial given the recent weather events. We need to invest now to improve:

- Climate resilience: Both in times of heavy rainfall / flooding / storms, and in drought conditions a few years ago. This can reduce the

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These 3 activities have the biggest impact on me personally; However, similar to my response to Question 1, I support keeping local board funded activities, social and community services as per current levels despite the budget situation.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? 'Nothing specific, only general approaches to identifying areas of inefficiency, then exploring opportunities for optimization of services. This could include:

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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: On the fence about this one. It's worth it if it happens every year but this kind of storm only comes around once in a while.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Not sure on #2

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Protection and

restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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Do not get rid of CAB.

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support reducing these funding measures, as they will negatively effect the local economy and devastate Auckland's art, culture and communities.

Art and culture contribute to the wellbeing of our communities. Auckland art and culture has a distinct voice, attracting national and international tourists, boosting the local economy. Those who create art and culture already struggle to produce it because it is not economically valued in our society. Without these funding measures in place, art and culture will be devastated. Consequently, wellbeing will reduce. Art and culture are integral to a well functioning society.

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.

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Tell us why: I'd prefer this over any of the reductions specified in question 1.

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: Increase rates based on % of income. So those who earn more, pay more. It doesn't make sense to arbitrarily increase rates in 'wealthier' or 'central' areas given this will still catch those who cannot afford the increase, essentially penalising poor peop

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

Tell us why: We need to be prepared for the next storm/s

5. Local Boards

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These seem ridiculous in comparison to storm recovery measures and current homelessness in CBD:

Adopt the final design for Leys Institute Library and progress towards physical restoration of the building and associated outdoor space

Continue our most ef

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I particularly care about ongoing support for citizens advice bureau and financial and administration support for Polyfest

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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 these shares are ongoing revenue.

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 both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

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

Tell us why: This is an obvious choice. Our city needs work done after the cyclone. And it will happen again.

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I reiterate my support for ongoing funding for Citizens Advice Bureau. Times are tough and we are going to need this service. 2 million dollars is cheap for the mental health and practical support that CAB gives. Also the 75 thousand for Polyfest along wi

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All of these services are substandard at best; reducing spending on any of them would make them even less appropriate and usable. Any shortfall must be made up elsewhere, and through an increase in revenue.

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.

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

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Tell us why: This is a preferable option for raising funds, rather than having to cut costs. However, maintaining some share ownership holds onto the airport as a public institution which the public has a stake in.

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

Tell us why: Increase the rates for the highest earners, as well as an overall increase, and increase debt. High earners and owners of multiple properties should be paying much higher rates.

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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: Many of the people most negatively affected by the flooding will be the most vulnerable people in our society - it is imperative we collectively support everyone in our recovery plan.

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?) Community development and support, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: These services are critical to long term wellbeing and functioning of community - without people getting access to essential support, services, and with out the land and environment, everything else will fail.

We need services such as the CITIZENS ADVIC

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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

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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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? It is essential that 'Accommodation provider targeted rate' is not reduced - keeping the costs of access to these spaces is necessary to keep attendance numbers up. If the cost becomes prohibitive, use will drop further and the services, institutions may

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?

Do not cut funding to the CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, it is a highly valuable essential service, for well off and vulnerable Aucklanders alike. Defunding it will cost Aucklands huge amounts in the long run and create massive amounts of harm.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: None of these reductions should be proceeded with. On the contrary, funding for social and community development, youth programs and the arts should be increased. We must recognise that the youth are the future—if we do not support them adequately through education and leadership programs etc., society will not improve. Whoever came up with these reductions (mayoral office) has NOT adequately thought through the consequences of these reductions. Cutting support for arts and community engagement would also cause dissociation from society. This would exacerbate exisiting issues such as crime rates and increase social divides.

Furthermore, most of these funding cuts will negatively impact the lower working class the most. This will increase the wealth gap and class divides.

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Use the money from these shares to keep the funding for social programs and educational initiatives (as above).

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Inflation is 7.2%. Rates increase should go beyond inflation, otherwise there will not be a significant impact.

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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 believe more should be done to reduce harmful climate emissions. Prevent these storms from happening as much as we can, instead of building infrastructure to cope with the result of climate change. Prevent the problem before it happens and you will spen

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities align with my values and I believe they will bring good social 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: We have to protect the environment now—we CANNOT wait for the future generation to do it. Community and arts engagement are doubly important to foster a sense of belonging.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You need to reduce operating spending further. There is a culture of excess within Auckland council and this budget gap should be the catalyst to severally reduce the bloated and ineffectual workforce.

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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 don't influence Auckland airport policy so the shareholding is if no benefit

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 rates and reduce your operating downs to match the income you have. That's how the real world works

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

Tell us why: Increase the budget and find the funds from savings within existing operating spend. You are a bloated organization - there is a lot of efficiency to be found

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: When you can't afford it you stop spending on the nice to haves. I see you are still spending on non core council activities.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Get rid of them all if you can't afford them

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop building cycle ways. The area is too hilly for most and the return for the cost is unjustifiable

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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 spend our money as if it was your own. A council should focus on providing excellent core services at a fair price. The pet projects and non core activities are overdone and should be sacrificed

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You will not improve Auckland Transport by cutting funding and services, you'll only succeed at reducing bus use, increasing road use and exacerbating traffic. Both people who bus, and people who drive, rely on these services functioning to get to work on time.

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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 assets -which we will never be able to afford to buy again- at one of the worst low points in the market in recent history is just financially incompetent. Genuinely demented. Whoever suggested this should probably not be taken seriously.

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Tell us why: Council should both 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: I oppose the cuts to our 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and

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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? All areas should have food waste collection available to them.

We should be investing in more buses, trains, cycleways and walkways to fix the overwhelming traffic failures of this city and make it a actually pleasant to live in.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not cut any funding for Early Childhood Education services or funding for youth centres which essential for the stability & integrity of most of the City's future citizens.

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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 grow and it would unwise sell it for a short term gain vs long term lost earnings from future developments. Also as time goes on there will be less available space close by the City for any real competition.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Although the average household income in The City is increasing, landlords will inevitably pass any rate increases onto their tenants which in turn raises the cost of living.

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

Tell us why: The City has no choice but to go ahead and and be prepared for any future natural disaster.

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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 waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and

wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support to reduce additional opening hours at the Central Library and Grey Lynn Library.

I support the Environmental Restoration and Pest Control because this is a commitment towards the Predator Free 2050 project.

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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I am not alone in the view so far that AT has taken a big cut of the ‘pie’ and that needs to be sincerely taken into account when reviewing the ‘Big budget picture’.

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Tell us why: I can see the need to tackle debt and agree with this measure as it does not result in increasing costs and/or making many Aucklanders more impoverished, unlike cuts to social services (which will do this)

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Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a hard list as these are all important to the community and frankly what the council is there to do - support its people and help them thrive. But we must press on with climate related measures, including alternative modes of transport.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Consider some road maintenance funding being diverted. And take on more debt if needed - the council can take on more and should consider this as a way to help Aucklanders by maintaining important community services and continuing to prioritise urgent iss

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Wellington is sensitive to Aucklanders' votes this year given a) all the lockdowns, b) the recent flooding etc. Make a case for discrete funding on certain areas from central govt - now is the time they might actually say yes. And please don't just try to

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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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What is your preference on our proposal to 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?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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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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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rally against finding cuts to the arts. This industry is really struggling after COVID and needs support from local government to continue providing cultural events for all residents

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

Tell us why: Sell them all, let the community buy them. The airport basically prints money. Their shares are a good investment.

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

Tell us why: This is your job to figure out - not mine!

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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

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?)

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?

Public transport should be a major priority for Auckland Council. Local government of today needs to address P/T

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: In particular, I do not support the cuts to public transport services. Auckland has so many congestion issues that a reliable and efficient public transport system would alleviate. Personally, I don't use public transport as often as I'd like to only because it's not reliable and efficient enough compared to a private vehicle, even though long-term owning a vehicle is costly and detrimental to the environment. More people using public transport would also increase productivity as it would mean fewer hours per person wasted sitting in a car on a commute. Cutting costs to public transport would only increase personal fuel and car maintenance expenditures and does nothing to help the cost of living crisis we are currently facing.

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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? Other

Tell us why: The council should both set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt.

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

Tell us why: Auckland's stormwater infrastructure is clearly severely lacking given the recent events. It is crucial to bring these up to an acceptable standard to prevent similar issues from occurring again in the future.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining cuts public transport is terrible! Auckland needs to continue investment in arts. The Tate Gallery show at Auckland Art Gallery is stunning!

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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: Recovery WITHOUT austerity

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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 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This will have a huge negative impact on a post covid, already struggling society when we need these services the most. The impacts will be long term and will cost far in the end. Again always so reactive, no foresight or planing with future state in mind.

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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 need to maintain a level of control of our local ports to secure long term interests of our city. The dividends will outweigh the sale long term and the value will continue to grow. Again, extremely short term thinking, very frustrating.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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, 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.

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My key point is :

Do not proceed with:

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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Tell us why: I support the environmental priorities to clean up and improve our part of Auckland. I support the restoration of the Leys Institute Library as a heritage icon in the area the site of an invaluable library service

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Get the house in order - with 30+% increase in staff numbers over past decade, increased number of staff on pay scales above average wage and 4x unelected Maori seats - address these as a priority! Just as in all Auckland businesses, the highest costs ACC face are in (1) occupation costs and (2) staff salaries. Get rid of staff. Every Auckland business has had to do so - ACC has not even attempted! Also shave off occupation costs by placing staff in long-term occupational commitments such as libraries, sell off redundant buildings such as the Takapuna old library.....

Once this has been addressed, ratepayers will actually evidence a genuine effort to reduce overheads and be more aligned to further cuts, as outlined above - integrity is everything and right now, ratepayers taking yet another 'hit' when the obvious is not even on the table nor being addressed, does not bode support, just dissent!

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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, pay down debt, saving the us circa $87 million a year in interest payments. It's what all households have had to do these past years - SELL ASSETS to pay down debt!! How ACC doesn't 'get' this is beyond comprehension! ACC is absolutely the same a

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why: Solve our long-term issues - infrastructure! It's not sexy, does not secure votes due to the length of time needed to view outcome, but PAINT THE ROOF, BEFORE IT BECOMES EVEN MORE DECREPIT!

GET RID OF ALL EXPENDITURE ON MAORI-FYING ALL LETTERHEADS, ENTI

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

Tell us why: Get the Green Party to secure government funds - it's their rhetoric and demands that have funds going in all directions to halt climate change, have central government fund.

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Tell us why: Reduce and squeeze back as much maintenance as safe - in all households and businesses, costs are shaved - hired plants and the rental rug at the front door are returned, the hedge trimming becomes bi-yearly, not annual, the house gets painted every 8 yea

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are the most under-utilized facility - make them multi-use with ACC staff based there, CABs, Arts.....encourage voluntary management of libraries (reduce any salaries), have libraries the hub of community activities, the base of all entities tha

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? DOWNSIZE STAFF, GET RID OF 4X UNELECTED MAORI SEATS, MAKE MANY SIX-FIGURE SALARIED STAFF REDUNDANT....this is what businesses have had to do, it's long past ACC's use-by-date to do same (bearing in mind that during covid, staff DID NOT go onto 4-day weeks

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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? All of these are discretionary spending - get rid of the climate outcomes whilst we are insolvent, address them when we stop breathing underwater.....food scrap initiative - does not work for families, we have way more waste than what can be put into tho

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?

Get rid of the Maori-itization of everything - put that funding into constructive remedial work on infrastructure, reduce staff to skeleton level (as have all businesses paying their salaries), retrench occupational costs ..... and only then is integrity

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save $22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable 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. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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:

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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 arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Aotea/Great Barrier 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:

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:

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?)

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**?

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?) Environment volunteer programmes, Arts and culture programmes, Library-based programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?

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, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?**

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, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why:

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

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 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?) Funding arts and culture groups, Environmental restoration and pest control, 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, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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
3	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
2	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
4	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
5	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

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

Manurewa Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by $16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding**, what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support 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?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration and pest control 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?)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Ōrākei Local Board

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

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?**

Tell us why:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Reduction in Cultural Events

Without funding, most of Auckland’s cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and c

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not cut funding from any arts, libraries. These are the heart of our city - in fact any 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: Would be nice to hang on to some shares, however money has to come from somewhere.

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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: Climate change is here. We need to be prepared.

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: A lot of these can be done within the community itself.

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? Scrap the swimming pool check completely or make it once off to check the pool is safe upon installation. Most people drown elsewhere.

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 remove support from the CAB. This is an essential service for our 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting transport to the current levels is very short sighted. Having better public transport will benefit everyone, many people I know are using their cars again due to the reduced levels. We need to increase spend and investment in transport rather than cut it. It will reduce congestion and ultimately a good public transport system will benefit everyone.

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Tell us why: Again very short sighted. Share are ultimately a revenue for the long term and the benefits of holding onto them will only increase over time. I prefer a rates increase.

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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: Most Aucklanders an afford a further increase in rates. If we can use that money to improve transport, roads and keep our share holding in the airport then I think it is much better for everyone to chip in a bit more a pay higher 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:

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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 think the role of council could definitely be smaller, so in many ways I agree with cutting staff numbers and responsibilities. For example, that live lightly program is a complete waste of time and money as EECA and central government already play tha

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support the reduced funding of libraries.

TAU is being asked to save $44.5million not $27.5million, please update your form to be accurate so people are feeding back on the accurate information.

I would not reduce arts funding - both to Auckland Art Gallery or to smaller arts community events and grants. This would result in loss of income for many artists, musicians, events organisers. Many of who are already impacted from covid.

I also do not think that staffing should be reduced at Auckland Art Gallery. This is already under-resourced and stretched to care for one of Aucklands best assets. The gallery also relies on external private funding to deliver its programme. The events and exhibitions that are curated at Auckland Art Gallery enrich all of Tamaki, not just the city centre, and encourage tourism from wider NZ to the city.

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Tell us why:I do not support the reduced funding of storm water management or parks - my personal property was flooded because of the current bad storm water management and overflow from a park four streets over from my house. This needs to be solved.

I do not sup

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

Tell us why: 'Set a lower increase by finding additional savings by:

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Tell us why: Retain the proposed budget as a contingency and use it for debt reduction if unused

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Tell us why: Defer plantings, community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment projects. It is critical that the Leys Institute building is not allowed to become derelict

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Undertake a review of rubbish and recycling bins in use to ensure that properties only have bins that they are entitled to or are paying for. There are numerous properties that have and use multiple bins, without paying for them.

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Tell us why: There are other options and combos. Eg higher rates and greater debt. Embrace three waters as it benefits Auckland fiscally , enables infrastructure development and makes sense environmentally. The ongoing pollution of our beaches is unacceptable.

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Tell us why: We have to focus on prevention ie building infrastructure and ensuring housing is not built on flood prone areas.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and libraries crucial for equity. Enable free access to leaning and community connection and targeted support. Climate action and environmental protection should be built into all council projects and actions across Auckland. These can't be separat

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the golf courses or lease them to clubs. Catering for an elite that doesn't require a subsidy.

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What do you think of these proposals? We should be trying to reduce waste so increasing bin dizes and not encouraging food scraps use seems counter to this. Pool and spa pool owners should pay for compliance.

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?

It's a pity there is not a more accessible and democratic approach to collecting this feedback. More effort needed by the council to gather voice from those particularly those who didn't vote in the last election. There are a lot of disenfranchised EmAuck

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't believe that saving money is a moral virtue. Every single cut listed is something that I feel impacts groups of people who need access to these services. I also don't think there's any reason to cut funding to community and education programmes. It's shortsighted and I really think if the mayor wants to save money the council should be looking at the highest earners in the country, what they do, and what they spend money on. Why cut education but not reduce the amount of money spent on maintaining golf courses? How many people need education vs play golf? How much do golf courses impact the future of the city vs supporting growth for the majority of people who actually live here? I think all the cuts reek of a wealthy elite completely out of touch with common people, masquerading behind the rhetoric of doing the opposite.

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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: Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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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.

Based on Auckland Council’s assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of wha

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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: New Zealand seems to constantly have infrastructure issues. If we're going to thrive in the next decade or two we need to invest heavily in this, especially regarding climate change. I don't really think much of an argument needs to be made here given the

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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: I think council has no choice but to carry out the other ones, these three shouldn't be forgotten in the shuffle.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No. Stop trying to save money. Now is the time to spend money. If you can't afford it, top earners should be taxed more or take a pay cut. I earn 68k a year and that is heaps more than most people. I assume council members such as the mayor earn $100k+ an

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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?

Auckland is great and I love it, but it's public transport is abysmal. I really don't believe in saving money. Spend more to make the place better. It's frankly embarrassing to live in a city that so many internationals arrive to and openly criticize for

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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:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable 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. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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 these are most important to you: Arts, culture and creativity directly feeds and supports Auckland's wider creative economy, which includes industries such as design, architecture, advertising, technology and innovation. Cutting funding will negatively impact these other sectors potentia

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the ridiculous salaries of public sector servants such as mayors/deputy mayors/councillors

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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 do not support any priorities

Tell us why: Priorities Council core functions

If funding for local board 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 e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase productivity and efficiency and look at overall operating costs from "what is Council core business" basis

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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? These are incredibly loaded questions which are trying to promote a certain answer

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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• 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?

Ask the ratepayers of Auckland their attitudes towards, the Treaty, Climate and woke inclusivity. Acy accordingly on that

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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?
Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I suggest you do not proceed with no longer directly providing early childhood education services, as the saving is only $1 million and this change will disproportionally affect women, particularly single working mothers.

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

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

Tell us why: Shares in the international airport could be an asset to future generations of Aucklanders. Auckland Council would likely not repurchase these at a later date. If the council maintains their shares in AIAL, it will incentivize future Auckland Council memb

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? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: As a young person, I would like to see the council use less debt. As the younger generation, we are already yoked with enough debt from previous decision makers poor planning. Please do not leave a legacy of debt for my generation and those beneath us to

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: Unless your plan includes climate and biodiversity led strategy for the design, build and implementation, then I do not support this. Any plans for investments in land, infrastructure, buildings, and equipment must address climate change, biodiversity los

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I hope the priorities do not include any cycle ways which do not get used. Investment in landscapes, streams, biodiversity and the library are all good 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: I'd like a flood-resilient Auckland, therefore my preferred priorities center on water.

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? the swimming/spa pool fence compliance seems like a place you could save on. It feels unnecessary.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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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? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make 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:

5. Local Boards

Ōrākei Local Board

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

Tell us why: I oppose the idea of cuts to these 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?) Local community grants, Environmental restoration and pest control, 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?** Other

Tell us why:

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?** Other

Tell us why: I oppose the idea of cuts to these 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?) Community grants programme, Environmental contestable grants and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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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 want to emphasise my opposition to these cuts, especially in areas relating to public transport/cycling/walking infrastructure, services for the homeless, environmental services, local community groups/event, and the arts.

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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? 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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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I understand that budget cuts are required however I do not agree with all the proposed reductions. I am concerned about cuts to community services and arts and culture programmes.

In particular I do not support cutting funding to COMET Te Hononga Akoranga. This organisation leverages it's relatively small Auckland Council funding to successfully deliver high impact educational services to the people of Tāmaki Makaurau.

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

Tell us why: It is important to retain some level of ownership and influence in AIAL

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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 has significant infrastructure shortfalls, made worse by the Cyclone and rates increases are needed to fund this. If we remove funding from those programmes and organisations that build communities we will create more social dislocation and probl

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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 and cyclone were unforeseen events and we have no choice but to deal with the impact

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Tell us why: Local boards funds activities that are the glue keeps communities together and building bonds across diverse groups. I support a modest funding reduction only.

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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, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: Funding for community programming, for example the Auckland women's centre, is critically important as these institutions provide support for Auckland's most vulnerable communities. They are hubs of innovation and action, where citizens can come together

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Community events could see some budget cuts if any are unfortunately needed.

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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 absolutely imperative to support people who are homeless, the LGBT community, women, and youth through community centres and social supports. These individuals are hit the hardest in the face of climate change and rates increases. Rather than taking

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of the above.

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Tell us why: Keeping AIAL shares is literally free money. Don't sell shares for short term rates reduction you plonkers.

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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: If you can afford to own a house in Auckland in this market, you can afford an increase in rates that will better our city.

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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 here, we need to be ready for 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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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 shut.

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: Keen to buy more AIAL shares. Now is a terrible time to sell and a good time to buy, so if the Council is going be stupid enough to divest now, I'm keen to participate. It'll raise some money for more important things, though is probably a foolish decisio

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

Tell us why: You are missing the option: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt, so I ticked 'other' though I support option two 'Set a higher general rates increase'. Your rates / debt trade off is a fallacy at a time of massive infrastructu

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

Tell us why: It's only going to get worse.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Though I do not support cuts to local board funding in the budget.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Your restriction to three options should not be read as support for cuts in other areas.

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Tell us why: The airport is a strategic asset that the people of auckland should have a say in how it operates.

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Tell us why: Since it's too late to stop this, the choices we have are managed retreat or trying to prepare. I'm torn, but the ship has sailed and we should not be investing unless we are very sure about the long term viability of specific areas.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Local Boards provide the most direct and accountable action for Aucklanders - cutting this funding is hobbling their ability to respond to local needs and thus is an act of disenfranchisement.

If funding for local board 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), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all important but I'm only allowed to pick three. I've picked ones that, in the future hellscape that is our world, we will at least have some green spaces that are not too dangerous to use and the possibility of some sort of community to lean on

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I have no (non-sarcastic) comments to add here

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.	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? Putting up barriers to people changes bin sizes will just result in inefficiencies and be contrary to any waste minimisation strategy. Pricing should be pushing people to smaller bins, by raising the rates across all we are not doing anything to encourage

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?

Nothing in this budget addresses the issues of the city sprawling endlessly - the inability to intensify close in creates the need for ever more expensive infrastructure to be built and maintained, along with the challenges of providing effective transit

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

Without culture there is no city. The life and heart is gone and instead we're left with bureaucrats and buildings. Stop spending and wasting so much money on consultants and look at the fat within your own staff. There are incredible inefficiencies within the council which often happens with flabby institutions.

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? 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
- 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? I don't know

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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 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, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

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?

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not withdraw funding for citizens advice bureau.

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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 asset we should keep

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: Prefer this option

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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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? Join 3 waters & let central government fund these liabilities

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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 paying high ceo salaries! Watercare for example.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I support a level of cost cutting and consolidation, but I think it should be balanced with taking on some debt and a modest rate rise. Whilst I do think that the frontline is important and needs to be protected, I think it's important that some critical "back office" functions are maintained. For example, strategy and policy, supporting long term thinking, are critical functions - the alternative is that there is greater over-reach by central government and the Council needs to own strategy and policy for our city.

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is a strategic asset - maintaining a blocking stake will protect the risk of the airport being taken over by foreign interests. I recognise that the airport has suffered from the effects of COVID, but it will return to greater profitabil

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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 all recognise that Auckland is facing a big challenge, compounded by the recent flooding events. Cost of living challenges are real. But we also need to get real about the fact that servicing our city costs. All my dealings with Council demonstrate

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: See above.

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why: I think the “grassroots” functions of Council are critical and should be supported. The market won’t deliver 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support arts, community and environmental priorities.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I am not sufficiently familiar with local board activities. What I do see is the local boards ensuring that communities are heard and have advocates.

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 think we need to face these challenges head on - and there are a range of levers. I support modest rate rises, increase to debt with some scrutiny on costs - but not at the expense of the frontline, community and environmental services and the function

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: I believe AIAL will be more valuable in the long run. The calculations do not appear to make sense and have not been properly explained. How long are we allowing for? Dividends from the airport would flow indefinitely!

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Tell us why: Environment needs to come first!

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Cancel the light rail tunnel - put on more buses.

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What do you think of these proposals? Bus funding should be massively increased given our lack of population density. it is the only form of transport that makes sense en masse.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do NOT proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
- Reducing regional services
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing regional contestable grants.
- I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.
- 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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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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: • We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from Covid-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities are feeling.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: • This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and at

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I've read something today about the possibility of selling a golf course to generate revenue? How many golf clubs does Auckland need? Could an 18-hole course become a 9-hole course and generate much-needed revenue?

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

- Reduction in Cultural Events

Without funding, most of Auckland’s cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

- Job Losses

Many artists, performers, a

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why: Having a public entity voice on a main artery of the nations trade and tourism is vital. The ownership model of being mainly privatised is already out of line with the industry norm in the country.

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Tell us why: The budget hole is partially in line with inflation, property owners should not get a pass on paying under the inflationary line.

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No, cutting budgets will carry significantly more cost down the line.

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Tell us why: Central government rather than local government should regulate and manage water infrastructure.

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restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with cut to the important regional funding services OR cuts to the art gallery, zoo etc.

they all benefit people who need it.

Sorry to say but get rid of a couple of golf courses. It's actually the most sensible option.

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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: Don't sell or only partially sell the shares, and sell the golf courses.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is a very disappointing and unethical budget proposal. It completely disregards the effects to Auckland's social fabric and if implemented will have significant, un-costed consequences for many citizens especially the most vulnerable citizens of Auckland

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

The cuts to services will destroy Auckland's social fabric and adversely impact the most vulnerable people in our society such as the homeless, people seeking advice from CAB and using council provided venues and events. The cuts to public transport will also impact those people that rely on public transport to travel to work.

The council should be increasing public transport to meet climate change / carbon zero targets not decreasing public transport

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

Tell us why: Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

The sale of shares ensures a one-off return only - with all future pos

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

Tell us why: I propose that the council apply the Water Quality Targeted Rate and Natural Environment Targeted Rate which will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $5

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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 am very concerned by the council's continued lack of investment in infrastructure that will mitigate the effects of climate change.

The under investment will have significant and costly impacts for future global warning climate related events.

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5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support cutting any services or funding to community services within the Waitemata local board apart from reducing or stop mowing specific areas in local parks 'no mow' in areas that are well suited for native plants to regenerate and 'low mow' c

If funding for local board 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), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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? the Waitemata local board should not look focus on savings but focus on other ways of raising funds - such as higher parking charges for council run car-parks and street side parking, significant increase to fees for access to council run golf courses, si

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the cutting of planned increase in bus frequency funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate. This is essential to meet council commitments to carbon zero.

I support the introduction of Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate as a tourist

7. What else is important to you?

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

There is no urgency to push through this budget. There is no 'black hole of debt.

The council has until June and the council should take that time to review all feedback and look for ways to continue will all services, funding and climate change related

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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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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Consider selling freeman's Bay community centre. Reconsider the use of studio one, it is mainly used by the better off aucklanders. Consider sale of other under utilised and not fit for purpose buildings

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Arts provide a platform through which we understand the world around us and our place in it. The arts provide a platform through which we can create shared understanding, debate issues, and consider our social and cultural views in a critical and constructive way. Cuts to the arts will be devastating for peoples lives, communities, and culture.

I am a designer working in a te ao māori space. Arts have provided me a link to my papakainga in Whanganui, they bind my whānau together, and are a big part of my wellbeing.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport in Auckland is a total mess and the traffic has increased significantly in recent months... there is a massive over reliance on private vehicles and a shortage of bus drivers...introduce a congestion charge and sort out the buses. they are unreliable and overcrowded...

early childhood education is critical to the well being of children who have working parents... there is a already a cost of living crisis and you will be adding more pressure to stretched families who will spend less

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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: Climate change is real and the infrastructure is inadequate

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe in a "balanced" approach - frugality and "not spending if you don't have it" is what I apply to myself. But Auckland has the capacity to absorb rates increases for the most expensive homes, peopled by those who take overseas trips. I think our rawakore/poor people should get "free" education even for early childhood. It will pay off in decreased family violence and increased richness of lived experience.

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?**

Tell us why: I am reluctant to decide where the budget should be spent, because I do not have experience with your services in general. However, I go to several libraries each week to support Maori conservation groups, at zero cost to council. I also do two days a wee

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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: With a general inflation of 7%, I can't see how Auckland council can continue to provide basic services without increasing rates to at least 7%. I understood low rates are popular, but Auckland has a massive problem of underfunding for at least 2 decades.

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

Tell us why: Please reopen Waitakere ranges without expensive track upgrades. Climate change is responsible for Kauri Outback, because walking is one of the most climate friendly activities can do, reopening tracks is very helpful.

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Tell us why: The cuzzys in Te Tairawhiti and Kahungunu were badly affected and as a result were left in a bad situation.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save $25.5million, particularly to Auckland zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, public libraries. Aucland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery and public libraries provide affordable access to knowledge and pleasure for our communities.

Do not reduce regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes etc. Regional services including community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes strengthen and educate communities.

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Fund shortfall with rates increase. Do not reduce rate charges to businesses. Do not proceed with $15 billion rapid rail to Airport proposal.

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

Tell us why: Auckland city needs to maintain connection with Auckland airport. Do not proceed with $15 billion rapid rail proposal.

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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

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Tell us why: Auckland needs to be prepared for Climate change including unprecendented weather events.

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Tell us why: Continue to provide access and staff access with smaller programmes focussed on priority needs and interests at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tu. Vital for community to have access to affordable learning, information and companionship. Do not

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Tell us why: Follow standards and specifications of best practice engineering codes. Cease altering these down to less expensive (short-term) methods. If something is to be done, do it honorably (properly).

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

Libraries are eatawl from Andrew Carnegie's original gifting - be WORTHY of that TRUST in receiving his gift. CUSTODY of Carnegie's gift with honour properly. Librarians are vital face to face Ambassadors, leaders, supporters of civilised society. CAB's

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Tell us why: Short term benefit but a downside over the long term.

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Tell us why: This is a time of emergency, after COVID and the cyclone. The proposed cuts will wreak havoc on activities and services which are very important for Auckland to remain an attractive and liveable city. I have proposed borrowing and reduction of Council sal

If funding for local board 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: Auckland Art Gallery

Libraries

Citizens Advice Bureau

These are aspects of Auckland's cultural life which are most important to me (and are reasons why I have chosen to live here).

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

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- 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 sizeable 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 fold.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

As a contract worker in the arts industry I know this will have a direct impact on my ability to work and survive. Funding and support for creative communities are already lacking, and it is currently a struggle for many. From my own experience I have seen how the arts provides so much for individuals, communities and indeed the economy.

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Tell us why: I disagree with reducing funding. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Indeed, I would not like to see funding cut in any of these choices. The reason for my choice is that it directly affects me and my community as I work in the arts. Our arts, culture, and creative sector jobs and organisations will be at great risk of fol

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Auckland transport service offerings are too few already, and unreliable which drives users away. Fewer services will worsen this issue.

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Tell us why: Auckland airport is a good source of revenue into the future. Do not remove this revenue stream.

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Tell us why: it seems silly to sell this asset as the industry is beginning to recover after the impact of COVID

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Tell us why these are most important to you: the only area i think you could do is the final one, identify additional no/low mow areas in parks and reserves. this seems a sensible thing to be doing, now.

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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: Why hold debt for shares, should only use cash not go into debt for shareholdings

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: Keep or lower rates and ask the government where the 10 cents a litre on fuel they have charged aucklanders and use this to help with infrastructure especially roads. Thought the added tax was to benefit Auckland.

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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: This should be covered by insurance

5. Local Boards

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 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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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? Cut head count.

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

Cutting services to elderly, youth,.sports, libraries is ridiculous especially during a cost of living crisis as this is where people feel safe and go for help. You should be looking at establishments like golf courses etc which do not service all econo

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing regional services 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 like not to reduce this because I attend many Rainbow events such as the Big gay out that happens once a year in February. It would be a huge loss to the LGBTIQA+ community.

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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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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?
Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Proceed with all and look for 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: Owning part of an airport has nothing to do with the provision of council services.

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: Current and future needs need to be balanced. Debt drawdown should not ever be used to cover current OPEX. Debt is the best way to fund multi-generational investments by council. The council must have a plan to provide sufficient headroom for unexpected

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

Tell us why: The intent of the investment is appropriate, but the council should trim other costs first. Dealing with storm response should trump many other areas of expenditure. For example, the CBA for raised road crossing has apparently never been made by AT. At

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The local board appears to undertake significant activities that overlap with central government. For example social welfare, climate change etc. These should be discontinued. New Zealand has a world leading welfare system in theory. Ratepayers, as 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: To be clear I have randomly selected three. It is disingenuous of the council to limit the selection to three. All costs should be reviewed and reduced.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes. Limit the number of meetings, reduce councilor fees.

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What do you think of these proposals? The food scrapes program and targeted rate should be "scraped". For example we already have an onsite worm farm. Food scrapes to landfill are the least of our environmental worries.

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 has grown out of control like the monopoly that it is. The legal right to tax (rates) is not the right to spend other peoples money without regard to value, consequence and ultimately the cost to benefit for ratepayers.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Absolutely DO NOT make cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited nor public transport services, nor the regional services that support community, education, and social services. To propose this is ludicrous and regressive. Making these proposed cuts will cause Auckland to deteriorate into a mess of worse traffic, and more homelessness, and we will be more isolated from business and investment from the global community. It will force Auckland to take a step back from being an attractive, livable city, toward being more isolated, more socially divided and frankly, not somewhere that I would want to live.

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an absolutely essential part of Auckland's infrastructure, and an organisation that Auckland Council should be delighted to be a shareholder of.

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

Tell us why: Home owners do have an interest in keeping their city running, and if spending $3 a week on that is necessary, so be it. We have a serious infrastructure problem that needs rectification, and debt is a good way to do 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: Clearly, our infrastructure needs to be upgraded to prevent some of the catastrophic damage caused by severe rain. Increase the budget to do this.

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

The arts sector always gives generously of its time and creativity. During the pandemic artists stepped in to help spread messages and use their voices to support, not just our communities, but also the government. After the Christchurch terrorist attacks, after every natural disaster, in support of charities, it is always artists who donate their time and talent to raise funds, support and enable communities to come together. Too often this generosity is unrecognized, taken for granted or meet with the 'you love what you do so its ok not to be paid' attitude.

Now is not the time to further strip our communities of places to engage in, practice and create, to remove events that not only make our city more vibrant but bring people together to celebrate our diversity and promote inclusivity, to remove opportunities for creativity, growth and innovation. Now is the time to instead turn to the arts and cultural sectors for help to move our city into a culturally richer, artistically richer and creatively richer space so that our communities resilience and innovative approaches can be harnessed to move us through the challenges that face us locally, nationally and globally.

Please don't underestimate the resources that don't have an immediately apparent financial value, the value of arts and culture may not be as easily measurable on a financial spreadsheet but when removed or decreased there will be a significant impact on economic growth and community well being.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

Albert-Eden 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 arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Around 10 years ago funding was cut to a range of community education courses run by various agencies across the city collectively known as 'continuing education.' This now does not exist in Auckland in any form. I'd like to remind Council what has been lost in this area already and warn that the cuts to services and local boards proposed here will have an even greater negative affect on the community's wellbeing and cohesion.

After school and after work course on art, cooking and budgeting under the banner of continuing education had at least three distinct positive benefits: 1. Upskilling and providing career pathways (for example through a photography or ceramics course and young person may discover a passion or a skill that they may take into a career, or budgeting for adults means better opportunities for their families) 2. Social cohesion - courses were populated by individuals from diverse backgrounds - continuing education courses allows people from all ages and demographics to encounter difference while focused on a common task, leading to kitting communities together and better levels of tolerance. 3. At a very minimal level occupying people's time, when they otherwise might involve themselves sin antisocial behavior like ram-raiding or street level crime.

Following the defunding of these courses by council and the cancelation of 99% of these we have seen negative impacts increase, as the absolute contrary of the positive benefits listed above. This is besides the provision of direct jobs in these fields for tutors and mentors and the networks across the city these create.

I think the material affects of these proposed cuts on our community and culture has not been well thought through at 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? 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? 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

Puketāpapa 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?) Community development and support, Arts e.g. Pah Homestead art gallery, Mt Roskill Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: I would have selected ALL options not to reduce

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you: I would have selected ALL options not to reduce

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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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We need to make Auckland more livable, not less.

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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 reasoning that returns on shares have been poor lately is linked to Covid, air travel is on the rise and dividends are expected to return to higher levels, bringing good long term income to the Council.

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:

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?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Raising rates by less than inflation is choosing to reduce the actual funds generated by council in real terms. This makes no sense when you are trying to fill a budget hole. Raise the taxes and actually make the city better, rather than constantly underfunding everything and then being surprised when old infrastructure and services fail

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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 higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates are needed to make the city better. An increase which is less than inflation is actually a decrease. Reducing staff at council will just lead to more reliance on contractors who cost more. This happens over and over again like a ridiculous cycle. Ce

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't want any cuts to the funding for Auckland CABs because CAB services are so important and essential to most of Aucklanders, especially those lower income earner and vulnerable people who have no other place and resources to access. They need CAB's free and useful help desperately. CAB's service can help the government to reduce and ease the social problems and conflicts dramatically. As it makes use lots of the time and expertise of many volunteers, it just needs very little government investment and can obtain 13-15 times of production and social value. So it is not wise decision to reduce the funding of 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? 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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
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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 essential work (and is probably underestimated, given our appalling lack of investment in infrastructure for decades). I think we have to do it.

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Tell us why: While I support the priorities listed, I do not support the proposed cuts to services and funding. I believe these are essential to the wellbeing of the people of Auckland. I would like to see the deficit covered by rates increases, borrowing, and how abo

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I would tick all of these if I could. The three I chose reflect the cultural life of the city, which I would hate to see wither away.

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I think priority needs to be given to public transport, safe cycleways and the continuation of support for social and cultural agencies and infrastructure. Please do not touch the libraries or arts and cultural funding. I believe these are essential for p

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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. And furthermore, they will have a negative impact on the well being and mental health of Aucklanders.

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

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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 organizations 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.

Not only an economic cost, but will also send Aucklanders mental health backwards.

We all saw what happens when we cant access our community services during COVID. Everyone's wellbeing suffered. For myself, working in acute Mental Health services, I have seen the worst outcomes when people can't engage in their communities.

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

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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: Don't sell the family silver , wait until there is a real problem. the share market is at a low point at present and Auckland Airport has been a good source of revenue previously and will be come so in the future. Basing a decision to sell these 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: people who pay rates are generally better off than the average person in that they have a large asset. A rise of greater than 4% in many cases would not significantly affect these people.

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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 likely storms will come similar to what we have had and we need to be prepared

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed cuts hack at the reliability of services which make Auckland a recognised international city with a vibrant cultural scene. Reduction of support for community programmes including social services will spread harm through our city where there is - on a daily basis - visible necessary work to be done. Cutting these services is an extreme measure that will starve the city of its future at a time when it is wiser to borrow and ensure that the city can make progressive strides in a time of global difficulty.

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

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Tell us why: Recent weather events have shown that now is NOT the time to under-invest in infrastructure. In the future, with more frequent crises approaching, we should be increasing spending on essential infrastructure works, not deferring it and simply kicking the

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Tell us why these are most important to you: While all the above initiatives are worthwhile and important, the protection of our natural environment is of paramount importance. If we don't have a safe and resilient place in which to live, all these other aspects will become irrelevant.

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What do you think of these proposals? Please do not plunder the CATR (Climate Action Targeted Rate) to pay for other pet projects of the moment. It is too important for our future collective well-being to fiddle with this while Tamaki Makaurau burns (or drowns).

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Tell us why: NZ has a terrible experience & permanent economic damage selling-off & corporatising key assets - such as banks; telecommunications; electricity production & distribution; infrastructure works; etc DON'T SELL THE AIRPORT SHARES

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Tell us why: Global warming: sea-level rise; extreme weather; climate refugees; managed retreat; fresh water scarcity; damage mitigation - all these crises are upon us or happening close-by and soon to be here. We have to act NOW.

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our environment is degrading rapidly: with this goes real quality of life

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? More pay-parking everywhere. Less community events and grants to particular groups.

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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?

Yes: as above - bring back TREE PROTECTION

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The council can afford to increase debt

public wellbeing is very important to a city's attractiveness and ability 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling a major asset is short term thinking by a mayor who has no intention of sticking around unlike most of us Aucklanders

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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: We have to take care of our environment

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This artificial selection of choice smacks of austerity budgeting philosophies that makes no sense if we are truly concerned about fairness/equity and the well-being of our community/ies. I would have chosen "Other" but I feel strongly that if presented with an either/or like this - I would chose to increase my own rates to maintain and increase regional services such as community and education programmes, homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. The accountants limited to a myopic version budget-lines assure us that we would "save $20 million" for the budget, but there is no corresponding budget-line for the depreciation of quality of life and disempowerment of our future communities moving forward.

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

Tell us why: Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further invest in R&D (including outreach to students interested in geography, engineering, communications for competitive projects/internships) to assure a more competitive global strategy for air tran

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

Tell us why: Since this Council is primarily pro-business and chooses not to think about the future, just about the "bottom line" for short-term quarterly profits of selected businesses, I cannot imagine a solution in this scenario.

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

Tell us why: The wealthy landowners who chose to ignore best practices and were allowed by council(s) to build anywhere they wished should not be bailed out. More state housing (and/or low-rent-controlled housing) needs to be built in small segments among the various

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The careful planning and new building/park designs in this area has proven a success. Access to well thought out public spaces encourages foot traffic as well as use of public transportation to come to family-fun events here downtown.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The budgets for these items should include the astoundingly geometric positive results for our future - and yet all we hear on the news is that our city's leadership imagines these things to be frivolous and/or without business-oriented value. A frighteni

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Privatise the public golf courses and levy fees when the grounds negatively impact waterways and native flora/fauna.

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

Tell us why: The shares are a long term asset. The Council didn't pay for them, it inherited them and they were held on behalf of communities in south Auckland. This doesn't appear to be reflected in the proposal. If the Council wants a larger stake to influence the a

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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 demonstrates the contradiction in the proposal. We are being challenged to protect our position and position ourselves to invest - not divest and cut.

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Divesting from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited is unwise. Other areas of the country will be affected e.g. Coromandel which leveraged investment promoting Auckland. Intra -regional economic development is the trend, for both main national parties. Tātaki has ea

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1. Improved, regular, reliable public transport is a priority that could be offset against spending less on expensive options especially comparatively less-used bike lanes etc.

2. A certain number of public amenities are essential to the enjoyment and functioning of the city - swimming pools, zoo, parks, art gallery, events but differential charging could be applied to some - i.e "User-Pays with reduced fees for those who cannot afford to pay eg children and the less well-off. Stadiums and venues that charge for events held can pay more as the audiences are paying anyway.

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Tell us why: 4.66% is a very reasonable rate increase - and I pay lots on a number of properties. It could even be slightly higher - over to you. Nobody wants to pay more - but nor do we want to go without valued 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: We all have to be realistic - the storm has exposed weaknesses in our city that have to be dealt with and will cost money.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities need to be the ones that benefit the greatest number of people in the community and are most needed now and in the foreseeable future. The "Nice-to-do-and-to-Have activities" unfortunately need to be sacrificed at this time, especially if t

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The priority is to fund the on-going activities that affect and benefit the most number of people. Libraries are essential as a Number 1 facility, as are certain arts facilities for those that do not have ready access to cultural activities. Sponsors may

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? 1) You can postpone the park proposed for the corner of Ponsonby Rd and O'Neill St for a long time to come

2) Bike lanes are very expensive for what they deliver - and to a comparatively small number of people

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What do you think of these proposals?

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The priorities need to be -

1. Maintaining the services that benefit everyone - all the usual transport, water, sewage, rubbish disposal

2. PLUS - libraries, pools, the zoo and events that benefit the most number of people with a special emphasis on fam

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The notion that there is a hole in spending is based in poor financial literacy and cutting these services will create greater economic problems in the long term.

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Tell us why: Selling assets when not necessary is poor financial planning. Understanding that the poor financial performance of the last three years was due to much lower traffic due to a pandemic is a good place to start. Its very hard to buy back any kind of asset o

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

Tell us why: ACC is indebted relatively low to its assets and income - its is better financial sense to borrow and invest and pay interest than try and reduce debt. This also doesn't preclude raising rates - we need to invest in infrastructure, the cheapest time to do

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

Tell us why: This is much cheaper than continued clean up and response from future storms if we do nothing.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Library services are very important and one of the few free to the community indoor spaces - you shouldn't have to be rich to leave the house and engage with your community, especially if you are eg young mother, teenager, student, pensioner

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? We don't need to make savings to our local budgets we need to invest in all these services - investing in people and communities has a long term payoff that is much greater than 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: cutting public transport funding whilst we are trying to reduce cars on the road / carbon emissions makes no sence, we want more people using the system which means making it reliable and cost effective.

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Tell us why: As soon as you sell your assets you'll never get them back. We have already sold off so much of our countries portfolio to overseas investors.. keep your foot in the door!

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

Tell us why: you guys really know how to drive people out of the city..

this shouldnt even be on the radar, we need to protect our our water and natural enviroment.

Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around

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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 these global warming events will only get worse if we dont look after our enviroment and continue to reduce our greenhouse emissions.

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Tell us why: these are all important to the future of our city and its green spaces.

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? xx

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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? Sell the Waitematā golf club. It benefits a limited proportion of our local community. It's inconceivable that we would reduce library services or climate initiatives whilst the council owns golf clubs.

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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?

All educational and social support service

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

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

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

Our community organizations that you are proposing to cut are more important than ever, as shown during Covid and the recent floods/cyclone. These organizations are essential sources of food, shelter, social support and make our communities resilient. The cultural organizations are also vital for our well-being and identity. They promote critical discussion and learning, they are destinations, they support artists, and are communal spaces allowing us to make connections because they are ours and they are free.

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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 would lose control of strategic asset, it would be permanently alienated from Maori, we would be poorer in the long-term, and we need coordinated transport hubs for emergencies which is much harder if they are private.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: A combination: unfreeze targeted rates, further increase general rates, increase borrowing, further central government support, introduce new targeted rates, and increase parking charges.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are all really important for our communities and the environment.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to care for our communities and look after the environment. All of the priorities are important.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Unfreeze the Water quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted rate. These are both important activities right now and should be funded.

7. What else is important to you?

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

The proposed cuts will have irreversible long-term impacts. They could mean the end to services and institutions that help to make Auckland a community and a great place to visit, like the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. The arts and cultural service

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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? 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:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Increase rates to cover the shortfall. Property owners in Auckland can afford to contribute more to rates. Perhaps agreeing that rates increase will not increase again for 5 years or something?...

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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 returns from the airport shares are too valuable to sell.

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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 payers can afford to contribute more. Perhaps agree that the rates increase will be fixed for the new 5 years or something?

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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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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community is important where events and places need to be provided at a minimal cost to the local community. Providing activities and events to boost community engagement.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Library opening hours, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council spending needs to be reduced if it means less services that's completely fine. The booked need to be put in order and an independent audit on council spending should be carried out and made public.

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Tell us why: Pay down the debt

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

Tell us why: Rates should not be increased if spending and costs can't be controlled with the existing rates being paid some of the highest in The western world then cuts need to be made.

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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 required

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Tell us why: Reduce all costs or cancel proposed plans if it can't be funded in existing budget then it does not move forward.

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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? If council service providers increase costs look elsewhere for a better deal.

Audits of all costs should be carried out and then reduced.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The cutting of funding to current arts/creative and community expedition is detrimental to Auckland as a destination and has negative impacts on the cultural/community life of the city.

You also seemed confused about why you're borrowing. The budget proposes cuts so as not to increase debt then later propses borrowing to cover operational expenditure? Which one is it? While also stating borrowing is cover for any 'future financial issues'?

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Tell us why: The sale seems like a 'quick fix' rather than something with long-term benefit.

As a shareholder the council will be receiving income from those shares - where is the information about the share dividend payments?

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

Tell us why: After significant damage, loss of property, and loss of life due to severe weather events caused by climate change made worse by poor repair and maintenance and outdated infrastructure the solution is to stop targeted funding to resolve these issues and i

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

Tell us why: Shouldn't the extra funding be used for prevention? - repair, maintenance, and infrastructure - so reduce the necessity of a reactive policy that focuses on reacting to a situation after the event.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: First of all: Sell the golf courses. This could make close to $3 billion, and save more than $160 million a year as noted by Bernard Hickey. The Mayor talked about cutting library services because he thinks libraries aren't important and not that many people go to libraries, omg, maybe he should compare the number of people per square foot who go to libraries compared to the people per square foot that go to golf courses; perhaps he could also refer to the research into the social and public educational value of libraries for building a fair and equal society through access to reading, education, access to public spaces, computers/internet, social services, and community support as opposed to whatever the hell golf courses achieve for the tiny number of people in society who play golf. Can I just say that the Mayor once again absolutely shat his pants on the radio talking about this issue, I hope you are all ashamed of this guy.

As for the above list specifically, I do not support cutting any of these programmes. This is robbing the poor to buy the votes of ratepayers who Wayne Brown sees as his constituency. It's absolutely disgusting and a disgrace. This is a list of everything good, kind, sensible, and visionary about public service and Auckland Council. If these cuts go ahead, Auckland Council will be a mean, wizened rump, right when the recession is about to hit. The Mayor has no idea how to govern for all of Auckland. All of these cuts directly impact services for the poorest and most vulnerable, right when they need the most support. And yet protecting golf courses for the rich is a priority. You cannot come up with a better

example of the disdain the Mayor has for poor people - who just don't matter to him. Even my hairdresser can't stand him. It totally shits all over the Council's claims to stand for equity, diversity, and the rest of it. If they pass these cuts, Auckland Council has no business claiming it stands for anything or anyone except the interests of rich people who don't want to pay more rates. Look at how little you are actually spending on these programmes in the first place! And this spending is literally just people's salaries, mostly women and people of colour, who are out there working more than they should for their communities. These cuts are sexist and racist - cuts to community development and support programmes always are. Go check your books, I bet they are going to take your gender and ethnic equity stats back 20 years. How is that even legal???

The rest of the Councillors better think bloody hard about who will be to blame when the recession really starts biting, and Council has no infrastructure to respond with, no good news stories about the things they are doing to help, no vision and no relationships left with grassroots communities, and boy will we remember who voted for this. You will be followed around by activists to remind you how you voted and what you supported - completely eliminating vital programmes for pennies on the dollar. Oh look, our gambling on the share market got us in a hole! I know who will pay the price, women who look after babies. And don't forget that when the tourism comes back, and Wayne Brown gets voted out, you can't just magically bring all this social infrastructure back with a snap of your fingers. These cuts will damage or destroy for a really long time, Auckland Council's ability to do this work at all, through severing its relationships with the communities it claims to represent. We won't forget.

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Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt where sensible. It's stupid to rule out debt - but of course, only if you're going to sell your airport shares which would be double-stupid right before a tourism resurgence. Ratepayers are

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Tell us why: "Targeted Rates" is just Council PR spin for Rates and were always seen as a con. The REDUCED Targeted Water Rate should be charged on the water invoice so that I can see the money go directly to Watercare (not the Council general pool) and it gives a tru

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Tell us why: The targeted climate change rate should have been addressing this issue. This is the core role of Council and if Council doesn't do it then it will be neglected. Council also should be doing the basics of clearing leaves and drains so that they work as in

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Tell us why: Looking at the Leys Library services, most appear to be provided by retail shops nearby, so I do not support it.

I support the reduction of waste and processing of e-waste initiatives.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am concerned about no mow / low mow as it will spread weeds and vermin. Look at what has happened to the volcanoes around Akld now that they are no longer being maintained. You can't use them as a reserve or park and they are also a fire hazard as well

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Please charge everyone something for the use of services like swimming pools. We can not afford to let under 16 use pools for free as they create most of the mess and maintenance issues. e.g. Parnell is overrun with kids while Olympic Newmarket is well ma

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What do you think of these proposals? I am OK about increasing bus fares by 6% but I want a more regular service that can be relied on to arrive on time.

I do not support the program for food scraps bins as I think that the bins will stink and attract a plague of vermin.

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 no links to the information on Tupuna Maunga that I can find. Council should again take reasonability for the volcanoes. They are now overgrown, weed infested and vermin have expanded significantly under current management. What happened on Mt

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

This will negatively impact Auckland's arts and culture sector. We are embarrassingly far behind the rest of the world in our arts practices are sustainability initiatives. Now is the time to invest more and not less.

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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

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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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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

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Tell us why:

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Our social infrastructure – including our arts, culture and creative sector – is needed more than ever as our communities try to move on from three years of COVID-19 disruption.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To improve traffic flow and meet Climate Change obligations the city should be increasing public transport beyond the 2019 level. A functioning liveable city needs the services we currently have. How about increasing parking fees to garner extra revenue.

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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: Now is not an optimal time to sell these share. This is akin to selling the family heirlooms - it can only be done once. if the share are sold, then the money should not be used to reduce debt but should be used to improve public transport and other infra

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Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. These are exceptional times - a one-off increase in rates is entirely justified.

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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 work is essential and clearly time is of the essence, so increase the budget and get the job done. Or you could just rebrand Auckland as the City of Lakes.

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Tell us why: I trust the local board members to have selected the most appropriate key priorities. If possible.

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: The library is an essential community centre that serves many purposes. Climate action is a moral imperative for the benefit of ourselves and future generations. Protection/restoration of waterways will benefit the city's storm resilience.

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What do you think of these proposals? Food waste collection should be available in all areas. The Climate Action Targeted Rate was established with overwhelming rate payer support - this should not be changed in any way. Improving public transport, especially bus services, and adding walking

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I would like to reiterate my support for improved and increased public transport, safe cycle ways and walkways. These are imperative to reduce road congestion, improving air quality and helping Auckland meet its climate change obligations. All of our exis

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: First from a general perspective: this budget can be broadly characterized as an austerity budget - increasing what we have to pay (even though not in line with inflation as it currently stands) while gutting the services we receive. There is compelling evidence that points to the harm of such budgets, including the UK's Marmot Review where austerity is shown not only to have increased morbidity but also mortality. In addition there is evidence to show that rather than such austere budgets improving the financial situation they seek to address, they in fact make things worse - see for example the work of the UK's Progressive Economy Forum whose estimates reveal that a decade of austerity in the UK resulted in £540bn lost public spending. While this is a left leaning think tank it has used publicly available figures from the independent Office for Budget Responsibility. It concludes that "austerity was never a necessity but a poor economic choice whose effects are now all-too apparent". The major effect they found was that "while public spending rose by 1.5% a year in nominal terms on average between 2010 and 2019, the successive (British) governments form 2010 onwards could have maintained real-term growth in public spending at the 3% level inherited from the previous Labour government and, by accompanying spending increases with matching tax rises, still have reduced Britain's government debt burden by 2019. Britain's debt to GDP ratio in 2019 would have been three percentage points lower at about 70% had governments pursued a balanced budget expansion in which spending was matched by tax increases".

Instead of boosting confidence and thereby resulting in faster growth, austerity had not, as was argued, been necessary to restructure the economy and promote growth, but rather it had reduced workers bargaining power contributing to Britain's low wage, low productivity economic model with Britain now living "with private affluence – if only for the privileged few – amid public squalor". So called "expansionary fiscal contraction" as a result of the austerity measures had … and has … not taken place as the proposers of austerity had promised.

I do not believe that, if there ever is a case for austerity, that it exists currently with Auckland Council's finances. Auckland's shortfall is driven in considerable measure by a slowing in the council's revenue generating operations - big events etc. Now is not the time to be undermining our capacity to host and stage these events but rather to invest in our capacity trusting that these will return. Wellington - facing similar economic circumstances has proposed to increase rates. The argument against increasing rates is that poor people cannot afford them. While it is true that increases will be tough for people who are doing it tough - the proposed budget cuts in fact make it even tougher but with a masked or delayed effect that includes things like say … reductions in public transport mean to find and keep employment might mean investing in a motor car with all of its associated costs to the individual and to the environment, as well as many other knock effects like this that result in a slashing of all sorts of services.

I believe that given the choice of a loss of services and a lower rates bill vs a higher rates bill and better services - at least in line with the vision and promises made in many of the councils own policy and planning documents - the majority of people will choose the higher rates option.

Which raises an important issue - the effect of Mayor Brown's proposed budget is a massive shift in policy without any of the policy debate that informed the policy and plans created to date, including local board plans such as the Waitemata Local Boards. It's a policy shift through stealth and is profoundly undemocratic.

And in addition to being undemocratic, it is dangerous. I live on the edge of the Grey Lynn park and saw the devastation of the flooding first hand. Fortunately my house was not affected but many homes very close to where I live in the Dryden, Hakanoa, Sackville Rds gulley are are yellow stickered - including the social housing off Sackville Rd. Now is not the time to be stripping out funding for social housing and social services.

Second, in relation to a few of the specific prosed reductions:

I am a frequent user of public transport and a huge supporter of public transport generally. PT has been improving but it is still pretty woeful in many respects in terms of frequency and keeping to a schedule. The proposed cuts will only make this situation worse rather than improve it. PT is a critical plank to any strategy for our city to reduce its emissions. This is a regressive step that, along with other measures, undermines Te Taruke-a-Tahwiri. To add insult to injury the budget proposes increases along with an overall reduction in service!

Pulling support for Citizens Advice Bureaux will deprive vulnerable and indigent people of a service vital not only to their interests as citizens but to our wider community's interests in democracy and participation, which often depends on being able to access legal advice and support as part of the rule of law.

Pulling the plug on early childhood support is contrary to even what both of the main political parties are proposing nationally. This is out of step therefor not only with the main thrust of NZ'ers politically but makes it harder and harder for people who have kids and want to work able, to do so.

The Mayor is on record as saying that there is a lot that the council funds that central government ought to be funding. That may or may not be so but a responsible approach to such an issue is to raise this with Central Government via the host of channels that exist to enable this. It is not only wholly irresponsible to torch what has been an accepted custom and practice over a long period of time of council rates being used to support such services but points to a deeper political motivation that promotes small government – in essence it's not any government's role (central or local) to support anyone who cannot stand on their own two feet. Reflecting a view that council is more a business than it is a public service; a view I wholly disagree with and one which was not a part of Mayor Brown's stated campaign objectives.

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

Tell us why: This is an extremely short-sighted approach. Strategically, the airport represents part of our city's front door to international visitors - business people and holiday makers. As a city that is remote geographically our airport represents a vital compon

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

Tell us why: There is no option to both increase rates and make greater use of debt - but that is what I believe council should be doing.

While the economic circumstances across the world are less than favorable - with interest rates increases, supply chain challenge

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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 live just off Grey Lynn Park and saw the ravages of the floods that swept down Dryden St destroying property and severely traumatising the people affected.

We have to invest in our infrastructure to address this and the many other areas where the storm

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Tell us why: As a general statement, and at the risk of restating it ad nauseum, I do not agree with the economic rationale for the need to cut services at all, for the reasons set out above.

It is also hard to respond to the very generic proposals for the Waitemata

If funding for local board 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: NA - see answer above.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Slashing budgets and reducing headcount has shown itself to be a hugely wasteful and inefficient approach to making improvements - so no I don't have any suggestions along the lines of the tenor of the question. I do however think it most likely that th

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What do you think of these proposals? I believe all areas should have access to food waste collection as quickly as possible. Food waste going to landfills is not only unnecessary but a significant creator of methane gas which adds to our emissions. In addition this food waste can be turned i

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

I do not believe that there is a justifiable economic basis for the proposed budget; a budget that entails very significant cuts to the services our city requires.

These austerity measures have been shown not only to increase morbidity and mortality, exa

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Soft services such as the arts and grants are vital to the community

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

Tell us why: Don't fall into the trap of selling off the silverware

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:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Three answers is not sufficient

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not stop funding to early childhood education this totally wrong. This mayor has no mandate he only got 30 percent of the votes of Aucklanders. Don't reduce funding to local boards activities. How dare you reduce funding to community and education services there has been no discussion on this. Do not keep reducing public transport do not put up the people rates up. manage the money you have better. This is what the major promised but can't deliver any fool can get into the mayors office and then it everything back. What about managing the millions you already get. Stop threatening to put up rates if people don't agree with 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? Other

Tell us why: Do not sell any assets that belong to the people of Auckland what right do you have to do this. We never agreed to 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: New Zealand is in its worst financial time for years why would this mayor think putting up people rates now would be a good idea. People have just had the highest interest rates rise for years covid that has effected our health business then rain events i

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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 just fall on Aucklander to pay these cost. This must come from government the people of Auckland have had enough we are the biggest city and bring in the most revenue we have been hit by covid closed longer than any other city incurred hu

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support any cuts to the budget in the West Auckland this will put our community back years and then when this stupid mayor has long gone West Auckland will have to start these enormous valueable projects again from scratch it's ridiculous. West

If funding for local board 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: All these things are important to the people why should we pick just 3 because you tell us to. I won't they are all important to our community.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No we need more funds for the people of the West who are struggling how can you even think this is a time to cut services when we have all been through this incredible hardship v

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What do you think of these proposals? Stop changing things until you ask the people of Auckland first. Just by giving them a short time and no advertising to comment on this proposal is unfair and demeaning.

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Please listen to the people of Auckland stop cutting services threatening to put up rates as your only answer. This major is so rude please hurry and find another job before Auckland is ruined.

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Tell us why: Should defer sales of any shares until the share value increases as international tourism picks up. At that point sell 8% and keep a blocking stake. Would lose potential revenue if sold before then.

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Tell us why: The cost of living is causing a pinch on residents we should be taking advantage of debt to fund projects

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What do you think of these proposals? More volunteers used for cleaning beaches and parks, Lions and Rotary groups could assist

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not cut funding for the arts. Auckland is an amazing, colourful, interesting city because it embraces the arts. Cutting funding would kill local arts and artists. Counsel funded galleries which provide opportunities for local artists would not be able to operate.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an essential service for Auckland and New Zealand. Selling off all shares is would mean the counsel no longer has any input into a valuable 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

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:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am strongly against the reduction of regional services. They are important to the community and if the council keeps reducing services what am I even paying rates for. I'm sure there are other activities that do not affect such a wide range of people that can be reduced.

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Tell us why: This seems incredibly short sighted. There may not be dividends that are as much as can be paid off in debt but given that the price of the shares are likely to increase now travel is picking up again post covid the worth of the shares is sure to increase

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

Tell us why: Given the many issues currently facing Auckland it seems ridiculous to not make use of the extra money available to the council. Also whilst I accept rates increases are inevitable given costs increasing I don't understand why they aren't just being incre

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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 take some action against the potential for more extreme weather events. The council should also be looking at funding climate change initiatives to treat the root cause of the storms

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I think there should be a greater focus on the climate change mitigation strategies rather than stopping ones seen as less effective. I also think given the horrendous state of the water quality at beaches in Auckland that should also be a priority. I do

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community services and events are very important for the residents, especially ones that cannot afford other services/events. Local waterways are in terrible condition and need investment. I would also like for climate action and waste reduction to be pri

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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Tell us why: Control over the airport is critical for Auckland to function

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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 have had a free ride on rates increases for too long. We need to wake up and understand that a city costs money to maintain and we have to pay for it.

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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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Golf courses take up a lot of valuable land. Perhaps the council could downsize on those first.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because the council is far below the reasonable and legal debt ceiling, can borrow adequately for the next several years, and is looking to cut services as we enter a period of renewed international tourism as well as the bottom of a recessionary period. Within 12 months there is an expected upswing in both tourism and international students returning. Frankly, this is a period to be investing in long term programming of public events and activities that can promote the city internationally. This budget proposal will excavate the CBD, worsen the already dire homelessness problem, increase crime, make the city less safe and undesirable. It would also see returnees leave again, many of us who returned to Auckland after years overseas, we're all talking about leaving if this proposal goes through.

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Tell us why: Buy more shares.

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Tell us why: Make greater use of debt and increase non-residential rates. Rates to commercial properties should be higher, they have far higher capital value and have built-in income.

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Tell us why: Climate change requires mitigation, idiots

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Tell us why: Priorities that emphasize renewal, maintenance and community should be strengthened.

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment and arts are two areas that receive the least funding from local government, central government, and private sector combined. Even small reductions in funding in these areas will be devastating. Apart from these three, I do not endorse cut

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes:

1 - sell 3 golf courses

2 - stop maintaining the remaining 10, and save approximately $21mill

3 - increase commercial rates

4 - increase general rates 4.7%

5 - increase public parking fees $1.20ph

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What do you think of these proposals? Pool compliance can be a profitable business

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

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I'm concerned about any cuts that offer less resources to low income families or those living without a home. The city thrives when people are encouraged to engage with their communities. These cuts are personally, so discouraging and potentially harmful.

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: This seems like a short term solve with long term consequences. I believe this to be harmfully shortsighted.

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? Other

Tell us why: Set higher rates, but make more use of the debt.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: The recent weather events make this necessary and urgent.

5. Local Boards

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?** Other

Tell us why: I support retaining these services that are listed as "priorities" but I feel some concern at not knowing what is lost. I would like to know what the cuts mean, what are we not prioritising. This budget feels like it's taking the community out of our city

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: The local government needs to support arts and in times of austerity these are often the first programs to be lost. I want resources to stay available to those struggling. However, we really shouldn't be making cuts to any of the above categories.

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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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community services, educational and arts programmes, grants are the foundation of the community. To reduce funding in any of those area is to further contribute to inequality in our society.

But Wayne brown does not care about that.

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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All council funded services are important and necessary for the public good. Rates in Auckland are lower than elsewhere. Debt isn't a bad thing.

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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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Low income families rely on council 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: Council needs to keep some control of the airport it is a strategic asset

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: You need to spend more on stormwater infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: The board area is experiencing increased density and needs to respond to climate change on a local level we need increase funding to support his.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support local climate action if Auckland city does not do this then how are our cities going to become more sustainable.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support reduction of council 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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? The local boards receive minimal funding already

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

The spending cuts proposed have the greatest impact on those that are already disadvantaged.

Mayor Brown lives in a part of Auckland that has benefitted from significant infrastructure spending and is proposing to cut spending in other areas that are l

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Organisation (if applicable): St Matthew in the City

Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Ongoing investment to return public transport frequency and quality to what it was in 2019 and continue projects to promote active transport - A functioning and efficient public and active transport system is an essential element of a low-carbon and equitable city.

Maintain funding to CAB - This is a vital volunteer service; incredible value for money; the effect of cutting this service would be devastating.

Maintain funding for community volunteer initiatives for climate action and environmental restoration - the proposed cuts to local board and regional funding would significantly reduce community-led environmental efforts. This covers activities like weed and predator control, restoring urban forests and wetlands. These cuts would be hugely shortsighted as these organisations not only harness local energy for conservation, but also build community cohesion. Wetlands and urban forests are essential carbon storage and flood protection. In the midst of the climate crisis, we need to maintain sustainable support for community groups and initiatives.

Maintain/prioritise funding for existing social and economic programmes and community groups working with the homeless and other groups in need. This work is needed more as the central city degenerates further.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: at least keep up with inflation

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

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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?

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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: most of the reductions are aimed at people who are financially less stable and need help the most; funding arts, social services, education, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited are for the community - taking it away breaks the community apart, especially at this time where we need it the most

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Tell us why: It is a terrible time to sell Airport shares and council will lose money out of it

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The priorities are good, but the budget cuts to environmental services (climate change initiatives!!) is frankly ridiculous. The more the environment degrades the bigger the fall out later (see: Cyclone Gabrielle). Arts and community centres is also what

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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? The senior staff could see to cut their own salaries instead and become more socially aware of how the rest of us who don't make 6 figures live. Remuneration of $600000 for chief executive? be real

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't agree with any of the cuts, but the maintaining the reduction in buses is particularly bad because) obvious climate change related reasons and 2) traffic has got worse since they were reduced

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

Tell us why: Short sighted

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

Tell us why: Increase debt and rates, this is a city not a business

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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 obviously necessary given recent events. Living in Swanson made this painfully clear

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support any cuts

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change affects us all

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? Please continue to expand food waste services

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: There is no economic benefit to cutting arts spending per se. Economist Bernard hickey talks about this in his podcast. Listen to it!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Seems like a common sense approach

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Tell us why: Increase in rates will not harm many people financially. And will stop the crazy idea of slashing other budgets

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Tell us why: Under investment is catching up and will continue to do so

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Do not cut spending to the arts and culture budgets

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Concerned that a reduction in social services and funding for key community programmes in the current economic climate will unduly impact those who are already experiencing significant hardship. Also concerned that maintaining reduced public transport service levels will further push people away from utilising PT resulting in a negative feedback loop. Given current climate challenges I would hope Auckland Council would be aiming to reduce Aucklander's reliance on personal vehicles.

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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: As long as the Council is confident that selling off it's share in Auckland Airport would not materially reduce it's ability to prevent poor outcomes for Aucklander's and proceeds would be used to reduce debt, this seems like a reasonable option to reduce

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: As long as any increase in operating budgets is utilised effectively, the benefits should outweigh the costs in the long term.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Minimise reductions for Tataki Auckland Unlimited, community programmes and social services, which are important for community wellbeing and development.

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Tell us why: 10% is still a strategic holding in the airport - what is the need for 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: It is necessary to prepare for the possible impacts of climate change

5. Local Boards

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?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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 is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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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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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?) 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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduce funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save $27.5 million.

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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: Ensure this budget is strictly for storm related new investment only.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Reduce Library opening hours.

Council operated arts and community centres. Option 2.

Community Delivery. Reduce programs.

Events. Reduction in community led events.

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Clean street gutters 6 monthly.

Clean Stormwater cesspits 4 monthly, not annually. This would decrease costs in unblocking stormwater pipes.

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Tell us why: Apparently selling them all isn't smart for future years

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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: Feels like it has to be done but so long as the service cuts will not happen as these are essential for progress and wellbeing

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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 spending on consultants and actually use the money for action

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Delaying some projects and keeping the likes of CAB and libraries and galleries open would be more beneficial

If funding for local board 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), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they are the most useful to the most people

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop pandering to cycleways where they aren't essential. Not many people actually bike in this city compared with those catching public transport and other forms of transport. They also affecting local businesses and access to them so less people visit an

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What do you think of these proposals? Take into account where the rubbish charges are/ aren't essential. My waste is removed privately so feels like a double payment in the CBD.

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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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.

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This is a time to keep the lights on and the life in our city.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These spaces are the hubs of our cities! I believe that these spaces are safe and widely accessible to most communities

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As an artist, Co-owner of an art gallery, and owner and head chef of a restaurant with in Auckland.

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.

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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: Landlords should be charged more according to how may properties they own.

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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: Fix the problems with the infrastructure then we wouldn't need to spend more on responding to events

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I oppose reductions to funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), and propose that the Council negotiate with the Government to share the costs of funding since CAB deals with issues related to both local and central government.

As a frequent library user (including of the heritage and family history resources), I would not oppose the following three service reductions provided they were temporary and would be automatically reverted after either 12 or 24 months: reducing late-night (e.g. post 6pm) library opening, restoring the overdue fees that were removed in 2021 and reducing Auckland Library's subscriptions to resources such as Ancestry.com and FindMyPast so that only the 4 Heritage Centers rather than all 50+ libraries have access to those resources.

I reluctantly concur with the reduction of PT services, due to the inability of AT to run all of the scheduled bus services. As soon as the staffing constraints and other issues are resolved the cancelled services ought to be restored. I also urge AT to decisively and quickly deal with the ongoing reliability and punctuality issues with PT that are reducing patronage and thus leading to a loss of much-needed revenue.

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Tell us why: As an alternative, I suggest that the Council sells some of the council-owned golf courses. I do not oppose the idea that the Council can own golf courses just as they own other sport facilities, but the amount of monetary value and land area of these gol

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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: Rates are a regressive tax; due to the UAGC, the percentage of the property value that is paid in rates is highest for lower-valued properties. At this time of cost pressures, I suggest the UAGC should be reduced or at least held constant and the proporti

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What do you think of these proposals? Regarding waste bin sizes and charges, it is astounding that 13 years after the birth of Auckland Council the available rubbish collection services are still different in the areas of the former district and city councils.

I would only charge the $40 fee

7. What else is important to you?

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

At this time of financial revenue, all fees and charges that haven't been raised during the last few years should be increased. That includes carparking fees.

While it may be necessary to suspend infrastructure and transport projects, I would hope that

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

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

We understand that it is important to make some cuts to the Auckland Council Budget, but we also need to be prepared, as rates payers and rent payers, to continue to invest in our infrastructures, our communities, our environment and our services for those that need it most.

In particular, we would like to see these services and investments continued:

Ongoing investment to return public transport frequency and quality to what it was in 2019 and continue projects to promote active transport

A functioning and efficient public and active transport system is an essential element of a low-carbon and equitable city.

If we are to meet our targets under Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland Climate Plan to reduce our carbon emissions by 50 per cent in the next 7 years, this is not an area we can stop investing in. As people return to work and study after 3 years of disruption due to COVID, public transport has to be seen as a reliable option. Key cycleways need to be prioritised after years of deprioritising.

Maintain some funding to CAB - As a free, independent service with 32 sites across Auckland, CAB is able to reach populations that other agencies struggle to connect with. The service is accessible – face-to-face, by phone and online. Help is not time limited, which allows volunteers to provide a level of empathy, impartiality and anonymity that can be hard to find elsewhere. As a universal service, there are no barriers for people seeking help. CAB is often a first port of call and is also where Council and others send people when they don't have answers or time to help. Losing this infrastructure completely would be removing an essential safety net for those that need it most.

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Some of the gaps created will have to be filled by contractors at a cost. Wetlands and urban forests are essential carbon storage and flood protection. In the midst of the climate crisis, we need to maintain sustainable support for community groups and initiatives.

Maintain/prioritise funding for existing arts, cultural, social and economic programmes and community groups working with Māori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant and rainbow communities - programmes that have a strong track record for improving social, economic and cultural outcomes for minority groups need to be maintained. Housing First, the Southern Initiative and the Western Initiative are all programmes with a proven track record for effectiveness when engaging the most vulnerable in our city and improving outcomes for Māori and Pasifika people. These and other programmes focusing on diverse groups in our community ensure that our city is equitable and activates the full potential of our communities. Art and cultural funding for these groups should be prioritised.

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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 current cost of financing the shares can be offset by future growth in value of the airport shares. The economy has a better chance of recovery than the short term outlook would indicate.

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Tell us why: A 7 percent increase in rates is too great a hardship in this inflationary point in time on the cost of housing. Housing (which personally I believe is a human right) is already considerably higher in Auckland than cities in other developed countries. Ra

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

Tell us why: Support the Three Waters proposal so that the council isn't solely responsible for costs. Auckland has tremendous weaknesses in its water and sewerage systems that will require substantial remedial work costing billions. Rates shouldn't include the expe

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Tell us why: I support the Leys Library work, but not the more expensive design option.

I support ecological contracts in part, climate change mitigation, and volunteer programs, but not plantings in this budget. I look for contracted work to be thoughtfully funded,

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are too important to community, learning, preserving and honouring heritage and more to have funding reduced by the Council

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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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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed cuts will damage the heart and soul of our city and communities. I've just returned from Adelaide and Melbourne, and those cities were vibrant with community and major events – free, low-cost and paid, easily accessed by plentiful and cheap public transport options. They had vibrant, inclusive and accessible facilities and markets. Those cities relentlessly promoted themselves to me and my family as places to visit, work and live in, which is tempting if my own city has its services, amenities, facilities, communities and equity of opportunity cut to the bone by these proposed cuts.

Now is not the time to reduce spending, in a time of recovery and rebuild. The pandemic and climate change have battered Aucklanders, their jobs, businesses and places, never has it been so important to support the vibrancy of our city, its communities, its industries and enterprises. Auckland will become a grey, forgettable and soulless city, with no outward visibility, growing inequity, no reputation beyond its borders and no way to compete for the investment, visitor spend, skilled migrants, shows, events, concerts, businesses and jobs we need to thrive, particularly in this time of recovery – don't reduce grants, service activity or access for arts, culture, community, economic development. And Auckland is New Zealand economic engine-room – if Auckland falters, it damages New Zealand, which we saw with the pandemic and lockdowns. I urge our representatives to aspire to something better for Auckland that this budget and the deep and damaging programme of cuts, exacerbating inequity.

Don’t cut arts programme or facility funding and access. Don't reduce services supporting of our creative industries, and the economic development activity supporting them. Don’t cut funding and don’t increase costs for our community groups and local boards. It is our arts and culture, our community connections that support the wellbeing, health and mental health of Aucklanders, bring communities together, help build our local identity and support our local economy. We saw how important strong community groups were through grassroots initiatives in the pandemic, and helping families and communities flooded out of their homes. Our arts and creative industries not only directly create jobs, but enable economic activity – suppliers, materials, travel and transport, hospitality and accommodation.

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

Tell us why: Council should make greater use of debt AND set a higher rates increase to address decades of underinvestment and retain the services and amenities our communities value and need at this time of recovery, rebuild, damaged social cohesion and climate chang

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

Tell us why: It would be irresponsible not to invest in stormwater infrastructure, particularly after the flooding and cyclone earlier this year. Our local parks were damaged, locals lost houses and belongings, local businesses and creative studios were damaged, which

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support most board priorities, but I oppose all proposed cuts to local board's budgets. I oppose reductions to services and hours at Grey Lynn and Auckland Central Library, the Ellen Melville Centre, Studio One Toi Tu and reductions to community deliver

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What do you think of these proposals? We need to be acting as much as possible on responding to climate change - all areas should have access to food scraps collection. The Climate Action Targeted Rate was overwhelmingly supported by Aucklanders and should be used as initially intended and pr

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I urge our elected representatives to oppose the spending and service cuts to our arts, culture, community groups and grants, economic development and climate response. Auckland will be a lesser city, and its people under-served.

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Tell us why: Commentators point out that this is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares - at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council

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Tell us why: It's time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events.

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Tell us why: Postpone work on the final design for Leys Institute Library and continue on the remaining priorities. They have more benefit to greater numbers of the community by comparison.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Investing in failing infrastructure should be priority for council.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: While Auckland is recovering from both the effects of the pandemic which hit it hardest in NZ and now the recent floods and storm I don't think cutting arts and culture or social services for public transport or vulnerable groups including early childhood services is serving the community at large at all and further punitive to the city. These resources should be increasing ideally instead and not seen as a luxury or superfluous but essential to the culture and well-being of Auckland overall.

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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: Selling the Auckland international airport is not in the service of the city or the country as the countries link to the world, it will further cause a disjunct between the country and the world if this airport is sold to private and or overseas interests

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: Homeowners are by far the most privileged in the city, and paying an extra lump sum which is quite low per year to subsidise less well-to-do demographics seems fair in the context of global and local crisis and debt rather than getting rid of other servic

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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 should definitely be financial support for those recovering from the storms and hit hardest to aid infrastructure which will serve the city overall in the long run rather than let things fall into disrepair. As a wealthy nation it is the least we ca

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These all seem like relevant and important things to be putting finances and infrastructural support into

If funding for local board 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 and accommodation grants, 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: I am in the arts and culture and it has been so hard hit already by the pandemic and an integral part of the culture of the city. I believe environmental restoration and pest control is at the heart of action on the environment, plus also local waste mana

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No, I don't know

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 'I do not support these cost reductions, and believe they would have a devastating effect on the livability of Tāmaki Makaurau, leading to a downward spiral as people choose to relocate to more livable cities. Specifically, I believe:

- Cuts to public transportation funding are a false economy. The reason for lack of public transport ridership is due to the poor quality, reliability and frequency of services. Cuts will only make this worse and entrench a car-first culture that is completely at odds with the climate emergency that Auckland Council has rightly declared. The Council should be spending more, not less, on alternative transportation options.

- The other reductions would be tremendously damaging to the culture of Tāmaki Makaurau - what makes this a special place to live. The vibrant festivals and arts events are so important for a world class city. Events such as Big Gay Out, which I recently attended, foster a sense of community and inclusion that really must continue. Arts events - in particular those in the CBD - are some of the few things that still attract people to Central Auckland, and cuts would have a devastating knock-on effect to local small businesses.

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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: Given the current market volatility and softening, now is a terrible time to be selling assets such as the Auckland Airport shareholding. Such a proposal should be considered only during a stronger market.

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. These are both tools that should be used to eliminate the need for the cuts noted.

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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 are facing a climate emergency, which we have already seen claim lives in Tāmaki Makaurau. It is essential that we do more to prepare for future storms. This should be non-negotiable.

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Tell us why: Whilst I support these priorities, I would also add that funding for arts should be an additional priority and the proposed reductions in the budget for arts and community centres, community delivery, events, grants and environmental education are wrong 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I strongly disagree with cuts to all of these areas, it's impossible to identify a "top 3".

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What do you think of these proposals? '- Fees for changing bin size: These should only apply when moving to a larger size bin, moving to a smaller bin should be encouraged.

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I would reiterate the that Council needs to invest substantially in more transportation options in Tāmaki Makaurau to reduce the car-centricity of the supercity. Auckland Transport should increase enforcement operations in support of this (e.g. greater en

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow and worldwide research shows the arts 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?) 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

7. What else is important to you?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
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A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

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

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

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Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? 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 the shares results in losing an asset which we will never get back for a short term injection of cash. Partial sale allows us to maintain an interest in the airport and gain returns via dividends in the future, while still allowing for some c

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Tell us why: The suggested rates increase is about at the point that people can stand but the accompanying reduction in services means that people won't see any tangible benefits for the increase, resulting in a disenfranchised populace. People know and understand tha

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Tell us why: We must ensure that our storm water infrastructure is made more robust, otherwise you'll be trying to fix things when they become emergent and trying to put more cuts to public service through. It's silly, make sure you're investing where you need to - se

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Tell us why: I think they are misleading - reducing environmental education for kids, opening hours at libraries and community grants are outrageous suggestions. They are community hubs, and necessary parts of keeping things. functioning for people living within the c

If funding for local board 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), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are there for the use of all and should not be on the cutting end of the budget. Community spaces and arts are really important, and staffing them is required. What sort of message are you trying to send to people about the place of art and cult

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase taxes on the wealthy, rather than reduce the opportunities for the many.

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What do you think of these proposals? Why would you cut CATR when it's strongly supported by the community? Don't plunder that or there won't be any Auckland left at this rate - you saw the flood and cyclone damage? How does this make sense.

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Cutting funding to vulnerable communities and services when they need investment the most is shocking. You should be leading the spaces of sustainable public transportation, and you should be increasing climate action changes. It's embarrassing in this da

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Tell us why: Privatise by selling a portion of our golf courses and NOT our airport

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Tell us why: see my earlier comments. To reinforce those comments, Auckland has an AA+ rating. It has the capacity to borrow. We need to INVEST our way to a better future. The proposed cuts will only make Auckland poorer in the longer term and in the short term cause

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Tell us why:

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

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

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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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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?

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Stop building ridiculously expensive bike lanes.

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Tell us why:

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We must protect the environment at all costs and especially the young who are our future.We must sacrifice by paying more rates and increasing debt.Sacrifice is inevitable if we are to survive and frugality essential for us all.If we live frugally we can afford to pay more rates.For example,get out of the car and walk,grow our own verges 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? 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: Life is a compromise.We should avoid extremes.We should avoid all or nothing and keep in sight the preservation of MotherNature.Going to extremes has upset the balance.Let us practise the Middle Way.

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: With a frugal lifestyle we can afford the above option.We must change our lifestyle and take personal responsibility for the present crisis.The above target is realistic if we pull in the belt and help those who can't meet this target.

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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 will happen as scientists predicted and they will intensify so it is common sense to prepare for them and mitigate damageWe should do this collectively and individually and of course it will require considerable funding.

5. Local Boards

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why: Environment is number one priority.We must do whatever we can to protect 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?) Parks programme volunteers, Youth programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control

Tell us why these are most important to you: Youth are our future and are very vulnerable.They need maximum support.Volunteers are essential to restore parks and pest control,noxious weeds are huge problem.eg Eskdale park.

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 leasing charges, Local business support

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: They all enhance environment and 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 e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries offer refuge for families,story telling,even free books.Suslainibility is too important ant to be left out,key to survival.We are the environment,constant restoration is required.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: No reductions. The approach of reductions reflects a very short term vision for the city, effectively a cowards way of passing the buck to future generations while starving a city of the elements which are its DNA.

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Tell us why: a short term windfall makes no financial sense to a city that requires continued funding over generations. The value of the dollar return today will pale into insignificance over this period to the value of dividends that could be fed into the AC coffer

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: they reflect an agenda which provides for healthy 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?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

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? mayors salary

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not want to reduce funding to local boards, to regional services, or to Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Our local libraries, community centres, social programmes and cultural events are critical to Auckland and making it a good place to live. I want all Aucklanders to be able to experience a better quality of life, and I am happy to pay more for that. If you want Auckland to be a world class city you need to ensure that we support the arts. If you want Auckland to be an equitable city, you need to make sure that we support our most vulnerable. Libraries are some of the last places we have in which people can come together for free, share information and knowledge, and feel supported. I understand that you think they are not a necessity, but the availability of Libraries is life or death for many people in Auckland given the lack of social support services remaining. Unhoused people, the elderly and new and young parents rely on libraries to prevent isolation. Don't take that away.

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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: We should maintain an interest but sell some to get cashflow.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: Hard times are times to take out debt as a city. This is not a household, don't try to run it like one.

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: Agree.

5. Local Boards

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: These are all essential to me. Please do not reduce the 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?) 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: These are all important to me. I don't want to choose just three. However, as I have previously stated Libraries are essential for the wellbeing of our communities, and I believe that arts and community programmes are also vital to giving our young people

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No, take out more debt.

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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• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

Please consider reducing the salaries of the CEOs of your CCOs, the Mayor, the deputy mayor, and all other council/cco employees earaning over 200k a year. It is preposterous to continue to pay these people so much while threatening to cut the support sys

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't think transport should become more expensive or reduce the number of services. Sports venues/music activities are crucial and shouldn't be hindered either. However our rates are already high and with interest rates going up we can't afford to pay more rates. Trim and make the council more efficient. Less fluffing about and make decisions. Less spending on roads and cars. Tax the drivers.

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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: Who are the shares being sold to? This matter as it will change who can make decisions on what happens to the airport. The airport is something that should be controlled/influenced by council and the people of Auckland.

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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: What is a mow area?

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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This questionnaire is extremely difficult to follow and uses acronyms and wording that makes it difficult to understand what you are asking. I don't think many Aucklanders would know what these questions mean.

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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? 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:

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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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please do not reduce regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities.

All of these are crucial to Auckland being a city that is liveable for all of its residents, not only for those that can afford to pay for things

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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? 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: Proceed with proposal but also listens to climate scientists and activist on how to better prepare the city for future storms, read the data and act accordingly. It is not just an infrastructure issue, but also a climate issue as a whole

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Tell us why: Good to see climate change mitigation and enhancing public spaces in the proposal for the community as a whole

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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? Road works for cars, we have enough of this. Instead of improving the road for cars we need to encourage, empower and support walking and cycling. The city should encourage 15 minutes city concepts that has been applied in European and Asian metros. This

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

The central city library is important to me, i go there every weekend with my husband to return and take books out, and have been doing so for the past 15 years that I have lived here. It is my source of entertainment and knowledge. Budget cuts and reduce

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1. Operating spending reductions

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing public transport services, for example, is counter-productive as it prevents people being able to get to work and school, and from spending money in shops, etc. It harms overall economic activity, and thus eventually further reduces the money available to the Council.

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: Council should retain at least some stake in the Airport, which is a key aspect of our transportation network and a cornerstone of economic activity for the city and region. It seems foolish to think short term and sell shares now, but if that happens, th

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.

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: Preparation in order to lower risk of future costly damage makes sense and is prudent in the face of increased likelihood of extreme weather events.

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are so important as a safe place where people do not have to pay money to sit (out of the sun/rain) and spend time.

Environmental restoration is important for the future.

Community events, especially annual events that people look forward to a

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Perhaps partnering with local volunteer organizations like Rotary, or other non-profits, supporting them with training, tools, etc., especially for one-off events that won't replace permanent paid positions.

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? I support increased fees targeted at those who use the services, so long as they aren't so onerous as to incentivize illegal dumping.

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 do not cut the very things that enable people to live and work in this city, and that make it a good place to live. Please do not make big moves like selling off the stake in the airport that will have major repercussions for the future. Consider w

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Keep the community and education programmes as they are. Better you decrease Auckland Council salaries, plus cut off more consultants, and cut costs from giving your employees expensive EVs. They can drive their own cars and pay for their own cars or petrol/energy. Also, all the buildings and parkings that Auckland Council pays for their staff and consultants. Why should we pay for that and cut community and education programmes that impact our wider communities?

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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: AIAL shouldn't be part of Auckland Council. Free up that money and use it for better things instead of increasing debts and raising taxes.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: I don't think rates should be increased further and put pressure on landlords, and tenants, and also first home owners. Also, funding roads, pipes and buildings is absolutely necessary in an forever expanding city.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Auckland needs more development and it's not sustainable currently, even without the growth happening. With severe weather events, new investments need to be done, so that we future proof our city and don't let it sink in the next decade.

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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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Citizens Advice Bureau must stay. This is supporting the ones that are most in need of it. Not everybody has money to pay high lawyer and solicitors fees when they are bullied or dismissed illegally at work, or get legal advice from this community service

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities

will suffer.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and

Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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? I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our

communities if they're going to grow and worldwide research shows the arts bring

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

7. What else is important to you?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* .

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I've been using public transport as my only means of transport for my whole life. I can not afford to use public transport if the price goes up. For some people it's might only be a couple dollars more a week. But when I commute to and from work everyday it adds up.

I couldn't imagine the idea of cutting more buses. Has to be the most terrible idea I have ever heard. People need to be able to get to work and school. Not everyone is driving a car to jump on a train so they don't have to park in the CBD. Some people rely souly on public transport. When you drop services you cut out acsess for entire areas. It's the difference between a 5 minute walk to a bus stop and a 40 minute walk to the bus stop.

The arts and events cuts are also outrageous. I just don't see the point of living in such an expensive city if there is nothing to do. Plain and simple. I like going to events and festivals and if anything we need more 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? 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: Bring up general rates. Use debit smarter.

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

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Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any of the outlined reductions and instead increase borrowing, target rates that affect the affluent not the poor. The proposed cuts disproportionately disadvantage those who are already struggling and barely inconvenience those who are not. Citizen Advice bureaus - critical pathway for help and contact for migrants and locals. Libraries are not just places to check out books, they are fonts of knowledge reliant on the expertise and research of professional librarians. Not something a volunteer can do. Auckland Art Gallery, the most significant collection of NZ and Pacific art in the country. Open 364 days a week and filled with children - even from South Auckland Mr Browne! Also it's about to receive an incredible gift of old masters paintings from New York because it is such a reputable institution and that is HUGE for Auckland. Homelessness is also a huge issue for Auckland. How can cutting services possibly improve that problem?

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Tell us why: Short term gain for long term pain. Anyone who lived here during the corporate raiding of critical assets can answer this. How did that work out for railways? How is that working out with Ports of Auckland? What could be more important to an island nation

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Tell us why: Auckland Council has a A+ credit rating and more borrowing will not affect that. it is not facing a debt crisis. It is facing a cash flow crisis. its debt is well below the debt ceiling. More investment in the city by council, will bring in more investmen

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Tell us why: The flooding in late January was a result of decades of underinvestment in critical infrastructure.

Investment in stormwater infrastructure is necessary to reduce future costs, not only the financial costs, but the cost to our environment, our flora and

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Strong local support is required to cope with impacts of climate and economic disaster. Local boards need to have agency and discretionary spending to support their communities appropriately.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Impossible to choose three as all of these are important for different reasons. The local board needs funding, providing agency and discretion to support our wider community. Access to help and services should not come at the cost of our environment.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell a gold course?

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What do you think of these proposals? Implement modest charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city and make it a more desirable place to live and to visit.

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Tell us why: Buy out impacted houses in low lying areas and convert to wetlands and parks.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Because I support my local board and their initiatives

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they are good for the environment

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No

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Really think it is unfair that churches pay no rates and use so many resources and provide no local community benefit. Look at Carlisle House on Richmond Rd, the land could be better used yet its in a state if of dis repair. The church occupies a large ar

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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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As a city centre resident I also implore you not to cut all of the cultural programs that make the city a vibrant and interesting place to live, nor those that assist our more disadvantaged citizens and help to lift them up. Our libraries, for example, provide a huge range of educational and entertainment services from highly trained professionals. Access to a good library can help a disadvantaged child succeed in life.

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Tell us why: The need to invest in better stormwater management is obvious. In addition to the conventional stormwater network, solutions such as swales that leverage green spaces are worth a look

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Tell us why: I don't see how the proposed cuts align to the goal of "Prioritise programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment'. These things come from robust government services for those who need them and a variety of cultural venue

If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: The Ellen Melville Centre feels somewhat like the heart of the city for city dwellers, hosting a huge range of different events and services for all different types of people. As mentioned earlier, I also strongly oppose reduction in spending on our libra

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Tell us why: Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and debt. I think it is important for council to have a share in our only international airport so that it can influence the airport's future decisions to benefit Aucklanders. The cou

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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: I think general rates should increase and the council should make more use of debt. Auckland council has a very strong credit rating and stable outlook due to its strong economic and liquidity profiles and experienced management according to Standard &amp

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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 with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around $20 million each year. We need to invest in our underperforming infrastructure so we are better prepared for more flooding and minimising the devastating outcomes seen recently during th

5. Local Boards

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: I support all priorities but do not support the reduced funding of $16 million across the local boards

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think it is important to restore and maintain biodiversity and reduce waste going to landfill. No mow areas will reduce council costs in the long run, reduce emissions and improve biodiversity

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No

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

What do you think of these proposals? Council could consider additional charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city.

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?

I do not support the delays to the Inner-west Cycleways and Street Improvements projects and would like to see these fully funded and expedited.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't support the reduction to public transport services, Tātaki Auckland, or ECE services. These areas contribute to the overall well being and liveability of our city and/or cost of living (transport and childcare) which in turn have an indirect effect on the ability of citizens to contribute to other sources of revenue. Council should consider the cost of Greenfield's development which adds additional burden on existing infrastructure, longterm costs to manage and contributes to issues of traffic congestion and cost of living,.

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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: AIAL's commitment to providing public transport options needs to be honoured. This is less about providing convenient transport for passengers (although that is an aspect) but more about recognising the thousands of people who work in and around the 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:

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Tell us why: I think this is reasonably balanced. I wonder if closure of libraries could be staggered ie.e could central close on a Monday (or whatever day has the least number of customers on average) to ensure continuity of service within the area.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? The swimming pool fencing laws are already incredibly rigorous (well beyond Australia) but the compliance review of these is draconian and defy common sense often. I would suggest an internal audit of processes would be a better way to reduce costs of thi

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

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

Tell us why:

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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 do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland has underinvested in infrastructure for decades. All these proposed cuts are bad, but the public transport ones are the most damaging 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Historically AIAL has performed very well, and in the long term will return far more than interest costs. The holding also gives the city a say in the development of a vital piece of Auckland infrastructure.

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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 face up to decades of underinvestment. We should borrow for major capital works and pay for operating expenditure out of rates. Both rates and borrowing need to 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: This problem will only get worse over time. We need to build capacity now

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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: Auckland Council has only 18% shares indicates little influence. Can reduce debt immediately and cut costs

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

Tell us why: commercial properties rates should be increased by 10% and residential property should be increased by 7%. Try and make less use of debt.

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

Tell us why: Charge the banks, fossil fuel companies, Fonterra and any companies that have increased their profit margins from before Covid a climate tax to cover the $20 million each year.

5. Local Boards

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 do not support any priorities

Tell us why: The above activities and services are necessary for the wellbeing of the residents. If you tax the companies accordingly you should have your $16 million shortfall.

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't agree with the two points below...

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development,

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

I am ok with the others except the buses.. If reducing the service means more people drive then I am against it, if these buses are not needed then it is ok to reduce services a bit.

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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 am ok with selling the shares in Auckland airport. I do also think that we should be getting rid of some golf courses. I don't think we need to sell these to make houses but I don't think we should be paying the operational costs, turn them into partks.

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: I am ok with an increase in rates and debt. I am not ok with this 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:

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Tell us why: I don't think local board activities should be reduced.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste proposals - it is very important to bring in food food scraps

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not make reductions on arts and culture programmes. This sector is under enormous strain and has had support eroded over the last 20 years. Increase support in this sector rather than reduce.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cuts to the budget of the Art Gallery is a fundamental mistake for our city. We have a world class collection and the Art Gallery attracts around 500,000 visitors per annum - a strong vote of confidence in the arts and their role in our city.

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Tell us why: There are much more important uses for our funds in building urban parks, upgrading infrastructure including water and transport networks.

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Tell us why: Critical expenditure

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

Yours sincerely,

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save $16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save $6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Arts reductions - I am an actor, writer and working artist. Arts and culture are integral to the cultural makeup and vibrancy of Auckland - having a thriving arts scene makes this city more desirable and liveable. Cultural investment has significant long term flow-on effects on our communities, cutting funding would be a woeful mistake.

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduction to some community services including potential reductions to libraries, events, and programmes such as TSI and TWI only hurt our communities and ratepayers who are doing it tough already and rely on these services to provide the 'extra's' to life.

Additionally, reducing these services only harms our communities of greatest need rather than communities who are already able to support themselves with ease.

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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: the shares were a gift I believe. The only issue with selling them now is that we cannot sell them in 10 years or so should we need to.

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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 we need to do more to mitigate and build resilience against climate impacts generally. $20mil doesn't feel like enough but it's a start.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the environmental projects.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Funding has reputational benefits to the council. Environmental projects support enduring environment and have future benefits.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the number of LBs and Elected Members.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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The council must prioritise outcomes for mana whenua and Māori communities including Māori wards which other councils have.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Austerity is not the answer to the funding challenges. Raising rates to cover the costs associated with the amenities of a world-class city is not unreasonable, it's necessary. If Auckland wants to be perceived as world-class and attract investment and skilled immigrants, it needs to be able to follow through on that perception. Transit and the arts are key to this.

Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding for public transit

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Reducing regional services

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: this is not the time to back off on the Water Quality Targeted Rate, recent events have shown us that stormwater, waste water and drinking water investments are needed and should not be deferred

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:supporting a managed retreat from flood prone areas, and incorporating greater resilience requirements for our infrastructure will require more than $20 million, but that is at least a start

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I agree with the priorities, but do NOT agree with the items being cut. There is a real link between these programs and a livable city

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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

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Tell us why: if the returns from selling now are greater than expected dividends this is a good option that will not increase the already mounting cost of living in Auckland.

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

Tell us why:I don't believe the poor storm response was due to a lack of funds. I think it was due to a lack of procedure, official warning and clear advice.

5. Local Boards

Ōrākei Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: we need to put some focus on the environment because without it, no other development matters.

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?** I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: low mow/ no mow is a good initiative that could end up saving a lot of money

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What do you think of these proposals? rather than add larger bins for landfill, educate and give people tools for waste reduction. Do not cut public transport.

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?

Public transport is important!!!!!! please do not make cuts in this sector. I know that the half price fair was not corelated with an increase in the use of public transport but that is because services were cut, making it more inconvenient. Please work

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce the already failing public transport system, you will kill off this 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 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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public Transport - that would be a counterintuitive backward step that will increase emissions and the risk of flooding

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 THESE SERVICES DEFUNDS AND DEMOTIVATES LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO ARE THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY GET THE WORK DONE.

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

Reducing regional contestable grants to save $3 million DITTO

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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: It is impossible for most people to know the downside of selling these shares. On the face of it, it seems a good way to reduce ongoing interest costs, but I have to trust the Council to balance this against what we stand to lose by doing so.

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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: If we lose community services and delay environmental protection and climate change mitigation, we will face increased costs and losses in the future. However, we should ensure rates relief for those in financial hardship.

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: No point kicking the can down the road - we will all have to pay eventually, and prices will only increase.

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? I support all priorities

Tell us why: We must keep supporting local communities, or people will lose hope and motivation.

If funding for local board 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, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: If we stop action in these areas now, we risk losing the benefits of all the work done over the years in pest control and the setting up of a network of hardworking community groups. We only have now, the future will be too late.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Everything above is vita except the Leys building - ideally, we want to preserve our built heritage but it is less important than clean water and low emissions.

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because the future will be too late.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Keep back office systems tight and minimise wasteful spending - e.g duplication of services, unnecessary bureaucracy,

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

What do you think of these proposals? WE should not encourage people to have bigger bins, but rather incentivise them to produce less waste. Composting should be easy and affordable for everyone.

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

Our natural environment is the basis for everything that makes us healthy and thriving. We will thrive if we ensure water quality, clean air and green spaces. If we treat a clean, healthy environment as "nice to have", we will pay a very high price in

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These services are critical for health and wellbeing

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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: bad time to sell shares; less profitability for the future

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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:help now and invest in the future

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: keep mowing areas to beautify Auckland, so it doesn't look like a slum. There are no crosswalks on three of the 4 directions outside my new apartment building (45 Union Street). For safety, I have to walk through a public grassed 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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: helping the environment, youth and culture is a vote for now and the future

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What do you think of these proposals? extend bus routes and frequency to tempt people into regular public transport. Wealthy people living in New York and London do not even own cars, as public transport is so good.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: You're increasing cost to community members, and reducing access of services to poorer community members. Haven't they struggled enough through covid and flooding and now you want to risk the Zoo closing, shutting libraries and reduce childcare places? Public transportation needs to be further susbidised to allow for modal shifts, and to get people out of the cars.

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Tell us why: Increase the debt - selling the councils stake in the airport is absolutely ridiculous.

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

Tell us why: Increase rates and debt - that way you wouldn't have to cut vital community 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: We're in a climate crisis - flooding and the cyclone this year already. Should tell you why it's so important to increase the operating budget year on year.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: You shouldn't be cutting the budget and hamstringing local government into making ridiculous decisions around reducing community services and grants.

If funding for local board 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 grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Well they're all important. You cannot continue to pillage community funds, it's not on. So many communities have suffered through covid, and the floods. There is a housing crisis, so removing the ability to support vulnerable people to sleep safely isn't

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase tax, rather than reduce budgets.

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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.	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).

• 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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Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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:

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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

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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

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 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?) Library opening hours and services, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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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?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

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

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

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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.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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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

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 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 waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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?

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

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?

More trees. More open space. More green pathways. Less cars in the city centre.

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any reduction. A city should have things its citizens can use. Increasing pricing will impact the worse off.

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

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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: I would only be happy for debt to increase if it is used to fund infrastructure such as public transport, or walking and cycling facilities.

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

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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I came to NZ from the UK several years ago. Austerity did not fix England - it damaged it very badly and I do not want to see the same thing happen here. It made my city grey and miserable and led to my emigrating.

I was attracted to Auckland because of its friendliness, its love of arts and nature, its vibrant multicultural support, and the support of its people via CAB and mental health assistance. I believe these reductions will dramatically damage the city at a time when good cheer is most needed.

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

Tell us why:

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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:

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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.	Other

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?

Graffiti in the CBD is becoming more problematic over time and I would like to see more support put towards getting it removed.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Don't reduce community ane ducation programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, and social services activities we need those

Wayne Brown is a moron that doesn't represent us

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? 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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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

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?) 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? eat the rich and don't spend so much on golf courses

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

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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 have shares in AIAL and we don't think is a great time to sell. Selling those shares is short sighted. Auckland council should hold on to those shares.

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

Tell us why: Set higher general rates and borrow more.

4. Storm Response

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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?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Outlined above are all priories, I think rates should increase so that we can continue funding these important activities.

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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?

Need to find a better solution for homelessness in the inner city.

Current proposal of cutting jobs and cutting rates is only going to make living harder for more people.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The current community services we have in place are amazing and are still not enough. Cutting funding of services such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau will severely impact all parts of the community including vulnerable members. I have a personal connection to CAB who assisted my intellectually disabled cousin navigate a tricky legal situation with great grace and care.

In addition as a young person living in the city, I thoroughly enjoy the array of events that Auckland Council puts on. To cut the funding and these events will further drive myself and my peers out of the country and across the ditch where there is a more thriving community for young people.

The cutting of a large, large span of community services is putting the cost onto Auckland's lower class and middle class creating a further gap between the rich and poor.

I am firmly against the reduction and support the increase of rates and 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: Auckland Airport is a valuable asset that will only see growth in the many years to come. In particular the recent upgrades will bring more revenue. Selling the shares is extremely short sighted and I am firmly against changing the policy.

Keep all our s

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

Tell us why: I support the Council to set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Auckland is the biggest city in New Zealand and it needs to utilize all funds possible to support the rapid growth coming in the next 10 years.

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

Tell us why: It's extremely important for me to fix our aging infrastructure and prevent further flood damage in the future.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I am a user of the arts and library in Grey Lynn. I am passionate about the services provided.

It pains me greatly to pick only three areas.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? no.

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What do you think of these proposals? Strongly against cutting library funding.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1. One of Auckland's biggest problems is a terrible public transport system. I don't think there is a single person in Auckland who would say transport in this city works well. Cutting spend on public transport can only worsen the existing misery. I was born in Auckland and moved back here 3 years ago after decades away. I was determined not to get a car, and to use public transport. It's been so terrible I had to give up and get a car, joining the traffic that is already choking us.

2. Cuts to spending on cultural and youth services. I would far rather pay additional rates for a richer, more vibrant and compassionate 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: The airport shareholding is small in the greater scheme of things, and it's not a good time to sell shares in anything related to travel.

It'd make a lot more sense to me, along with many other commentators, to sell golf courses. Mr Wayne Brown argued t

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Tell us why: I think the council should increase rates AND increase 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: It would be completely mad to abandon this proposal -- surely it will be cheaper to fix what can be done now than cope with the damage we'll inevitably be faced with in future climate events.

5. Local Boards

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: Work related to water and outdoor spaces is the most crucial, especially given 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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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What do you think of these proposals?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I believe it's short-sighted to make these cuts, which will severely damage the arts and culture sector, at a time when they're only just starting to recover from Covid, storms and the cyclone. I think the following should NOT be proceeded with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants

Now is the time to be investing in these areas, not cutting back. Auckland comes alive when galleries, festivals and cultural events are thriving, making the city colourful and attractive to national and international visitors. Making these cuts will negatively impact the local economy in many different ways. We will all be poorer on many levels as a result.

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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? 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 understand the dollars have to come from somewhere, and a reasonable rates increase seems to best option.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: This is urgent and important work, but needs to be carried out in conjunction with appropriate adaptive planning for any future developments, so that storm damage can be kept to a minimum.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā 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 feeling.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts and environment sectors are of particular interest for me, although I believe all of these activities are very important. It was hard to choose just 3.

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 the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cutting arts, climate, youth and citizen services is just going to lead to more problems in the long term. Part of a functional city is residents who feel like they belong, can get help and can participate in activities that support their wellbeing. I do not support the cuts as proposed. The impact on people visiting the city will be huge as well. It is already hard to win the discretionary dollar. This needs a rethink.

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

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

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

Tell us why: I think this is preferable to the cuts proposed but I would still think retaining some shares is wise

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: I would agree with a rates increase if i thought i could still participate in the events and groups and others that are being proposed to be cut. Otherwise use debt better.

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

Tell us why: Use debt better and auckland airport share sale money with a small rates increase. I want to know how this work is planned and what it covers. This lacks detail.

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?

Wellbeing is paramount ir the city becomes less desirable overall. Austerity is not always the answer.

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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:

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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

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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: more top up more expended, less top up less expended for the same project.

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the contractor management not efficient, one problem fix repeating by different companies.

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

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

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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

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

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

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

Tell us why: I would agree with proceeding with proposed increase in rates if it were paired with a rent control policy as historically any increase in cost to homeowners/landlords is disproportionately passed on to renters

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why: Sellinshares at this time seems fiscally irresponsible- at a low point in the market - once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged once it's sold.

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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: I support all priorities and I am very pleased to read that the board is adopting a low-mow programme. There are plenty of green spaces in and near my area (Herne Bay) that would be suitable for the low-mow/no-mowing programme. I would urge Waitematā Loca

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. Additionally I would consider the City Centre Residents group suggestion of raising revenue by requiring every registered

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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 doesn't seem a particularly sensible time to sell this in current market conditions. The airport is planning an upgrade in the coming years - perhaps the shares would fetch a greater return if sold after this upgrade was complete.

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

Tell us why: Rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, could generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over $

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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 important to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events which we know we will continue to to the impacts of climate change.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The local board priorities are aligned with climate change mitigation, which must be the top priority in all aspects of our society. Cutting environmental services after a significant flooding disaster and cyclone that has required strong local responses

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What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways, and strongly oppose using the Climate Action Targeted Rate fund to reduce costs to Auckland Transport instead of using it to improve and increase services

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In the face of climate change, with the impacts being clearly felt in our own backyard, it's absolutely crucial that the council invests in climate change mitigation measures such as public transport and environmental protection and restoration. A more fr

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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 it makes more sense to keep the shares. It is an important asset and while dividends might not be great now they may rise in future

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: I don't mind paying more in rates in order to receive good services that I value highly

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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: Libraries are so valuable to the community. Every time I go to central library it is full of people for different purposes - personally I use it to encourage my son to enjoy reading but others are using it as a safe space or to study or for many other rea

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Just increase rates

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce the number of public transport 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: Makes economic sense if the savings are greater than the dividends

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: Seems balanced

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

Tell us why: Council needs to sort out lack of cost efficiency and labour productivity when it comes to roading and infrastructure works.

We are ranked amongst the lowest in the world on these counts and I would like to see this sorted out before we increase expenditu

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why: Keep the funding to core council services - cut the fluff.

If funding for local board 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 programmes including construction waste coordination

Tell us why these are most important to you: Its all about the natural environment.

Waitematā 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?

My primary concern with council is around efficiency and productivity. Ever since the Supercity was formed council has performed worse than in its previous iteration. I suspect that this has a lot to do with lack of accountability, scale and lack of res

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing the already under-provided public transportation in the city will negatively impact commuters, emissions, and cultural hubs. Additionally, cutting funding for important arts, cultural institutions and grants will gut the city of its vibrant culture. This will greatly reduce the livability of our city and take away many of the things that make Auckland special. The current generation in power has benefited greatly from high public debt and spending, and the proposed financial austerity measures are robbing future generations of those same opportunities. The mayor ran on the proposal to 'fix' Auckland - not to turn the city into one big industrial estate devoid of uniqueness.

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Tell us why: Selling a long term strategic asset to reduce public debt in the short term shows a prioritisation of making the books look good over the future of our city. If the airport is being sold to generate capital, but the funding for all the public benefit use-

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

Tell us why: New Zealand's obsession with low public debt is 'kicking the can down the road' for future generations, and also contributing to the requirement for cutting funding to arts,culture and other things that make Auckland a great place to live.

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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: In addition to investing in infrastructure to combat increasingly frequent climate events, Auckland also needs to focus on improving its plan to reduce emissions, pollution, and other contributions to climate change.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are in line with the goal to make the area more livable by improving public cultural facilities and nature/recreation areas. Any reduction in funding that would affect these goals would be highly detrimental to 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental concerns, arts, and culture are some of the biggest factors in making Auckland a great place to live. If you look at cities where these have been phased out, the result is metropolises that become husks of their former selves.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop spending so much money on bureaucracy, consultants, and deciding what to spend on. Community leaders are well equipped to know where spending is most effective - they should be given a stronger voice.

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What do you think of these proposals? The CATR was established with public support to serve residents of Auckland. Changing the use of the CATR to reduce costs is antithetical to what it was established for.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I oppose cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. Such a cut in funding will negatively impact our local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors, of which I am a consistent and satisfied customer. These cuts will result in a less culturally vibrant, and therefore worse, city.

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Tell us why: Retaining state and local control of the literal gateway to New Zealand 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: With as yet unknown impacts of climate change, it is so important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support a reduction in funding. This will hurt 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleway, as this is how I get around the city.

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 proceed with cuts to the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have a large impact on our arts, culture and creative se

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Do not proceed with:

- Reducing regional contestable grants.
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
- Reducing Bus services

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

Our social infrastructure – including our arts, culture and creative sector – is needed more than ever as our communities try to move on from three years of COVID-19 disruption.

Our arts events, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services improve social cohesion, make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry, boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Our arts, culture and creative sector jobs, organisations and facilities are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost, some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter, and some facilities will struggle to survive.

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Regarding reducing regional services - especially community and education programmes as well as arts and culture programme. I strongly believe that those programmes are essential to keep Auckland as a sound and attractive city for 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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around $40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I use public transport as an affordable mode of transport, and I understand that many people around the city use this as their main mode of travel. If this goes ahead, this could increase congestion on the road and the cost of living expenses on transport. I rely on public transport to save on costs and time waiting to travel.

I partially disagree with the reduction in childcare services now that we face declining birth rates, which will decrease the size of our future workforce, which won't be enough to support pensioners financially. We need to support parents as much as we can not speed up the decline, encouraging parents to have children and knowing that childcare services are available.

I agree with reducing non-essential services and that we shouldn't take on more debt to cover the budget hole. However, I disagree with reductions in essential services and would rather have a bigger funding cut on leisure activities. My stance on rates is neutral, and I don't care if it increases.

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Tell us why: I believe that Auckland Council should keep some stake in the airport to keep AIAL in check - that way, they continue to have a say on what the company proposes.

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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'm not a fan of debt; however, if that's needed anyway, I'm not against it. I don't care about rate increases.

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Tell us why: This won't affect me much.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: None are important to me.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? None that I can think of, but I'm all for reducing funding for any non-essential service/activity.

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What do you think of these proposals? Nope.

7. What else is important to you?

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Nothing of note.

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

Tell us why: AIAL is a strategic asset for Auckland and selling our share is very short term thinking

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Selling this asset in the market we are currently in means that there is less money to be made, and no pathway of return once they are sold. This is a short term solution to a larger problem and alternative policies should be found.

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

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

Tell us why: Stormwater infrastructure in Auckland is woefully inadequate, these climate events will not get any less frequent so we must act immediately to minimise the future risk to our communities and future costs

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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What 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 rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Do not add further rates increases to non-residential properties who already pay a disproportionately high quantum of rates, including targeted rates. Businesses are already suffering and further rates increases will be passed on to businesses.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

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Auckland Transport should allow for all day car parking in residential streets which are close to commercial areas. (eg the streets around the St Georges bay Rd commercial precinct.) It is ridiculous that these streets are devoid of any parked cars during

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

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The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

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Tell us why: Basing the sale of the airport shares on the performance over the last few covid years is very shortsighted. I've held airport shares and for most of the time the performance has been excellent. Why the council wants to quit this source of income is to me

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We have a new Board - these are the priorities of the old Board

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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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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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

Waitematā Local Board

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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 do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reducing Local Board funded activities. Instead I would leave Local Board funding intact for locals to make these decisions. I think rates should be increased.

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

Tell us why: I believe the airport shares should definitely NOT be sold - dividends are on the increase again!

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

Tell us why: I believe the rates could be raised further.

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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 - this is essential future proofing and planning.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Excellent priorities!

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are an essential community facility and the opening hours should remain the same.

The local environment is so important - clean water and yes money can be saved by less mowing.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The services which the Council proposes to remove are all very significant to the quality of life of Aucklanders. An increase in rates and in debt is justified. I do not want to see an increase in homelessness, a reduction in public transport availability, or for the arts to be crippled further. These will all significantly reduce the amenity we have in our city, they encourage tourism and economic growth.

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

Tell us why: At least some shareholding in this asset should be maintained. This is a very poor time for the shares to be sold given they will essentially be sold at the bottom of the market.

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Tell us why: The increase in rates may be slightly painful in the short term but is justified if it will allow public services to be preserved.

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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 essential if we are to prevent further cost in the future as a result of future storms and extreme weather events.

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Waitematā 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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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

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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:

5. Local Boards

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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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 is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduce arts spend. Halt grants. Halt environment targeted rate. Increase rates to inflation level. Close ECEs. Close libraries. We don't need 56. Take a per capita approach. Close every venue that needs earthquake proofing and either sell or rent to someone who wants it - Eke Panuku can administer.

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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 we currently influence its investment and operational choices? Not really as Aucklanders so get rid.

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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 not enough. So don't bother at all. If you make your other changes. Should not be needed. Also govt hand outs needed. See CERA. And they're current $30m+ on the table for the country. As more than a third of NZ GDP - please check we are getting our s

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Tell us why: I don't support my local Baird priorities but do support them having to give up millions - specifically

On the list of stuff they've put forward.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: None of these are important to me in a financial black hole.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the number of local boards - lobby govt to a change to the LG act and remove local boards entirely and change focus of councillors. How much admin would that save…? Anyone done that maths?

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

Remove a governance layer. We have more local politicians in Auckland than serves the whole country in Wellington. It is a massive bureaucracy that could be done more efficiently. We have 1 politician for every 9500 people. Too many. It's an utter horror

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do no agree with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Reducing regional services, Reducing local board funded activities and Reducing regional contestable grants.

These reductions will decemate an already struggling arts community. The benefits of a strong and inculsive arts culture far outweighs an increase in rates of $8.30 a week. It's not a luxury, it's a necessity for the wellbeing of everyone in this city and the jobs a healthy arts sector generates can and will continue to grow as the damage COVID has caused starts to be repaired. This process can't happen if you start destroying it now.

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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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I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges for Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Evidence from previous efforts in this regard shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from oth

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If we stop supporting our arts and cultural events, we could lose these industries for a long time. Auckland needs to be supporting its amazing cultural scene, especially after Covid, as tourists visit Auckland.

Auckland has experienced some of the worst weather recently - we know public transport is essential for getting Aucklanders out of their cars and reducing congestion. Defunding public transport will mean less qualified workers who can come back at a later stage.

Funding cuts will affect less financially well-off communities the most. When economic times are hard and people are laid off, the council and government need public spending for community events and to provide employment.

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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 we sell off our shares, we will likely never have the opportunity to have them back. Auckland airport is the gateway to our city and nation for most visitors. Keeping our shares ensures our city has a say in how it functions and operates.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: I don't think, as a city we should be afraid of debt, especially if it is managed responsibly. We have a good credit rating, so why not make use of the capital we can borrow to get us through the post-Covid economic slump?

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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: Increasing funding to this budget will save money in the long term.

5. Local Boards

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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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? Reduce the number of council employees being paid over $150,000 per year.

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
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What do you think of these proposals? Please carefully consider the impacts of reducing funding to Auckland's cultural and arts scenes. Practitioners in the art scene already struggle to make a living in Auckland, the impacts of reduced funding will impact many people.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If the Auckland Council doesn't support arts and cultural events in our city, the city will not thrive. The cost of living crisis has already drastically effected the mental wellbeing of the people of NZ, especially after the covid years. These events are what help the people of the city come together and feel like we are all in it together and can make it through.

If funding stops for places like the Auckland Zoo, this will become a place where only tourists and the wealthy of the city can afford to take there family's, rather that something for all.

It is difficult to decide which reduction not to proceed with, maybe a small reduction on all and the increase in rates of a few percent?

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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 do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Some community services can only be supported by council and are essential at the local level (CAB, libraries, some of the social services). Without council support, many arts organisations will lose their other funding sources and may close forever. Take a closer look at CCOs (Ak Unlimited, Panuku) and the duplication of some of their services (e.g. events, business support) also undertaken by council itself. Targeted local initiatives (Southern Initiative, Western) provide more on-the-ground services than the bigger, fatter CCOs. The cost of losing grass-roots community and cultural services can be borne by rates increases in line with COI and other councils. Reducing bus services makes no sense if we are trying to get people out of cars - no wonder patronage is dropping with the unreliability of AT services (and soon-to-be cost increases). Increase parking charges to increase revenue, reduce AT 'marketing' (we have no choice in PT providers) and focus on the basics.

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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: Bad time to sell, leaves ratepayers with no say in airport, removes future potential revenue stream

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

Tell us why: Set higher rates increase (still not great weekly increase per household) AND make better use of debt (room to move there too). Make sure targeted rates (especially city centre) stick to their budget, not blow out and expect general rates to rescue them

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

Tell us why: Ensure Healthy Waters funded to increase stormwater intiatives to prevent future floods, like the Freeland Reserve work that saved an entire neighbourhood

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I would rather hours and services at libraries are maintained. Much as Leys is a lovely building and worth preserving, it is of more use to the community to have more services than better buildings.

If funding for local board 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 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: Local grants and services (libraries) can only be supported by local board. Other environmental initiatives and even parks maintenance levels should be full council responsibility, not divested to LBs.

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? Climate rate should be used for increased bus services NOT used to reduce costs to AT (who are also proposing to cut services).

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

It still seems like we have two CCOs replicating functions that are already in the main council, with additional overheads and costs. Not sure that the 2020 review of CCOs was taken seriously and there are only minimal changes proposed to Tātaki and Panu

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: So many lives are positively impacted by the arts. Cutting the funding is going to hurt so many people. If all you are about is money, cutting arts funding is a terrible way to attempt to fix anything. Arts keep the city alive, they give reason for tourists and locals to visit venues and support not only them but all surrounding businesses.

If you must sell assets, look to sell golf courses. This will also help eleviate the housing crisis.

I volunteer at Auckland Zinefest who recieve a grant from the government to support them. Cutting money to insitutions like this will have so much damage to local artists and the culture of the city. Zinefest is a huge celebration of local artists held at the Auckland Art Gallery. To lose that would be a huge loss for the city.

Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

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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 terrible time to sell these shares at a low point in the market. Only wealthy individuals will benefit from this.

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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.

Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of wha

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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 here and only getting worse. Not spending this money now will only cost the city more in the future. Only a fool would think saving money this way would benefit the city in any way.

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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?

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Coun

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

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

Reducing 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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Reducing regional contestable grants to save $3 million

- the reduction in these activities would negatively impact the arts/ events/ and community cohesion

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Tell us why: Sell the shares to save the arts

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Tell us why: To keep being a liveable city we need to spend on our infrastructure and we need to continue funding the arts.

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

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

I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones

budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023
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A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

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

Tell us why: Make use of both rates increases and debt

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

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Tell us why: Get rid of debt :D

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Tell us why:I'm surprised Mayor Wayne Brown evens cares about the storm relief at all - unless his tennis club got affected!!

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Stop "upgrading" playgrounds, its a gross waste of council money and most playgrounds come out worse than before

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community events are great, and local grants are super helpful to people in less fortunate circumstances (does the mayor really care about this?????)

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Introduce a one-off fee of $40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reductions to funding of yany arts and culture programmes including Auckland Art Gallery. These are all vital services that make up the cultural matrix of our diverse city

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: Remember the game Monopoly never sell your railroads …

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: There is a cost of living crisis so many will not be able to afford a higher increase and will appeal for rates relief.

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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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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 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: These activities bring communities together and promote wellbeing in our city

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Be decisive about options and reduce meetings about meetings…

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support spending reductions in any of the areas proposed. I am someone who has worked in the arts in culture sector of Auckland the last 8 years, and I know it to be a vibrant, diverse, supportive, creative and beautiful community which brings life and spirit to the city. I have also lived and worked in the centre of the city for many years and I see transport and infrastructure systems which are systemically underfunded and under-resourced.

* Public transport in Auckland is already so underfunded and under-resourced as to be practically useless. There are not enough buses or bus drivers, there are not enough trains and the train lines are so poorly maintained that they are closing completely for months if not years, and any new public transport options are continually kicked down the road. However, addressing this by making further cuts and compromises will only exacerbate this problem and create a transit system which is so piecemeal, unreliable and difficult to use that no one will use it. As the effects of climate change ravage our city we need to focus on ways to reduce our emissions and a robust public transport system is integral to this process. Furthermore, any modern city that wants to stand on the world stage needs a good public transport system to stand on. Our lack of one is a national embarrassment.

* Tataki Auckland Unlimited runs several venues and services which provide a huge part of the arts, culture and tourism of the city. To cut these services would have a huge impact on local economies and communities, as there would be no

events to attend, no reasons to travel to the city and/or spend money at local businesses. They directly attract national and international tourism and business to Tāmaki Makaurau. Furthermore, Tataki Auckland Unlimited supports a complex ecosystem of other arts, culture and business entities in the city who will all be impacted by cuts.

* Regional community arts, culture and education services form the very backbone of our city and to cut them would destroy the heart of Tāmaki Makaurau in ways that will take years if not decades to ever recover. These services benefit our communities in so many ways, promoting inclusion, social cohesion, and diversity, bringing life into the city and creating an attractive place where people want to live and work. These services are often composed of the most vulnerable groups that simply will not exist without the supportive framework of regional funding, and which once destroyed may never resurface. If there is no home for artists and creatives in Auckland then they will leave. If children are denied critical educational services then we will feel the impacts of this for a whole generation, and we risk losing valuable educators who are difficult and expensive to replace. Cutting these services and losing them completely, and then attempting to rebuild them from scratch in the future, will be far more expensive than sustaining and nurturing them ever would be.

* Local board funded activities are crucial in a 'Super City'. In order to centralise many aspects of governance, local needs are often sacrificed and you should not underestimate the amount of resentment this creates in local communities. Local boards exist to protect these needs and they know what is important to their communities. Give them the funding to meet these needs, otherwise, you are further robbing the region to support the city.

* As above for regional contestable grants. These are specific to local needs which are overlooked by central council funding but which are essential to the people they serve. I do not consider them something which can be safely or fairly reduced.

* We already have poor parental leave policies, and it has long been proven that a lack of childcare negatively impacts economic outcomes and disproportionately affects women. We need to support children and parents in as many ways as possible.

In short, I do not support cuts in any of these areas. If that involves an increase to rates or debt then fine. Everything is getting more expensive anyway and borrowing when the city is in crisis seems like the right thing to do. Support the city to come through covid and the flooding and the cost of living crisis in as strong a position as possible so that when the economy recovers, we will then be able to pay back that 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: If a sale helps reduce the cost to the city then it seems a reasonable decision to make, however I hesitate to endorse the city giving up all shareholding in the airport to private companies when it is such an important asset to the city. Maintaining at l

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Tell us why: I support both a rates and debt increase. Now is the time, this is the proverbial (and literal) rainy day. Continuing to delay funding to infrastructure will only come back to bite us harder in future and cutting services when they are most vulnerable wil

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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 sad as it is, climate change adaptation is just as important as climate change mitigation moving forward. Make the necessary repairs, and do not neglect general infrastructure upgrades and maintenance which will spare damage and save lives in the futur

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Tell us why: Water and green space management is essential in climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies. Public spaces in general remain the heart of local communities and any investment in them will be given back ten-fold in social cohesion and community we

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Community is the most important thing for everyone. Strong communities foster and nurture happy, united and empowered people and when there is a disaster or people are struggling, strong communities are the best response and the best protection. It is so

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the golf courses.

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't understand what you are asking with the CATR bus services. What are you changing it from, and what are you changing it to? I support more bus services.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Without funding, most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene. Many artists, performers, and community workers rely on city funding to

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport, cultural programs/funding and providing reasonably priced education/entertainment events is a key role of the Council. Cutting these things are irresponsible and short sited. Many Aucklanders rely heavily on public transport and this is A GOOD THING TO ENCOURAGE!

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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 obviously unwise to sell AIAL shares at this time, but some level of selling to reduce debt is reasonable in my opinion

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

Tell us why: Set higher rates and take out more debt! Do not cut the NETR or WQTR! Spend it on public transport, climate action and social programs! We are paying more attention than you think and we will not tolerate these reckless cuts

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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 like this should be obvious at this time.

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What do you think of these proposals? More investment in public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why: Increasing rates more at a time when many homeowners are financially hit by both interest rates and cost of living increases makes the city less affordable than it already is, and hits everyone who contributes to the city (owners and tenants) hard - ironi

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

Tell us why: More funding is needed for this. This seems a grossly inadequate financial commitment given the circumstances of more climate volatility and the existing identified problems associated with poor past planning and development and the urgent need to resolve

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Waitematā Local Board

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Environmental issues are also crucial however these should be prioritised and funded BEYOND the local

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I think Council needs to borrow more/increase debt at this particularly point in time, to facilitate the urgent develop and continued development of resources named above, but also unnamed resources such as cycling infrastructure (protected cycleways), wh

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

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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? Other

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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 dont support ahy deprioritisation until there is trustworthy governance to manage any changes

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Fostering culture and participation in local communities

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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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 <u>not</u> 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.

I am an emerging artist focusing on environmental art and currently receive mentoring to share my toi with community. Cutting funding for mentoring, community galleries and grants would stymie my career.

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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: Maintaining an 18% shareholding is not viable in the short term because of proposed capital raising by AIA

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: 4.66% is a manageable increase for important capital expenditure

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: Budgeting for storm damage prevention will save money in the long term and protect properties and lives

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I am concerned about possible cuts to Toi Tu, Plunket, CAB and JPs. 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 communit

If funding for local board 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, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community programmes are an important way for children and adults to learn creative skills and expression. Investing in the education of youth about the environment will help to build a better future.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Council services picking up rubbish in streets are very inefficient

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What do you think of these proposals? I support the option of smaller rubbish bins without a base fee increase as I put out my waste bin every 4 weeks

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: ECE, and especially regional services

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: would not proceed with public transport or cuts to arts, community groups

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

Tell us why: The airport is an important financial asset, selling it would be falling into Wayne browns policy

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

Tell us why: Increase the rates package and make greater use of debt. don't reduce the NETR and WQTR as this would help bring money into the council. Don't pause the change in split between business and residential. more revenue can be brought in through businesses

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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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: community groups are crucial to the mental health, wellbeing and development of Auckland. Climate change is a crucial issue that affects Aucklanders heavily

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? selling some of the golf courses

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any cuts. I would especially not cut citizens advice bureau.

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: Selling shares in Auckland Airport is short sighted. It is a solid blue chip stock that will continue bringing dividends for Auckland in the future. It is also a critical piece of infrastructure that should remain in public ownership.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: None 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Shares can be worth more later. Do not sell shares in a valuable asset to this country.

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

Tell us why: Set higher rates. And make use of more debt

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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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? Cut councillors salaries.

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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?

This submission platform was confusing, wordy, and ultimately very hard to understand what was being asked. Seemingly on purpose to collect data in your favour of the cuts. Simplify the submission platform questions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I'm a young youth of 21 years old and I rely heavily on arts, community, culture and education programs, and also use auckland transport to get everywhere.

I go to an arts program called Navigators, and it's helped me grow as a person and artist.

Without them, I would be in a depression and possibly would have committed suicide.

With transport, I need it to get to work and to travel everywhere. Without it, I would not get anywhere and to these programs.

I also rely on libraries as a place of learning and peace. I would not be as good as I am without them.

So please, please listen and do not cut funding to these things. There are many others like me would be in the same place, and if you are for the people, put yourself in their shoes and please listen to them.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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?) Local arts programmes, Library hours, Activities provided by Sandringham and/or Pt Chevalier community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
2	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
4	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
1	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
3	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
5	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Arts and culture programme, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā 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? Make this and future things simpler and shorter

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Please really listen to the people

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I feel that the cuts are I'll conceived and foisted on institutions that have no other form of support but are vital to the creative health 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? 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 that the city has a stake in bringing visitors to the city and designing a welcoming airport

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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: We need to keep ahead of infrastructure needs

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: Climate change needs preparedness

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why: I think thought should be put into the long term effects of reduction in funding that only focuses on a narrow idea of what is needed

If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: They are important for a healthy community future

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Can the council please have a thoughtful plan for the future of our vibrant city. Not just a slash and burn plan please

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Council's problem is it doesn't do things properly first time because it is trying to do it too cheap. Please increase your revenue and do things properly.

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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: Please also sell some golf courses, especially where they are well served by public transport and can become good brownfield development sites surrounded by green space (for the areas subject to flooding).

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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: Please get a bit more creative and find some new revenue sources. For example, the proliferation of free on-street car parking is a pox on our society and a huge subsidy that increases emissions.

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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: Being unprepared for extreme weather is another symptom of not generating enough revenue and spending what is needed to build a resilient city.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Please fully implement you Climate Plan and Transport Emissions Reduction Plan. We need action rather than empty words.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Because I care about this city. Without culture there's no future. Low carbon lifestyle is important to sustain healthy life in the city.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The funding you are planning to reduce to Creative Arts and Industries is vital to large components of Aucklands life. There are other projects the government can reduce cuts on such as the unnecessary Light Rail project, which wouldn't be required if AT Hop provided sufficient services. The Creative Arts plays a large part in the Auckland community, it is how many young people socialise and take part in aiding and contributing to their community. It allows people to share and use their talents when they may otherwise not have the opportunity. To reduce funding to this area, would be to reduce our youths ability to take part in creative projects outside their work or schooling. This would not only disadvantage people who enjoy the creative arts but also those economically disadvantage who can only participate via council funded groups. To take away opportunities would take away from our growth. We should not have to suffer due to the government debt. It is more than worthwhile to fund activities for Aucklands youth when we are the future.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, increase the general rates package (or have targeted rates), and increase parking charges.

These cuts are very damaging.

The fact that arts facilities are being cut when we need to promote these activities, and people coming back into the city post-COVID.

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The fact that investment in libraries is being cut when this is one of the greatest levers for lower socioeconomic people to access information.

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Tell us why: This is a one-off return only - and all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding will be lost.

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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 a higher general rates increase and greater use of debt.

Unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts, and will allow us to invest furthe

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: We must be future proofing now (realistically a couple of years ago). Investment in storm response will help hopefully to prevent devastating events occurring again, and will ensure that people's homes, livelihoods, belongings are not ruined for another t

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: 1. We should not be underinvesting and investing such a limited amount in Environmental acts. This investment needs to increase to be in line with other 'buckets'.

2. We should not be reducing investment in our libraries - this is at a time when investme

If funding for local board 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. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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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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 these things across all of Auckland.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I think the proposed cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited would have to proceed very carefully especially when cutting funding towards economic and social development. While it may save money in the short run, cutting important developmental programs will be detrimental in solving the root cause of the issues that we are currently facing. This also extends to proposed regional service cuts, namely, community and education programmes, economic development, and especially social and ECE services. Cutting to these services might line some of Auckland's citizen's pockets but it will be at the cost of everyone else living in this city.

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: If the airport is a net drain on the budget then sell it off.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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

Tell us why: Increasing debt is just kicking the can down the road. Rates going up is an inevitability.

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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 storms are just going to get more and more frequent.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The Local Board should be most concerned with the effect of budget cuts on the community, and so should work to prioritize the continuation of those services.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to the arts. These are very important.

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

Tell us why: Shortsighted to completely sell off these assets and not reinvest. The portfolio should consider longterm not just immediate needs.

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: Strongly concerned by changes to water quality. Water quality should be at the highest standard.

Also, cost of living crises, people don't need additional bills.

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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: Should be already factored into the various roles and responsibilities of council.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Support well-being initiatives remaining.

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

arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Care about local parks. Elderly access to resources and wellbeing. Supporting the arts.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Shared admin/resources across local boards.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am strongly against the reduction of staffing, hours/days open, or programming at Libraries, Community Centers such as Ellen Melville and Citizen Advice Bureau. These in particular provide essential services for all Aucklanders, many whom which cannot under inflation and other expenses (eg. damages suffered from cyclone/ floods, homelessness) afford or enjoy or access elsewhere. Reduction to regional services could correlate with reduced quality of life and satisfaction while living in Auckland. When we were faced with COVID it was the arts, the community, these services which we all turned to for a sense of purpose and meaning in our lives. As someone who has lived here my whole life, it is the regional services which have helped me when most lost, helped me feel a sense of pride and community, and keep me here. They make Auckland home. Without council funding they will be unable to provide the necessary reach or impact required. I am concerned that their reduction will result in them being lost or never the same 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? 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: This is necessary as it will not be the last severe weather event Auckland will face. The impact of Climate change is only just beginning.

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: As they ensure everyone has access to what they need, when they need it whilst also helping us prepare for the effects of Climate Change

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?) 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: As they ensure everyone has access to what they need, when they need it whilst also helping us connect and be a community. Provide purpose, inspiration, and meaning in peoples lives.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Management Salaries

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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? Rolling out larger bin sizes could influence people to increase their waste rather than reducing it. For those who have larger families, different needs should have the option to pay more to upscale rather than force everyone to get something they don't

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 pull funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau. They are mainly run by volunteers and provide life changing help every single day. Their expertise, patience, and resources are second to none. They help everyday people understand their rights. W

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

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: WESTERN BAYS TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS

I do NOT want to see the pedestrian / cycleway / intersection improvements proposed for Westmere / Point Chev / Grey Lynn delayed another time. At the least, the intersections involved should be made safe for people of all ages to traverse -- especially children. I don't understand why the core safety aspects of the larger project cannot proceed in isolation. Some of the intersections have no pedestrian crossing possibility at all which makes it impossible for children to move around the suburb safely. This cannot continue to be delayed.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

I would NOT like to see Auckland Council reduce the public transport services or increase costs to users. I would also like to see Auckland Council stop "shooting itself in the food" by promoting and permitting 1950s-thinking "urban-sprawl and motorways" based developments that remove the possibility of current and future generations implementing cost-effective and functional public transport services as seen in many many other cities around the world. The urban spatial planning in Auckland is the primary aspect of the city that needs "fixing".

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Busses are essential for uni students like me to get around especially into the city for university and for work. If anything we need MORE transport options. The proposed cuts to community and cultural events and services is appalling. These things are what connect us as a city and brings life and vibrancy. I feel as though they are beyond important, especially post-covid where I know a lot of people who have struggled to get used to being part of a community again. These events help people get out of their shell and make Auckland a more attractive place for people to visit and spend time (and therefore money).

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Tell us why: The climate crisis is real and it is scary!! We need to do more to protect our communities and help mitigate the effects of climate change. My boyfriends family home was totally flooded and they lost both sentimental and expensive personal belongings. My

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I know not many young people may make submissions on these issues but honestly it is something a lot of my peers talk about and are worried about. Community gardens and services improve our quality of life! Better storm responses protect our lives and our

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do NOT proceed with any of the following:

Reductions to regional contestable grants

Reductions to Local Board budgets - these are local and very targeted

The severe reduction in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board budget and that of other Local Boards with large natural rohe (eg Rodney, Kaipatiki, Waiheke, Waitakere)

Reductions in headcount/staffing ("Operational costs") for teams working in the natural environment areas of Council on biodiversity, biosecurity and community conservation.

Specifically...

• Do NOT proceed with reductions to Local Board budgets - these are local and very targeted – and in particular with the severe reduction in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board budget and that of other Local Boards with large natural areas in their rohe (eg Rodney, Kaipatiki, Waiheke, Waitakere)

• Do NOT proceed with reductions in headcount/staffing ("Operational costs") for teams working in the natural environment areas of Council on biodiversity, biosecurity and community conservation. These teams provide expertise and crucial support to communities working to restore the natural environment and increase our climate resilience.

Why?

• The combined effect of the proposed reductions above, along with pausing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) will be to gut community conservation on Aotea and across Auckland. No new NETR projects will be funded as the 22/23 budget is all allocated. No allowance has been made for delays to 22/23 projects due to COVID, supply chain issues or a very wet 22/23 season (the unspent portion should be carried forward to be spent as planned).

• These activities are not “nice-to-haves” or “wasteful” as the Mayor’s introduction suggests. Auckland Council is already behind on its legislative obligations to maintain biodiversity, needing to make catchments and forests more resilient to extremes of heat and wet, when the public have clearly signalled support for natural environment investment in multiple consultations and when mental health researchers show a clear link between wellbeing and connection to nature. The proposal is out of step with all these factors and should not proceed in this form.

• Environmental projects can’t be turned on or off at will – they require consistency of funding. A reduction of this size will send projects backwards and create dis-benefits as past pest management, planting and weed control efforts can’t be maintained. The knock-on effect of the very sudden withdrawal of council funding could be disproportionately high on some projects, with reputation damage to Auckland Council resulting from wasted investment to date.

• Auckland Council has acted a seed funder for many environmental projects at critical times, allowing them to get started and attract volunteers and other private, philanthropic and government funding. This is very effective and efficient use of ratepayers dollars but is not recognised by the proposal at 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: It is not necessary for Auckland Council to be a shareholder in the national air gateway. Central government could do this if it were necessary in future as it is nation infrastructure, rather than just serving Auckland.

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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 proceed with pausing the collection of the Natural Environment Targeted rate - this should continue and the unspent portion should be carried forward to be spent as planned. Now is not the time to be disinvesting in the natural environment.

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

Tell us why: Rather than take a reactive approach to Storm Response, the Council should review the impacted areas and identify those where infrastructure, facilities or and housing should no longer be located. Funding should not be spent in these areas; instead, manag

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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

Tell us why: • We do not accept that such a sudden and dramatic a reduction in Local Board budgets is necessary. The cut disproportionately affects Aotea and there is no rationale given for this. On Aotea Great Barrier it will result in a reduction in OPEX from $714k

If funding for local board 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 programmes including construction waste coordination

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all areas where if the funding is pulled or reduced significantly, recent hard-won gains in behaviour change education and in pest densities and weeds will be lost and past invested is most likely to be wasted.

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

I object to the impacts of the multiple funding cuts outlined in the proposal which will de-fund investment in Auckland's natural environment. These are:

1. Auckland Council will not meet its legislative obligations to maintain indigenous biodiversity und

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I don't agree with any of the proposed cuts. Tāmaki Makaurau is already difficult enough to manage without a car, and continuing this attack on public transporation would be an unequivocal detriment to this city. In addition, arts are not a luxury, they are a necessary and irreplacable part of human existence. They must continue to be 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? 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? Other

Tell us why: You must set a higher general rates increase, and make greater use of debt. Cutting funding for these programs is short-sighted and foolish, and you must focus on long term solutions.

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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: Increasing this budget is of critical importance to improving the future safety and security of this city.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I absolutely support all of these priorities, with specific interest in low-mow/no-mow areas as a method of ecological restoration. I am vehemently against all cuts to local boards as it's extremely important local, community-based approaches to bettering

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are a hub for accessible education and community support, and are a critical community service. Similarly arts are of the upmost importance, and must not be disgarded or sidelined as a luxury. In addition, climate change prevention should always

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I don't believe you should have to do this. In an increasingly tumultuous time, we should be increasing support for community services, not depleting them.

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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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Tell us why:

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Sell off the golf courses instead. Who plays golf except white privileged people who can afford to pay private fees. It's insane and so cliched to chop arts and tourism funding. Please DO NOT do that.

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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: This again is insane. Pre-COVID this was a cash cow. Just wait ten minutes and it will return to providing 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

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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: The last thing anyone (people or business) need right now is another expense.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: This is a no-brainer, right?

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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The Mayor is disingenuous and a scare monger. His solutions are idiotic and I genuinely wish people hadn't voted for him.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: If rates are increased in line with inflation it will not be necessary to reduce programmes. Bus and train frequencies need to be increased if Auckland is to avoid gridlock and meet its climate commitments.

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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

Tell us why: The proposed increase (4.66 percent) is lower than the rate of inflation and is therefore a reduction in real terms.

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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: Failing to fund the impact of future storms would be shortsighted and irresponsible.

5. Local Boards

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Tourism and economic development is incredibly important. Do not proceed with TAU 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? 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 do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: AT is already losing the faith of Aucklands due to circumstances outside their control but also some of their own **** ups.

If AT loses the trust of Aucklanders any further it will take decades to build that back up again leaving us looking more of a joke of a city than we already do.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: As I'm understanding it, this sounds like using debt to fund day to day costs and maintenance while using revenue that would normally be used to cover the operating costs to build more road and infrastructure assets that would, most likely, need to be sus

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Tell us why: Should of been doing this 20 years ago. Go fully into it now.

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What do you think of these proposals? All buses should be in the process of being converted to hydrogen, or some form of electric.

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How have the idiots at KiwiRail who ****ed up the rail network not been taken to account for gross incompetence.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?** Other

Tell us why:

I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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

What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Galler.All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

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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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
21 March 2023

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"* Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

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

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

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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

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

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 climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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?

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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?

Continue funding on climate action policies, local boards and public transport.

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support any additional cuts to funding for homelessness and youth services, public transport and the art gallery. These services & facilities are heavily relied on by some members of our community. I don't know why local govt still operates early childhood education; this is the role of central govt.

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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 shareholding belongs to the people of Auckland. With air travel about to recover strongly from pre-pandemic levels, it's a silly time to sell.

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: Rates have been very low for a long time and most have enjoyed significant capital gains over he past decade or so.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: This is necessary expenditure which must be funded.

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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: I use the libraries all the time. Services for youth are important for the community as are environmental initiatives.

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?

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save $21 million - contradicts Climate Change actions we need

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 - Vital to the wellbeing, social cohesion and creativity of the City. Needed to attract people to live and play in the City

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. No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save $1 million. All of this is vital for the health, wealth and wellbeing of the City.

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

Tell us why: A business decision

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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: Auckland's credit rating is looking at AA+, no external authority is worried about it, our debt to income ratio is comparatively peachy, and actually we could borrow another $75 million, keep everything running, and still not come close to the self-impose

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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 the City is badly designed to cope

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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Our public transport system was already lacking before the current reduction. Reducing this even more is ridiculous!

Reducing the regional services funding is going to have a direct impact on whanau who need our support the most. It is a disappointing option.

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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:

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.

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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

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: Increase in biodiversity is a must.

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

arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: We have a lot of restoration to do as part of our efforts with climate change.

Supporting children and youth is the first place of intervention and is essential we provide accessible space for this. Youth work has a domino effect.

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?

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

In the area that we live, I place the environment at our highest priority. I think we also need to do more to address homelessness and intervention with youth.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support the reductions to PT services, but I also do not support further increasing rates and/or debt. Instead, other reductions should be found to make-up the shortfall.

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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 absolutely do not support the proposal to sell the AIAL shares. Selling any shareholding to plug an operating gap doesn't make any sense. The point of holding shares (especially in a well-established company) is to make money, and if they don't you won'

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

Tell us why: The overall package seems relatively fairly balanced, so I generally support it.

However, I don't support reducing NETR and WQTR. This is merely a delaying action, and has a negligible financial impact on ratepayers.

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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 hasn't been well-formed, and appears quite reactionary. $20 million p.a is a lot of money, and you haven't really costed it properly. I can't support this until you provide more detail.

Spend more time developing the proposal, and come back

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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Because we have loss making assets like golf courses we could sell 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This returns a profit

I propose the sale of loss making assets like golf courses

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: I propose the sale of loss making assets like golf courses

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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: Funded by loss making assets like golf courses

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why: Reducing regional services some are critical I propose the sale of loss making assets like golf courses

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks

Tell us why these are most important to you: I dont support reduction of any services

Reducing regional services some are critical I propose the sale of loss making assets like golf courses

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?) Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? loss making assets like golf courses

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What do you think of these proposals? Why are you not looking at the sale of loss making assets like golf courses

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reduction to CAB, libraries and community facilities.

Instead have a genuine look into savings in council-owned golf courses.

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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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Most if not all of these services need to be protected. Sell airport shares and a couple of golf courses (or lease them to operators) to fund 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? 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:

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

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you: There are few actual community events now that can be accessed by a wide audience. Places like Ellen Melville are critical for inner city residents who have so little in the way of services: we live with 24/7 construction noise & rubbish trucks &

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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? Joke question: apartment residents do not get council rubbish collection. Another example of how this population is overlooked.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Definitely would not maintain the reduced number of public transport services. This would only cause more issue in other areas like road infrastructure. The idea is to get people off the road, this will only encourage it. Also, reducing spending to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited would be detrimental to an already waning city population. The arts bring people into the city and with them money to spend there.

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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: It's important to keep a "blocking stake" to maintain some oversight on AIAL.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I think that the investigation into areas suitable for low-mow/no-mow programming is a waste of an already reduced budget. A better use of the budget would be for supporting the community and in-kind help with the incredibly obvious problem with homelessn

If funding for local board 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: I think that the Auckland CBD needs to concentrate on its people first. Therefor I support any and all programs that pertain to the wellbeing of our CBD dwellers.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Any money spend on environment/ aesthetic improvement should be paused. Let's get this city back on its feet by helping the people who live and work here.

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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? We do not have council rubbish collection as we live in an apartment building. The council doesn't support rubbish collection from most of the residents in the CBD so therefor a useless question really.

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?

I think the focus should be on the community and supporting them. Their safety and well being. There is no point having a beautiful park or pedestrianised streets if they are filled with homeless people and drug dealers.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Transport, Community outreach, assistance, and education, plus institutions and events are too important to reduce to loose.

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Tell us why: I believe it is important to have a say in the airport by keeping some shares

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not support cuts to Local Board budgets. Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a key priority for all local boards. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow and worldwide research shows the arts bring

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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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.	
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? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any:

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

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

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental education activities

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Stop spending money on cycle ways. Most get little use. Auckland Transport is responsible for Transport not Social Engineering.

Massively reduce consultant charges and reduce head office 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Cuts to arts funding. A great city needs cultural activities, some of which may have to be subsidised

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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:

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

There should be no budget (not just no increase) for the TMA to cut down trees

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As a young professional working in a tech company, I firmly believe that any moves towards curtailing economic development should be avoided. Auckland Unlimited, particularly with regards to the economic development it fosters, plays a crucial role in supporting start-ups and emerging businesses that are vital for strengthening the economy and securing the future of New Zealand. Moreover, it also benefits the local community, breathing life and creativity into the city making it a crucial aspect that must not be overlooked.

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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 the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The reductions proposed are all in areas that directly impact the ability of the population, and particularly those with less income, to enjoy and access their city.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: The city and country have suffered several shocks in a row. Recovery, and also future-proofing is absolutely necessary and will require a large injection of money. If we have a good credit rating now seems to be a good time to utilise this rather than hoa

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I would also like to see more action on creating a sustainable transport 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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: If things must be cut - and I feel strongly that none of the above should be - it seems important to maximise the amount of people helped by the remaining services.

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?

This city is not a business - it is a collection of 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities, and
- Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. Our creative sector is an enabler of the economy and an essential contributor to our city's social cohesion and economic development.

The Auckland creative eco-system is a significant economic contributor and employer in the city. As New Zealand's largest city, we all need Auckland to thrive.

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, and New Zealand 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. New Zealand benefits when Auckland is thriving.

Creative skills grow from exposure to creativity, in education and community arts programmes. Without these career pipelines, the economic viability of the sector in Auckland is at risk. All creative industries derive their ideas and talent from artists.

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited has recognised and valued the economic importance of the creative (and screen sector) to the city, to Aucklander's and to visitors. They play a critical role in facilitating, supporting and growing the creative and screen sector. Given the value of the sector to Auckland and to New Zealand, and the increasing importance of creative and digital skills to the economy and future of work, this is not the time to be cutting back their role.

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. It will negatively impact on tourism, and talent attraction for businesses and communities in Auckland.

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 arts, cultural and community services will close down. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

This is the time to invest in the future resilience and prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, and not the time to undermine its future prosperity.

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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 the shares is a short term solution, and will not address or support the long term future needs of the city. There are other financial mechanisms that should be considered before changing this policy.

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:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā 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 are feeling.

Support and investment in our arts, cultural and

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The role of local boards in supporting and investing in our local communities is critical. The Waitemata Local Board has been a champion of the arts and cultural sector. The Board must continue to advocate for and support the growth of the creative sector

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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Our arts events, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring li

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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: Cant think why the Council is there in the first place.

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: Dont think we have a choice if we want all our usual services.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We cant continue to do things on the cheap, much as I hate my rates to be increased

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They are the glue for our community

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: AT needs a radical cutback

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community and Arts are healthy

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? The road changes. Stop them!

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Leave the Parks alone and stop selling pocket parks

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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.	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?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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
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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

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

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 education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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

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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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Rather than reducing the funding of these organisations, which provide critical services for Aucklanders, we should simply be capping their spending at current levels. This would still be a reduction in real terms, due to inflation, but it would enable them to continue providing essential services. Council should fund the difference through rating increases, which could still be below inflation (especially if coupled with debt increases)

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: The reduction in debt interest is not significant enough to warrant selling these shares, especially when Council has an excellent credit score. Keep the shares to enable us to reap future dividends and influence the direction of AIAL

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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: Council should increase rates to a greater extent. This can still be under inflation, while avoiding cost cutting. Greater rating AND debt increases should also be considered

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: This is a prudent approach

5. Local Boards

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?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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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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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Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: reducing already at limit transport - ridiculous. Not enough buses at present. Ones are either full or cancelled. And you talk about reducing cars into the city - a joke

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

Tell us why:

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: rates are based on new CV which is so out of step with the housing market. We are paying high and then having to sell low

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?) 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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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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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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, volunteers and pest control, Library hours, Temporarily or permanently close council venues

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

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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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.	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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any reductions - in Auckland and across New Zealand we have a huge issue with underinvestment in infrastructure. We must be scaling up investment in our city rather than scaling back to make it vibrant, equitable and clean and green. In particular we must NOT allow public transport to continue as a reduced services as a cost saving measure. This goes against our climate commitments and the TERP.

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: Once shares go back up in price this will be a revenue raising measure for Aucklanders. It is really short sighted to sell these off.

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: Along with setting a higher general rates increase we must also make greater use of debt. Burn and slash measures instead of increasing revenue and leveraging debt will decimate the city and what we love about it.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Support but as long as this money is not shifted from capital investment but is instead NEW MONEY gathered from rates increased or further leveraging of debt.

5. Local Boards

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: These are good measures. Additionally we must see further investment in cycle ways and road reallocation to allow for more PT. Continuing to green our streets and further emissions reductions policies must be front of mind too.

If funding for local board 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: All of these are important and shouldn't be cut.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase rates and leverage debt. Have some political courage!

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? The Climate Action Targeted Rate was set up as additional climate spending to enhance our efforts in Auckland. I oppose using the CATR to backfill existing services to save money in the general budget.

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?

Council must show political courage and prioritise implementing the TERP by scaling up climate investment - otherwise we will have more flood events for Auckland. Also please do not cut funding to the arts, which add character to our city.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m. This will leave Auckland art gallery short and unable to provide for income for stuff and the general upkeep of the place. I also do not agree with the introduction of an entry fee to see the general art gallery as the arts should be accessible for all to experience and this will be detrimental to customer numbers for the gallery. Budget cuts towards the arts is poor form as the culture of Auckland is very important and seems to be constantly underestimated by the Mayor Brown.

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts and local outreach programs are important to me as someone who would not be where I am today without attending and being part of these programs.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Work on repair instead of change. The name change and all the signage that would go with it could probably be postponed until a better time. The changes to Queen Street could have waited. Instead Auckland CBD is covered in roadworks especially Queen Stree

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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?

I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services. Once ag

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
28 March 2023

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and create more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes lives and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of $9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to $32.2m and $18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

> *"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?"*

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is unconscionable to reduce or eliminate publicly funded programs that many rely upon in order to provide wealthy land owners with a below-inflation rates increase, i.e. a reduction in rates in real terms. If the Council's budget is under pressure, particularly from increased debt servicing costs due to rising interest rates, why are property rates not being increased to offset this? Rates have risen above inflation in most years for the past decade, and property owners have benefited from a massive increase in wealth that far outstrips inflation in this time.

Council funding of public programs and providing equitable access to key publicly owned venues makes a large contribution to the quality of life in Auckland. While it may be convenient to cut program funding to save costs in the short term, reducing the appeal of life in Auckland will have long term negative effects on the city that far outweigh the short term boost to finances.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Reducing property rates in real terms during a budgetary shortfall is a regressive and unfair approach. Property owners have benefited from an extraordinary increase in unearned wealth as property prices in Auckland have skyrocketed over recent years. Why

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The public transport in this city is already unreliable and costly for the level of quality. Reducing spending in this area is going to put extra pressure on our neighbours who are low income.

Additionally, reducing cultural spend will make this a less enjoyable city to live in.

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Tell us why: This is not a strong time to sell shares and doesn't seem like a good use of assets

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

Tell us why: Higher general rates while also making greater use of debt. Now is not the time to skimp on our waterways which have sustained a huge amount of damage in the recent flooding.

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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, our storm response ability desperately needs strengthening.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Highly support mitigating climate change as a priority

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment should be a key concern for all of us right now and I think we should be focusing on this. I also believe that libraries do a lot of public good and are a valuable resource for the community, I would prefer a program reduction over access

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?

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I believe this budget reduction does not have the best interests of the community or the planet at heart. Please do not cut key projects and support in environmental areas, buses and libraries.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Public transport. I don't own a car and it is impossible to get around Auckland at the moment. Public Transport MUST be a priority for the council - both for those who live in Auckland and to operate on the world stage as a functioning city.

Community funding should never be reduced.

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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:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Weather is unpredictable and it's wise to be prepared. I support this.

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Public transport is so so so so vital for so many of us in Auckland. The issues with buses and trains have impacted myself, my family, and my employees. Productivity has dropped as employees can’t get to work on time. I can’t go out and enjoy Auckland in

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

Our arts events, cultural festivals, theatre, dance,

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: All of these expenditures are critical to our functioning and the cultural life of this city. If anything there needs to be more investment in these services to turn Auckland into a world-class city in order to attract more talent and diversity from all over the world. Currently it is not.

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Tell us why: We were flooded twice. This problem is not going away. In fact it will get worse. We should be leading the world in showing how to build a city that is more resilient to the challenges of the climate crisis. Tamaki Makaurau should lead by example by focus

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available. I have grave concerns with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established just last year with overwhelming public support. Climate should be highest priority.

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I think it's crucial that we continue to cultivate a city that promotes a healthy community, culture, and mental health. As a visual artist I want to live in a world class city that supports and promotes our diverse cultures so it becomes a magnet for the

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed reductions sound sensible. If you were able to save any of them I think it should be public transport, even with an increase in fees it's worth having regular services so Aucklanders can rely on PT for commuting etc, they have trust that it will be reliable and meet their 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: I support enabling a sale of shares to reduce interest costs, but am not familiar enough with the benefits-to-risks to say what percentage of shares should be sold

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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: Debt costs us in the long run so minimising the need for extra debt by increasing rates to a tolerable level is sensible

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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

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

Tell us why: I support the priorities for reducing services. While I will personally miss the extended library hours I believe it makes sense to cut back on them first as a nice-to-have to save $170k. Also strongly support reducing maintenance in parks, lots of areas

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: The projected financial benefits of reducing these services are significantly smaller than other options, and investing in waste management & environmental protection may save us costs in the long-run. In a similar vein, some grants to community initi

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Freeze staff remuneration for board members

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What do you think of these proposals? I'm concerned about the split of the base service rate which allows non-res properties to opt-out of recycling. I've seen many hospo businesses in Chch which put a lot of recyclables in the red bin because they didn't have a provided yellow bin and it see

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Maintain early childhood education services.

Maintain regional services and spending. By centralizing you ar3 not providing local services where they are accessible.

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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 key piece of infrastructure in which auckland council needs to be active and involved.

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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: Property owners need to stop crying foul and contribute to the overall area at a fair rate. There land is not isolated from the street its on the the infrastructure it uses.

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Tell us why: Insuffient information on proposed implementation strategies and priorities.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am concerned about the decrease of buses and increase in costs - further discouraging use of an already not world class public transport network - I would not proceed with these.

I am concerned about wide ranging cuts to community and cultural events - these are likely to be damaging to the city especially as people who produce creative arts/culture/music have had a tough few years from covid and are unlikely to be able to self fund these. While these may look like economic losses on a spreadsheet the non-economic benefits to making Auckland a vibrant city with a sense of culture and identity rather than just wealthy white picket fences and big name business are priceless.

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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 sell shares at a low point in the market? Short term gain - long term loss.

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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.

Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is especially irresponsible in the wake of substantial damage to our local environments

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: Agreed - it was scary and devastating to see the failure of systems in supposedly developed first world areas recently. Multiple friends had entire floors of their homes written off during the recent storm.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Waitematā covers our central city - our gateway to Auckland the place tourists and visitors will likely see first and form and impression from, a place core to the cities identity. Keeping this as a functional, modern, eco-friendly and future ready city

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: As we have seen with the recent weather events we need to keep moving on climate - local grants and community programmes are also crucial especially as so much art and culture providers have suffered through covid.

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What do you think of these proposals? The CATR was established just last year with overwhelming public support - I oppose the change in funding of bus services as well as the other proposed reduction in buses. I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways - a view to more rail wo

7. What else is important to you?

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

Keep up funding for climate, keep up funding for community events and art, keep up funding that supports those on lower incomes to have some quality of life in our major city! Hold the course! Let's avoid "balancing the books" for short term gain - 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? 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: Cost of living and inflation and interest rates mean individual houses are doing it tough, this could push some over the edge adding layer upon layer of increased costs in a very short timeframe

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce early childhood education funding, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited funding, regional services, or public transport

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:

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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: The landlords of Auckland can pay their fair share. Homeowners should be able to afford the increase in rates.

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: Climate change is here and we must prepare. Years of underfunding in sustainable infrastructure must be amended if we want a functional city to leave to our children.

5. Local Boards

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 most priorities

Tell us why: Maintain or increase funds to water, climate, infrastructure and crime. Improve waste management. Pause (don't cancel) restoration of libraries for another 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and

arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Supporting climate and waste management is important to have a community that make people proud to live there. If people are proud to live there, community mood improves and people work to look after their spaces.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Charge an empty house/land tax to landbankers and landlords with empty residents to encourage improved housing.

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? Improving waste management will save on costs later when landfills are full. increasing costs of waste will encourage better recycling. Encourage public transport.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Don't screw over the next generation because of some arbitrary goal of being 'debt free'. Spend on projects that will improve the city and make it resilient to climate change, as well as maintaining positive communities. Cutting funding to things people e

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As someone who doesn't own a car, busses are an integral way of me navigating our city and discovering all it has to offer. I moved here from Australia only a year ago with the hopes of living in a city that is connected, meaning I didn't feel disadvantaged by wanting to support our climate and not own a car.

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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: Don't compromise long-term gain for short term.

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: Cuts to services are not an inevitability - we need to increase rates and/or take on more debt to allow us to invest in critical social, civic and environmental 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: Having left Queensland, Australia last year where we also had a 'once in a 100 year' flooding event (the second one in my short 25 years of life), I had my third this year in Auckland. We cannot sacrifice investing in stormwater infrastructure — I can tel

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? Food waste collection should be government initiated, as in California, if we want to meet out climate targets.

We also must invest more in buses, walking and cycleways - I use a scooter and it feels dangerous on our streets without the proper infrastruc

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please increase support and funding for public transport, cycleways and alternative transport infrastructure — our mokopuna is depending on you.

We must raise our climate ambitions and dedicate ourselves (including our budgets) to a better future.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I am OK about reductions of services to the wealthy eg golf courses being sold off. They are able to make and afford other choices. I am opposed to services which affect low-income people or those facing poverty. There are no other choices for help or support for them. I am OK about increased borrowing.

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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? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase AND make more use of debt. Compared to rates I pay on residential properties in other parts of Aotearoa New Zealand, Auckland rates are cheap.

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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 here and we all need to accept we're going to have to pay for it.

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

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

Tell us why: Selling the shares would make a huge difference to debt and reduce costs. Don't feel ownership in the airport is a core function of the council

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: An important area to increase the operating budget. But alongside this a strategic plan for the growth of Auckland ensuring we don't build on land not fit for purpose.

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: It is important to keep funding of the CAB. As an English teacher of new migrants and refugees, I know that the CABs are a vital part of helping new settlers to find their way around life in NZ. In addition, there are others who cannot always find an answer for what to do in certain situations. The benefit of the CABs is that they provide face to face assistance. Not everyone has access or skills in using the internet, or the language to confidently use the telephone. Over half the clients are not NZ European. The service, which dates back 50 years, is free and operates across Auckland. It is a low-cost, effective facility, largely run by volunteers or people on low salaries. They make a huge contribution to the well-being of Aucklanders (one of the Council goals) who come with a range of queries from disputes, to income support, assistance with food, rates and local body elections. To shut down or curtail the CAB activities would be a short-term savings with potential increased costs over time (both financial and mental health). I urge you not to stop the CABs.

The other area in which I think it is essential to continue funding is for Climate action related programmes. The recent weather events have highlighted the need for continued awareness, education and mitigation to make Auckland a more sustainable city in future weather 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: To sell the Auckland shares to reduce debt (and the cost of debt), is like selling the family silver. It is a short-term solution. Once it's gone, it's gone. There is no possibility of future income. The amalgamated Auckland Council inherited the Airport

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: I think that as well as the 4.66 percent increase there should be a slightly higher increase in rates and at the same time an increase in debt. This would actually disadvantage me personally, as I am in a higher-than-average rates property. In addition, I

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

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?** Other

Tell us why: I live in a wealthier part of Auckland and I see that the proposed reduction in funding is lower than in Mangere-Otahuhu. I don't know what the reduction is per capita in the two wards. But I would think there is a greater need in Mangere-Otahuhu for main

If funding for local board 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

Tell us why these are most important to you: It is difficult to say which three of the services are most important. It seems to me that there are connections and overlap between some of them. So I would support elements of services being amalgamated.

There should be some programmes offered in arts

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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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? Waste management rates changes

I don't think that businesses should have the option of opting out of council's recycling service and base service rate for waste management and associated targeted rate – unless the same option is offered to residents to op

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, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do 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.

Instead cut costs in other areas such as the golf courses auckland council owns or rents

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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: Sell some not all

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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 do you think of these proposals?

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Fund things that benefit the community, not the upper class

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

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

Citizens Advice because legal exploitation is a significant contributor to poverty see

Why Poverty Persists by Matthew Desmond in N Y Times

Arts funding as it suffers from chronic marginalisation see the poor management by

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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: These accidental shareholding arose from corporatising public agencies in the late 1980's and have no strategic relevance to Auckland Council. Spare us the tired "family silver" analogy.

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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 have seen many public programs wasting money on fighting the last war so I am wary of an over reaction

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Tell us why: Restoring the Leys Institute is a top priority as it is an important and irreplaceable asset and the risk to it is significant. Other priorities are not so time or survival critical

If funding for local board 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 community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: Supporting local activities has the leverage of local participation. Libraries are an important resource for lower income people

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

The quality of some Council activities is improved by sensitive and sophisticated management structures which can greatly diminish or enhance the value of a single dollar spent. This should be a constant focus. The crass management of the Art Gallery by t

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Organisation (if applicable): Housing First Auckland Collective

Your local board: Waitematā

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Housing First Auckland Collective submission in opposition to Auckland Council proposed budget cuts

The Housing First Auckland Collective strongly opposes the budget cuts proposed in the Draft Annual Budget 2023/2024 (and ongoing) to homelessness initiatives, community programmes, social services, and reductions to Local Board funding. The specific proposed budget cuts we oppose are:

- Funding provided to community-led centres,
- Homelessness coordination and initiative funding, and
- Justice or Police community safety activities.

The combination of proposed cuts to these areas will have dire consequences for vulnerable individuals experiencing chronic or short-term homelessness, people living on the margins and in unstable housing situations, who are one financial shock away from becoming homeless. These proposed cuts will also have wider impacts on local businesses, communities, ratepayers, and visitors to our city.

This submission outlines why the above funding areas cannot, and should not, be cut, and highlights Auckland Council's responsibility to all communities living in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Who we are

The Housing First approach is an internationally recognised method of addressing homelessness, with a focus on those experiencing chronic homelessness. It prioritises immediate access to permanent housing, recognising that it is easier to support people once they are housed. Housing First Auckland Collective (HFAC) providers include Auckland City Mission, Lifewise, LinkPeople, Visionwest, and the Wise Group. We work together using the Collective Impact model to end homelessness and deliver sustained wrap-around support services to whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Since our Collective formed in 2017, we have worked closely with the Government on its goal to end homelessness. We have worked closely with both central Government and Auckland Council to respond to housing and social needs in our communities and have achieved positive results together.

We believe everyone has a role in ending homelessness.

Responsibility to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Auckland Council has statutory obligations to Māori to recognise and respect the Crown’s responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles in Te Tiriti. As a direct result of colonization, Māori are overrepresented in homelessness statistics. HFAC data evidence this: the latest data shows that 56% of our whānau housed through the Housing First programme are Māori.

The proposed budget cuts to homelessness initiatives directly undermine Auckland Council's role in

- Making decisions, performing functions, and exercising powers that improve outcomes for Māori
- Promoting cultural, economic, environmental, and social issues of significance to Māori

Funding cuts threaten Housing Providers' vital role in emergencies

Recent weather events significantly impacted communities across Tāmaki Makaurau. Severe weather events unmasked hidden homelessness, i.e., people who have been sleeping on couches, in garages or basements, or dossing temporarily with family or friends.

During the latest weather events, Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) called upon HFAC providers to support the local response. Our Collective providers played, and continue to play, a vital role in supporting increased demand from local people who were affected by the floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. The increased demand for housing and social support adds further strain on already stretched resources. Finding suitable, stable, and affordable housing has become more difficult. At the same time, we must deliver wrap-around social supports to the whānau we work with so that they can flourish.

AEM relies on housing and community providers to support local people in times of crisis and emergency. Auckland Council's proposed operational and local board budget cuts will impact the ability of providers to support the AEM response and deliver effective wellbeing support during any future crisis or emergency. Without our support, the outcomes for local people (housed and homeless) will be compromised.

Proposed cuts undermine the Auckland Plan 2050

The Auckland Plan 2050 is based on six outcomes, two of which have significance for homelessness: ‘Belonging and Participation’ and ‘Homes and Places’.

People experiencing homelessness are some of the most vulnerable in our city. They experience high rates of harm and disparities in opportunities and outcomes. These disparities are seen through having a life expectancy 30 years shorter than the housed population. Budget cuts to local boards, homeless initiatives, and community programmes undermine Council's commitment to their own ‘Belonging and Participation’ outcome within the Auckland Plan 2050. This is because the proposed cuts will affect the accessibility of libraries and other public spaces. Reducing accessibility to these key spaces contradicts Council’s own engagement findings that public places such as libraries offer people experiencing homelessness safety, important connections to the community, building trust and raising awareness about homelessness.

Within the ‘Homes and Places’ outcome of the Plan, Council explains that the Auckland housing crisis has had a significant effect on increasing rates of homelessness. Council states that this trend is not likely to change unless there is a “systematic and coordinated effort from all partners and stakeholders to end it”. Auckland Council is a key stakeholder and plays a vital role in this effort by establishing networks and fostering joined-up systems to reduce homelessness. The loss of Auckland Council’s homelessness, local board, and community programme funding will result in the

disestablishment of key roles. Staff cuts and further fragmentation of roles and responsibilities will make it even harder to achieve a coordinated and effective response.

Ending homelessness is a statutory responsibility of Council

The Local Govt Act (2002) states that the roles of councils are to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and for the future. As such, the Council has a responsibility to achieve wellbeing.

The proposed cuts to operational and local board budgets will undermine the Council's legal obligation to achieve well-being for all communities in Tāmaki Makaurau. HFAC calls upon the Council to recognise both its statutory responsibility and commitment in long-term plans to promote wellbeing for all.

Negative impact on city centre, local businesses, and visitors

The impact of the proposed budget cuts is not limited to people experiencing homelessness, but will also affect the business community, local people, and visitors to Tāmaki Makaurau.

Many local business associations across Tāmaki Makaurau have partnered with Housing First providers since the programme's inception. Business associations often see the benefits of promoting safe, vibrant and well-connected communities, because it encourages people to visit, socialise, and do business. Rough sleepers can create a perception that an area is not safe, so supporting rough sleepers into permanent housing increases the perception of safety in a community. This is ultimately good for public and business confidence. The current economic outlook indicates that people in Auckland are set to experience higher cost of living, this could both lead to more people experiencing homelessness and a population with less disposable income. Vibrant cities, where people feel safe and connected, will be an essential component of business success and survival.

Other funding options are not feasible

Council's draft budget cuts document suggests "leveraging central government funding or user pays funding for these activities, reducing the service level, stopping the activity, or identifying a different delivery method or agency." However, these options are not fit-for-purpose or feasible for reducing homelessness.

Central Government recently signalled to HFAC that there is no further funding available for our work to meet increased demand arising from recent weather events. User pays funding is simply not a solution - the people we support are living on the streets and cannot afford to pay for services. Any reductions to current service levels will have significant negative impacts - as outlined above. Housing First as a model was introduced to Aotearoa because it is a proven effective method to end homelessness. Therefore, stopping our important work or adopting a different method is illogical.

Conclusion

Given the above, we urge Auckland City Council to maintain funding levels for homelessness coordination and initiatives, community-led centres, and community safety activities. Auckland Council has a critical role in ending homelessness alongside community organisations and central government.

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Housing First Auckland Collective submission in opposition to Auckland Council proposed budget cuts

Introduction

The Housing First approach is an internationally recognised method of addressing homelessness, with a focus on those experiencing chronic homelessness. It prioritises immediate access to permanent housing, recognising that it is easier to support people once they are housed. Housing First Auckland Collective (HFAC) providers include Auckland City Mission, Lifewise, LinkPeople, Visionwest, and the Wise Group. We work together using the Collective Impact model to end homelessness and deliver sustained wrap-around support services to whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Since our Collective formed in 2017, we have worked closely with the Government on its goal to end homelessness. We have worked closely with both central Government and Auckland Council to respond to housing and social needs in our communities and have achieved positive results together.

We believe everyone has a role in ending homelessness.

Opposition to proposed budget cuts

HFAC strongly opposes the budget cuts proposed in the Draft Annual Budget 2023/2024 (and ongoing) to homelessness initiatives, community programmes, social services, and reductions to Local Board funding. The specific proposed budget cuts we oppose are:

- Funding provided to community-led centres,
- Homelessness coordination and initiative funding, and
- Justice or Police community safety activities.

The combination of proposed cuts to these areas will have dire consequences for vulnerable individuals experiencing chronic or short-term homelessness, people living on the margins and in unstable housing situations, who are one financial shock away from becoming homeless. These proposed cuts will also have wider impacts on local businesses, communities, ratepayers, and visitors to our city.

This submission outlines why the above funding areas cannot, and should not, be cut, and highlights Auckland Council's responsibility to all communities living in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Responsibility to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Auckland Council has statutory obligations to Māori to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles in Te Tiriti. As a direct result of colonization, Māori are overrepresented in homelessness statistics. HFAC data evidence this: the latest data shows that 56% of our whānau housed through the Housing First programme are Māori.

The proposed budget cuts to homelessness initiatives directly undermine Auckland Council's role in

- Making decisions, performing functions, and exercising powers that improve outcomes for Māori
- Promoting cultural, economic, environmental, and social issues of significance to Māori

Funding cuts threaten Housing Providers' vital role in emergencies

Recent weather events significantly impacted communities across Tāmaki Makaurau. Severe weather events unmasked hidden homelessness, i.e., people who have been sleeping on couches, in garages or basements, or dossing temporarily with family or friends.

During the latest weather events, Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) called upon HFAC providers to support the local response. Our Collective providers played, and continue to play, a vital role in supporting increased demand from local people who were affected by the floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. The increased demand for housing and social support adds further strain on already stretched resources. Finding suitable, stable, and affordable housing has become more difficult. At the same time, we must deliver wrap-around social supports to the whānau we work with so that they can flourish.

AEM relies on housing and community providers to support local people in times of crisis and emergency. Auckland Council's proposed operational and local board budget cuts will impact the ability of providers to support the AEM response and deliver effective wellbeing support during any future crisis or emergency. Without our support, the outcomes for local people (housed and homeless) will be compromised.

Proposed cuts undermine the Auckland Plan 2050

The Auckland Plan 2050 is based on six outcomes, two of which have significance for homelessness: 'Belonging and Participation' and 'Homes and Places'.

People experiencing homelessness are some of the most vulnerable in our city. They experience high rates of harm and disparities in opportunities and outcomes. These disparities are seen through having a life expectancy 30 years shorter than the housed population. Budget cuts to local boards, homeless initiatives, and community programmes undermine Council's commitment to their own 'Belonging and Participation' outcome within the Auckland Plan 2050. This is because the proposed cuts will affect the accessibility of libraries and other public spaces. Reducing accessibility to these key spaces contradicts Council's own engagement findings that public places such as libraries offer people experiencing homelessness safety, important connections to the community, building trust and raising awareness about homelessness.

Within the 'Homes and Places' outcome of the Plan, Council explains that the Auckland housing crisis has had a significant effect on increasing rates of homelessness. Council states that this trend is not likely to change unless there is a "systematic and coordinated effort from all partners and stakeholders to end it". Auckland Council is a key stakeholder and plays a vital role in this effort by establishing networks and fostering joined-up systems to reduce homelessness. The loss of Auckland Council's homelessness, local board, and community programme funding will result in the disestablishment of key roles. Staff cuts and further fragmentation of roles and responsibilities will make it even harder to achieve a coordinated and effective response.

Ending homelessness is a statutory responsibility of Council

The Local Govt Act (2002) states that the roles of councils are to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and for the future. As such, the Council has a responsibility to achieve wellbeing.
The proposed cuts to operational and local board budgets will undermine the Council's legal obligation to achieve well-being for all communities in Tāmaki Makaurau. HFAC calls upon the Council to recognise both its statutory responsibility and commitment in long-term plans to promote wellbeing for all.

Negative impact on city centre, local businesses, and visitors

The impact of the proposed budget cuts is not limited to people experiencing homelessness, but will also affect the business community, local people, and visitors to Tāmaki Makaurau.

Many local business associations across Tāmaki Makaurau have partnered with Housing First providers since the programme's inception. Business associations often see the benefits of promoting safe, vibrant and well-connected communities, because it encourages people to visit, socialise, and do business. Rough sleepers can create a perception that an area is not safe, so supporting rough sleepers into permanent housing increases the perception of safety in a community. This is ultimately good for public and business confidence. The current economic outlook indicates that people in Auckland are set to experience higher cost of living, this could both lead to more people experiencing homelessness and a population with less disposable income. Vibrant cities, where people feel safe and connected, will be an essential component of business success and survival.

Other funding options are not feasible

Council's draft budget cuts document suggests "leveraging central government funding or user pays funding for these activities, reducing the service level, stopping the activity, or identifying a different delivery method or agency." However, these options are not fit-for-purpose or feasible for reducing homelessness.

Central Government recently signalled to HFAC that there is no further funding available for our work to meet increased demand arising from recent weather events. User pays funding is simply not a solution - the people we support are living

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on the streets and cannot afford to pay for services. Any reductions to current service levels will have significant negative impacts - as outlined above. Housing First as a model was introduced to Aotearoa because it is a proven effective method to end homelessness. Therefore, stopping our important work or adopting a different method is illogical.

Conclusion

Given the above, we urge Auckland City Council to maintain funding levels for homelessness coordination and initiatives, community-led centres, and community safety activities. Auckland Council has a critical role in ending homelessness alongside community organisations and central government.

We would be happy to answer any questions you have relating to our submission.

Ngā mihi,

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There is clearly plenty of room to increase borrowing in the Council's 'lazy' balance sheet, we are well with limits, and face unusual events that call for increased, not reduced, public investment. Furthermore there is no case for rates to not at least grow with the rate of inflation, ie not fall in real terms. To choose to reduce revenue in real terms is a political decision that is not aligned with Mayor's campaign where he promised to 'fix' the city. By what process can 'fix' be achieved by de-funding services and infrastructure?

The proposed cuts to services do not look like cutting waste, but rather further destroying value in very low cost public goods. For example:

CAB services and other social safety nets are critically vital and save money in incalculable ways by reducing personal and social breakdown that inevitable leads to extremely costly social harms.

Funding to the Art Gallery, already underfunded after years of scrutiny of its books, is particularly short-sighted, this institution and its like (the Museum, MoTaT, regional galleries, performance spaces, and organisations etc) add incalculable value in terms of vitality and visitor attraction, and are exactly the type of good whose value is only unlocked though public investment. What is a city for? How can it thrive and remain desirable and competitive without quality as well quantity? Are we really back to arguing whether society has value or even exists again?

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Why restricted to three, these are all important services? the roll out of walking and bike routes are super important across the city too. This is a critically lacking network.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: The proposed cuts affect the very services that are most needed in Auckland. There are other ways to reduce spending, eg. sell off some of the 13 council-owned golf courses. Also, Auckland Council has a strong credit rating so taking on more debt is feasible.

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: Now we're coming out of Covid and tourism and immigration are on the up again, dividends will resume. And the biggest city in NZ should have a strategic stake in the biggest airport in NZ.

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: As above, the council's credit rating is high, and repaying debt over a long period helps spread the load on capital expenditure on infrastructure.

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: As long as this is specifically spent on storm repairs and future-proofing, and not siphoned off for other unrelated projects

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: This is exactly what the local boards should be doing.

If funding for local board 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 climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Need to look after the environment and address climate change. And arts and community programmes are very important for the social and mental wellbeing of our residents.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop wasting money by having to redo poorly-planned projects, like the West Lynn cycleway fiasco. And how many people actually use the $20 million Franklin Rd cycleway - not that many because the route is wrong and people often park across it. Again, bad

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Massive Theatre Company

Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> 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.

I want to live in a community that is rich with arts and culture, well resourced education programs, regional events that celebrate my region and everyone in it and where social services manaaki and show implicit aroha for those who need more support.

I believe that arts and culture is imperative and essential to the wellbeing of all. It is now a well researched and proven fact that the arts and culture are imperative to a society, a community and a person's wellbeing and health. It is archaic to think otherwise. For a city the size of Auckland we are still not doing enough to meet the needs of what our arts and culture level and capacity should be at in comparison to other leading arts and culture cities in the world. I want a diverse community to be able to access the arts and culture and if these cuts are in place this will diminish and in some cases eradicate artists ability to provide arts and culture in this city. Shame on a city for not supporting this work and for even considering making these cuts.. The rest of the world will look on in dismay at what the largest city in Aotearoa council has decided if it goes ahead with these cuts.

I am the founder and artistic director of a 32 Year old Professional theatre company, Massive Theatre Company. We will not be able to deliver our world class program if you continue with these cuts and reductions. We will go backwards and this is a terrible indictment for our city and for our country.

This is the time where investment should be being made as any high functioning and leading city in the world would know.

The health and wellbeing of our city is at stake here if these cuts are actioned. Stop the cuts.

Reduction In Cultural Events

Without funding, Most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and community workers rely on city funding to support their work. Cutting funding will lead to job losses and the shuttering of organisations.

Reduced Tourism

Auckland's arts and culture sector is a major draw for tourists. These cuts will negatively affect our city's appeal to visitors, leading to a decline in tourism and its associated revenue.

Collapse of Auckland's Creative Economy:

Arts, culture and creativity directly feeds and supports Auckland's wider creative economy, which includes industries such as design, architecture, advertising, technology and innovation. Cutting funding will negatively impact these other sectors potential for future growth.

Negative Impact on Community Well-being

Community, arts and cultural events are a source of social connection, community engagement, and personal growth. Cutting funding will negatively impact community well-being, particularly for vulnerable or disadvantaged groups.

Loss of Cultural Heritage

Without support for community, arts and cultural organaisations, Auckland's cultural heritage will be neglected or lost forever, leading to a loss of identity and history for 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: I want Auckland to own its national and international airport as an important part of our city. I want Auckland to be in control of this 'gateway' if there were emergency's or suchlike that meant we needed to be able to make decisions about access etc.

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: In this current economic climate and as a home owner i can't afford anymore increases. Make a 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: Climate change is real and we need to be prepared.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all of these initiatives but also think an increase in arts and culture financial support is also 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?) Library opening hours and services, 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: Access to free Libraries run by professional librarians is imperative to a healthy community. Access to community arts for youth in particular is an essential need and imperative to a healthy community.

Local grants are imperative.

We are still recovering

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding for the arts, culture, zoo and environment. Cut funding on fancy footpaths and cycle lanes, light rail, AT and Panuku.

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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: Insufficient detail re repairs and maintenance.

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?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, 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?

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What do you think of these proposals? Please encourage composting of food scraps and reduction of food packaging. Glass and can refunds for recycling.

7. What else is important to you?

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Scrap the light rail to the airport and extend train system to the airport.

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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

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 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?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We should not be cutting funding to public amenities to make up for budgetary deficits caused by bad management in the past. Land owners can afford to pay more rates and should do so. Cutting funding to the arts, social amenity, and public attractions is unnacceptable. The zoo, art gallery, and community grants, are vital for the cultural vibrancy of our city and should not be further eroded by neoliberal policymakers. Not to mention vital public services like childcare which are essential for the generational wellbeing of our city. Wealthy landowners have profited off Tāmaki Makaurau and should be paying to live and own land in a thriving world-class city.

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: AIAL stocks continue to perform well on the market and are caluable capital to hold. Furthermore, the country's biggest airport should not be owned exclusively by the provate sector. The people of Tāmaki Makaurau have a vested interest in the airport and

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 and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Rates increases should rise for properties that are not owner or business ocupied. Landlords, speculative property owners, and commercial property owners should be picking up more rates increases to fund the city. It makes no sense that homeowners pay the

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: Yes we need more operating budget to respond to these events. But also we need to see meaningful actiuon on climate change. There needs to be leadership at all levels that actively advocates for emissions and waste reduction. Purely focusing on clean up i

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 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, Open space low mow / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Local community events, Environmental volunteers in local parks, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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? Wayne Brown's salary.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

• Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).

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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: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: I do not support funding reduction of any services/groups. Rates should be increased inline with inflation.

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: Debt is a way to share costs across generations. Selling assets is a short term solution

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: Rates should at a minimum align with inflation

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

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 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

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.	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 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited ($27.5m) and reducing regional services ($20m) - I am very concerned at the effects this will have on the Art Gallery and Museum, as well as other events, arts and culture programmes. I am particularly concerned that these short-term cuts will actually have long-term implications for those institutions which will take years to turn around.

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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: This is an incredibly bad idea, particularly given the current share price and longer-term dividends likely from the airport. Much better to sell off golf courses which are exclusive, used by very few people and which could be better realised to address o

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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• Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

I am incredibly concerned at the impacts that these budget cuts will have right across Auckland, and particularly for arts, events and communities sectors. Rather than selling down airport shareholding, it would be much better to sell off some golf course

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Organisation (if applicable): Red Leap Theatre

Your local board: Waitematā

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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduction to regional, social, community services

Reduction to regional arts and culture grants

Reduction to local board funding

Withdrawal of direct ECE 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:

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? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: An increase in rates actually passes on the financial burden to homeowners, this is the sector of the population that can afford to contribute to the shortfall. This can make up some of the shortfall and mean that services are not diminished.

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4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden 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?) Sports and activities in parks, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

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?) Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

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?

Whau 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 parks, community facilities, and sports and recreation programmes, 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Be smarter about how to fund Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Don't reduce the funding to Arts services. 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.

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

Tell us why: We need to reduce that interest cost. It makes little sense to hold more than 10% of shares.

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Tell us why:

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

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

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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.

And it will negatively impact what Auckland has to offer on a global stage. For example, where else in the world can you experience something like the Pasifika festival? This is something Auckland should promote, cherish and support always - not only for our communities but also to show the world what this place has to offer.

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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.

Cuts to services are far from an inevitability; they're irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environmen

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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: In 2023, with the climate crisis landing on our doorstep, we've seen the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure. It's high time we start investing in making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme we

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. It would seem obvious that a switch to climate change adaptation would be more suitable than mitigation at this stage.

If funding for local board 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), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

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What do you think of these proposals? When it comes to CATR I 100% support more investment in buses, walkways and cycleways.

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Do not proceed with:

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Reducing regional services,

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Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

These proposed cuts, which while small in terms of the Council's overall bu

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Fear of reduced funding for facilities like the library and art gallery that are accessible and free to a wide population. Paid performance, like Arts Festival is highly commercial and should be self-funding.

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Tell us why: You can only sell an asset once - hopefully there will be further increased use of the airport and therefore (albeit reduced) ongoing revenue

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Tell us why: This makes financial sense.

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Tell us why: This needs to be managed fairly - many areas such as Waiheke were hit with a very large rates increase last time . There should be a cap on the rates increase over the last 2 periods to ensure noone has had a total increase of say 10% over the past 2 inc

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Tell us why: The money cannot come from an additional rates increase - this is too much for many people to manage.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The proposed cuts to arts venue such as Studio One and and events such as the Grey Lynn Festival are ripping out the very heart of our local community. There are some areas where groups and volunteers can provide assistance but we need these events and l

If funding for local board 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: Community venues and education programs are such an important part of life for many of us - they provide the opportunity to keep learning, a social network we wouldn't otherwise have and a place to come together. Please leave these alone.

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

Leave the CABs and the Community Arts programs alone - they are such a valuable service. Centres such as Mairangi Arts Centre provide the only location to learn arts such as glass casting - if they go, there is simply nowhere else. The TMA and their

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Most definitely DO NOT reduce the Arts Funding this is vital for the well being of all Cultures and the vibrancy of our diverse city.

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

Tell us why: I don't see any reason for Auckland Council to hold shares in Auckland Airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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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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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: As a city we have to stay on top of the infrastructure and it seems only reasonable that as the population grows, so too should funding for infrastructure etc.

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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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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Question is loaded. The basic premise of reducing rates below inflation needs justification.

Rate increases below the level of inflation result in at best stagnation.

Covid and the recent floods are extraordinary events, not routine and therefore justify increased borrowing

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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: Prudent business investment increases resilience to the income stream.

An income stream that is vulnerable anyway because of lack of diversification away rates only.

Selling assets to fund day to day expenditure is a basically one off and should only be u

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

Tell us why: Covid and the level of recent flooding are extraordinary events outside the range of normal budget expectations. The current debt levels are modest and high credit ratings reflect the market confidence that we are far from over extended.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: These have already been consulted on ad nauseam and should not be subject to arbitary cuts to meet arbitarily imposed, and I'll considered budget reductions.

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What do you think of these proposals? The land value of the roading corridors is astronomical and yet the council is getting next to nil return on this land value.

It is preposterous that adjacent to land that commerce and residents are prepared to pay thousands of dollars a square metre for,

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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Also the Aussie park contactors are taking us for a ride

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Tell us why: We needs these cuts

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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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Cut spending in parks

Why do club cricket have full-time grounds men when only a few play

Same with soccer

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What do you think of these proposals? Stop all the green scams

7. What else is important to you?

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

Yes

Most in council seem to have a work car.

They can use the bus

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: As a member of the creative community (book publisher and film producer) we felt it is important to fund community arts initiatives at early and grass roots levels and particularly object to cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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

Tell us why: Happy to pay more rates rather than get further in debt which is costly and further reduces the ability to put funding towards community initiatives.

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: Would be happy to proceed with increased funding to storm response if it goes hand in hand with meaningful expenditure on reducing the impact of climate change.

5. Local Boards

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?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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

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

We need to fund this as Auckland is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, and needs a vibrant and active arts sector that its communities are able to participate in and see works that reflect their own cultures and those around them. This is vital given impact of Covid on the wider Arts Community.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? 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 higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The proposed increase won't even meet contractual obligations given the rate of inflation.

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

Tell us why: Without the increase Auckland will be in a dire state with potential of loosing its younger working generation to a city that functions.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reinstate some public transport routes that have been cut and now is not sufficient to meet demand. Cuts should only be to services that are not busy. Madness to have cut an oversubscribed bus line in central Auckland. Which therefore has had led to school aged children not getting to school on time. Cuts should only be to poorly used lines.

The in and out bus doesn't need to be every 15 minutes. Make it every 20 minutes which is removing one quarter of the services with minimal likelihood anyone would notice. The out bus is rarely, if ever full.

Grants possibly don't need to occur - depending on who receives them. In times of strife, grants could be put on hold. But if for suicide support, or the like, for helping kids get to school etc, keep homelessness funding needs to stay, but arts and culture programmes can be reduced significantly, for a short time.

We need people to understand that if we don't make the cuts for a bit, we get in dire straits.

Funding for some cultural things to remain, such as zoo, gallery, museum etc. they have fixed costs that can't be cut off.

additional arts and cultural events which are nice to haves need to be put on hold.

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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: Don't sell down our assets.

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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: Use the money better. Split the sewerage and waste water to improve our beaches. It is ridiculous we can't swim at Central Auckland beaches. Sort the harbour crossing. QLD went from idea to opening of the tunnel in two years. Still discussing it, and w

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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: Start by reviewing each of your departments.

Why are they not talking to each other?

Why is one department ripping up a road and then resealing it. Then another department come along and rip up part of the road for laying cables. Then resealing. So m

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Consider reduced funding of community events, rather than eliminating completely. Rate payers want to see some positivity from their rates, and these events provided for free for all and every person to attend. It's 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?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you: As above. Brings the community together

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Review all current projects again at the top level. Not laid consulting, by current staff. You have the skills. Rethink them. Are they efficient? Is this the only way. Is it vital? Can it be deferred. Etc

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Rethink, review, reprioritise. And stop the waste!

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

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

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
- Reducing regional services
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizeable 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. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

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 close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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

Tell us why: We should be investing in our city. Rates can be raised higher than proposed AND greater use made 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:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why: The proposed reduction in funding, loaded into this question, is a mistake. We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from Covid-19, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt

If funding for local board 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 arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, 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?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Community leasing charges

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Waitematā Local Board

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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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Reduction in Cultural Events: Without funding, most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses: Many artists, performers, an

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Too much focus on costs, without understanding of value. This is a lazy man's approach to improving financial performance. You can raise funds and lower costs by selling land that is not core to Council services eg golf courses such as Chamberlain Park that serves a very very small number of 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? 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: I am not against a 4.66% increase in rates, if there is clarity on value of services provided

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

Tell us why: You dont need to increase the budget here, you need to re-prioritise and reorganise within the current budget

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support this in part but decisions are best made close to the point of delivery so if you are taking $16m of Boards, I expect to see the same coming out of the Mayors and CEO offices

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Where is sport and rec in this? Need to invest in that

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Head office. If you reduced the number of meetings your staff have the saving in time and resources would be immense

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What do you think of these proposals?

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sport and recreation and parks and facilities - too much money going to middle management types eg Aktive, and not enough going to those who deliver the 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 <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reduction of Tatake funding. These organisations are vital for Auckland to remain a vibrant international city and are a source of pride to the citizens. These organisations do not carry "fat". Don't agree with increase entrance fees as they impact on a lot of less wealthy citizens who enjoy them (eg the Zoo)

Maintain early childhood education services

Reluctantly agree to the holding of public transport at Dec 2022 levels.

Reduce funding for all other but at lower reductions than proposed

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Tell us why: This decision should be in line with international practices. In other words if it is the norm that state/local bodies don't own Airports then Auckland should not either

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

Tell us why: In view of current inflation rates it would be reasonable (if painful) for rates to increase by 8,9 or 10%

The additional debt could be raised to $100m. I think it is not always a given that debt is a burden on future generations

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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: Any decisions on this should be made with central government for nation wide solutions

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The Leys Institute should be restored, however, the business case/expenditure should be relative to the facility's possible employment, which has to date seemed limited (and possibly has the case to be expanded).

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I definitely do not want to see any cuts to the arts sector. I want to live in a vibrant city with culture. If I want to save the maximum amount of money possible and have nothing to do, I'll leave Auckland for a quaint country town. Don't cut what makes Auckland special.

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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

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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 arts programmes, Sports and activities in parks, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change, because, well, have you seen what's happening? I'm worried my last days will be as an extra in WaterWorld at this rate.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: This is a time where we NEED these services to continue running. I have been working in social services and these funded programs have been lifelines for in particular our at-risk youth.

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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 low point in the market. Seems like a low-ball move.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: We ALL want a better Auckland to live in. This is something we all need to commit to by raising rates. We should not put others at risk if we can all contribute. We should not put high risk groups at the bottom at the list by cutting funding, we should al

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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 have a lot of friends who were devastated by the floods. We also need to avoid this happening to such an extent again by investing in storm water systems and tree planting and other environmental efforts to offset the impact.

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 waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Long term investment. Ie. Environmental efforts. There's a lot of roadworks that happen in my area that seem unnecessary.

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What do you think of these proposals? Encourage the food scraps roll out. Charge those who do not engage with food scraps program.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: 1) Cutting Tātaki Auckland Unlimited funding. Entities like the zoo and the art gallery are important parts of Auckland's cultural landscape. In addition, the many festivals and events that Tātaki contributes to are often an important way for minority communities to share their culture with the city. 2) Cutting (or maintaining cuts) in our already very marginal public transport system is not a good way to advance environmental and climate goals. It would also disproportionately affect the poor and the elderly.

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

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

Tell us why: The airport is too important for the Council to have no stake (and therefore no say) at all. However, I am receptive to council selling down a portion of its stake.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: I say this as a homeowner and ratepayer: I am concerned that Council is proposing to cut services that are relied upon by the poor, the elderly, minority communities, and students, in order to spare homeowners a higher rates increase. I am sensitive to th

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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 storms we experienced recently are very unlikely to be the last, and Council's response was not ideal. We need to do better next time.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I broadly support the proposals, but I am somewhat concerned by the phrasing of keeping only the "most effective" ecological contracts. I do not entirely have confidence in the board's ability to decide what is and isn't effective. If an ecological contra

If funding for local board 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries: I realise that the role of libraries has changed significantly in recent years, but I hesitate to do anything that undermines such important community hubs. Waterways: Some amazing work has been done in this space by numerous boards around Auck

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What do you think of these proposals? All of these are sensible, with the exception of the CATR changes. This is too important to tinker with, especially so soon after it was established.

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

I do not agree to proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by $44m, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a bare bones budget that won't cover salaries and programming. I do not agree to proceed with cuts to opening hours and do not agree with introduction of entry charges. I also do not agree to proceed with reducing access to the arts via cuts to regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants. Artists and our communities will suffer.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

7. What else is important to you?

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28 March 2023

Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024

Submission: <u>Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.</u>

To whom it may concern;

Kia ora

A public art gallery is an institution for human flourishing, guiding us all to new possibilities as we imagine and creating more fulfilling lives and thriving communities. Art changes live, and the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki provides transformational experiences to a diverse audience.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare-bones operating budget of $9.5m PA.

The Tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will see in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery attracts bequests, gifts and long-term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% fewer visitors, 60% fewer people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead to change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future for our communities and towns as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world-class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?) Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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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: sell Remuera golf course. Why should Auckland council subsidise a few wealthy golfers?

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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 stormwater is inadequate and historic Council planning appears poor

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?
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Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres are important for cities for various reasons. Some of them are:

They enhance the quality of life and well-being of citizens by providing opportunities for learning, recreation, social interaction and cultural expression.

They foster social cohesion and inclusion by promoting diversity, respect, participation and collaboration among different groups and individuals in the city.

They contribute to economic growth and development by creating jobs, attracting investments, stimulating innovation and enhancing human capital.

They address social problems and challenges by providing support, assistance and empowerment to vulnerable or marginalized populations such as homeless people, youth at risk or low-income families.

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Some of the known effects of austerity budgets on communities are:

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Is this the city we want? A city of increasing inequality? Franky, that sounds awful.

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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 don't agree in holding shares in airports, given our environmental goals. I do agree with a stake in the company to have a say in how it operates in the future.

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Tell us why: It makes total sense. We had a huge storm, we're going to have more events like these, so we're going to need to invest in a response.

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The future of this city is important to me. $3 a week is not important to me. It's a tiny investment that could be far larger given what is at stake. Find some courage, think about the future of this city and its communities, and find another way to pay f

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: Auckland Transport is currently a disaster and it is ridiculous that frequency will not be increased

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
- 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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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: An instant source of income, instead cutting operations that serve the community, or using more debt which leaves the issue to the future generation

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Howick Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

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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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.	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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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: These are what makes us a vibrant city, attracting visitors and people permanently relocating

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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 need to have a stake in Auckland Airport and be able to have a say

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

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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: How can I make a choice of three when all of these are needed in our city? Some of these should not be in question at all. Shame on you for considering this

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? What about the Golf Courses - make people pay!!

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
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would <u>not</u> proceed with if any: We should not be permanently damaging community programs for a temporary budget balance. REDUCE services where there's limited impact on most citizens if necessary (reduced public transport services, increase user-pay fees, don't offer community grants one year etc). But don't cancel key community events/art/culture such that they can't continue or recover; or programs that support our most vulnerable (homelessness programs, libraries) for amounts that will barely make a dent in the budget.

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

Tell us why: These increases are a small impact on households, but a large impact on maintaining civic services.

4. Storm Response

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to maintain basic civic services (eg libraries) and essential ecological maintenance, but could reduce delivery in some areas to reduce eg staffing costs (such as having staffed activities at libraries, education programs), and reduce small events

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Please don't trash our communities culture and environment for the sake of "business minded" cost reductions. We're not a business, were a city.

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

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

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Tell us why: This makes sense

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Tell us why: This makes more sense than cutting on essential programs around the arts and the environment.

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Tell us why: This makes sense

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All of them are very important to me, however, the arts and the environment are big drivers for me and they drive the support to initiatives in the country, the city, the local community and politicians

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increasing the rates is the logical thing to do; the council IS NOT a charity. Current initiatives, especially in the arts and the environment should not suffer because some people do not want to pay more because they own a house. Cutting those initiative

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

Reducing 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.

The arts are an incredible important aspect to our society and after years of postponements and cancelations of events, the wider Auckland community is desperate for connection and yearns to gather to celebrate and enjoy our new found freedom after so much restriction.

As a professional arts practitioner, this will significantly reduce the opportunities I have to continue my work as a professional. There is already a struggle in a post-covid climate and this will severely impact my ability to provide the entertainment that our community so desperately needs.

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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: Although I think it is important to maintain some stake in our local airport, this seems to be a sensible decision if the saving is greater than the future earning potential.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Debt

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

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

Tell us why: This seems both sensible and manageable for those in a position of owning property.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: The recent weather events have devastated a colossal amount of people.

I believe this increase to be a necessary as a form of insurance for the future.

The reality is that climate change will continue to bring forth these extreme weather events, whether w

5. Local Boards

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts and community events are absolutely integral to the smooth running of our city. Events in particular not only create a sense of community and belonging, but feed back into the economy of local businesses.

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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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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