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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I catch a full bus to and from work every day to avoid the crazy car traffic on Onewa Road. I think we need as many busses as possible and to relieve traffic and reduce on carbon emissions.

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? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase (more than 10%) 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.

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, 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

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

What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

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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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 1) 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... If you reduce this activity in what appears to be an already lean operation will be reduced significantly. First world cities need economic development agencies. I cannot imagine how NZ Inc partners and govt agencies around the globe would think if this agency did not exist. Global stakeholders need this agency to exist. If the complex work of this agency is not properly understood then some serious time should be taken to really understand its easily measurable value before any further decision is made.

2) 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..... Auckland is already facing significant uphill battles in a global market that is fiercely competing for skills, talent and business and business investment. We need to compete aggressively on the world stage to make this a good place to work, live and do business. Reducing these activities is to the detriment to the city.

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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 also ultimately a revenue generating asset and has strategic significance to the city

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why: If you don't at least meet the rate of inflation the automatically the debt will increase further as all expenses are rising.

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:

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 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?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You're abandoning those that use the community programs, which are those that are less fortunate. How uncaring can the council be

YOU HAVE \$2.9 BILLION worth of land holed up in golf courses. Of which only the richest Aucklanders use. Develop them. Leave the rates. Leave everything else. Theres your short fall there.

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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?** 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, 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.	
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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?

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These all seem really inequitable and is going to disadvantage many people in lower socioeconomic communities. More public transport options is a part of the solution for Auckland not a hindrance. Cutting early childhood services is also going to create other issues in an already very financially hard climate for many families. All of this seems totally unreasonable and doesn't sound like a Auckland I would like to live in if it comes to fruition. This will drive people away from the city as it will become not only a harder and financially difficult place to live , but also a boring one I, with nothing to offer unless you have a lot of money to spend on expensive dinners.

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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 seems short sighted and auckland airport should be seen as a vital resource for the auckland region. Public transport to and from the airport, maybe a rail link, should be invested in to attract people to the city and make it easier for them to get a

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why: This seems reasonable

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: This has been needed for a long time and investment in emergency management is essential

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: The climate crisis is the number one concern for our world and we need policy to be reflective of this

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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

The effect of these reductions is tantamount to killing this city. We need vibrant communities, safe inclusive spaces and public services now more than ever. These cuts will cause far more harm than good. Without events and activities that attract citizens, businesses and the local economy will suffer. Jobs will be lost and social cohesion, wellbeing and quality of life will decline.

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.

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: The sale of shares like this offer a one-off return only. Sales of public assets in the past haven't provided long term benefits.

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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, 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

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 have ongoing investment in infrastructure and futureproofing in order to protect our communities from future 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 support all priorities

Tell us why: These are all important priorities. Additionally, we must ensure the continued development of cycleways and safer walking paths.

If funding for local board 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: Arts and culture provide opportunities for social connection and enhance wellbeing. We need opportunities for people of all ages to connect. It's also vital that we support climate change action by supporting initiatives that encourage a transition to low

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? If you could install red lights cameras at every intersection and gather revenue that way we wouldn't have a budget problem.

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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? Now is the time to invest in public transport, the arts and social services. If you stop investing in these things the city will decline and businesses and communities will suffer.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

We must continue with the development of connected cycleways and pedestrian infrastructure to ensure a safer, more environmentally friendly and socially connected, inclusive 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 **not** proceed with if any:

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not 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 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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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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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

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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?

7. What else is important to you?

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024

28 March 2023

Submission: 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.

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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Annual Budget 2023/2024

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Your local board: Waitematā

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reduction in public transport.

Let the Zoo, Maritime Museum and Art Gallery go, they can learn to be financially sustainable in their own.

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:

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:

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?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, 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? Let the Akl Zoo, Art Gallery, Maritime and Auckland Museums go and they can learn to be financially sustainable on their own.

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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?

Wayne Brown is an embarrassment. He alone has cost us too much money.

The lack of tourism investment in TAU attractions is costing Akl millions in revenues.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not cut funding to any services that provide valuable resources to homeless, youth, social services and community empowerment.

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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:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: It will be important to be prepared for future weather events.

Also important though to ensure any building and development we do to our city makes it better able to cope with these events - such as more permeable surfaces.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Priorities set cover aspects of the local area that I think are 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?) 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: I think they are all important, however caring for our waterways and environment, community programmes and our libraries provide a great deal of benefit to our local community

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Unsure of what the budget includes exactly so hard to say

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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:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Library and arts funding substantially improve my quality of life.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need to keep investing in our growing city to keep the community prospering, continue to progress with public transport and prepare for climate change.

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

Tell us why: It's a good place to be invested in long term.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: It is essential that we continue to invest in our people, environment, communities, public transport, city and climate change preparedness.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 prepare for every eventuality and the potentially devastating impacts climate change may have on our city.

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: Investing in our community is essential and these are all key 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?) Library opening hours and services, 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: Libraries are an invaluable community resource essential for education, knowledge and bringing people together. All environmental and climate initiatives are integral.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Encourage volunteerism that is promoted by volunteers for events, environmental work like planting, worker bees and any initiatives community can support.

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What do you think of these proposals? We do not need cuts. We need to invest in our city to make it sustainable, resilient to climate change and a welcoming place for everyone in the community. Rate increases mean all those who are strongly invested are contributing a little more towards to

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

We need to be guardians of our city and ensure we preserve it well for all generations to come.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: Sell the golf courses

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Climate change is here. Our best chance to minimise the effects are to continually look at ways we can reduce our footprint. Reducing Operating spending simply burdens us further, accelerating climate change and future storm response costs. Why is this co

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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: Following the pandemic this is not the time to reduce spending on our community and climate action.

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 not proceed with if any: 'I do NOT support

- Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

- 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

- Reducing local board funded activities

Auckland aims to be a world class city and every world class city needs a vibrant arts and culture scene. Arts and culture worldwide needs central and local government support following Covid and climate related events. Visual, performing arts, festivals and music inspire creativity and set us apart as humans, sharing experiences with other people. How can New Zealand's biggest city cut the heart out of these activities and not other things like sailing and golf which only cater to a small part of our community?

Auckland is a diverse and widely spread city where community events with local input are critical to serving the needs of everyone in the city. Polyfest, The Lantern Festival and Diwali are all landmark events that bring people together to share and learn and foster understanding across cultures.

By reducing funding in Arts, Education, Culture and Social Services you are taking away the connective tissue of the city and the negative ramifications will be felt for years to come in our young people not experiencing the real Auckland and our most vulnerable not being 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: IF this money is used wisely for real future-proofing of infrastructure, it will be money well spent. Please don't let it be spent on reports and consultants.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Local, grass roots understanding of the priorities for any local area are critical to funding the right things. I support all these priorities as they align with two key factors in a successful city for the future: community engagement and future-proofing

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Tell us why these are most important to you: In my opinion, community engagement, especially for families and young people, and future-proofing for climate change are the two critical roles of a local board in supporting a successful city for the future.

I support funding being spent on real action

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 not proceed with if any: All community events, galleries, spending to Tataki, education programmes, community empowerment, homelessness funding. All community services are important to Auckland's vitality and some parts of our community need support, eg the homeless

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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 would you sell something that will supply income for years? It is very very short sighted

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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: Am ok with a rates increase as long as community, social and arts services and funding are not cut

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Tell us why: I don't have any faith in my local board to a) understand what their community want b) to agree on anything

If funding for local board 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, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts are vital to communities and protecting our natural habitats is key to good places. No mow makes sense as it is good for the birds and critters and cheaper maintenance costs.

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

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Please do not cut community funding of any sort, including libraries, arts, youth, education. They are such an important part of a great city and the economy.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These cuts disproportionately impact young family, Māori and Pasifika, low income earners, immigrants, youth and children.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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- 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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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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: This is a dumb question because they are all SO IMPORTANT!!!!

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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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: 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 income)

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Don't reduce funding :(

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Inflation is not important enough to actually harm the local community

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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?) 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:

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?

Completely opposed to cutting down any trees on any maunga. This should also save a lot of money.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Would not proceed with the reduction in 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. We need to look after the people and communities who currently live in Auckland, they are more important than money.

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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 such a short term view, that is likely going to have longer term disadvantages for the council budget in future decades and negative impacts on the service of Auckland Airport, which is NZ's main connection with international travel.

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: Why would we reduce NETR and WQTR now, after the last few months has shown us the importance of greener areas in reducing floods and the work that needs to happen to Auckland's stormwater network to protect people.

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Tell us why: Love the low-mow/no-mow approach, and prioritising community 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, 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? Simplify and consolidate road and watercare works - in Freemans Bay a section of road has had works on and off since 2020 for a variety of projects. Months could have been taken off the project time if they had all been done at once, rather than digging u

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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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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?) 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:

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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Do not cut trees down on the Maunga

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The reality of the situation is that I'm sure reducing any of these items is a bad idea in this current economic climate, too many are worse off post-covid.

The only item I'm in agreement of reducing is public transport, you'd get live stats telling you what can stay or go now that work habits have changed.

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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: Seems shortsighted to sell off this asset, especially given the future plans being developed for AIAL.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: We need to look long term here for a solution and make bold decisions.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I love living and working in the city, I returned from living overseas in 2017 mainly because it felt like Auckland had finally grown up. Bloody covid has a lot to answer for. I appreciate the difficult position you are now in, but focus on safety, 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?) 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: Libraries are important places for communities, especially having access to free books, computers, learning resources, toy libraries etc

Arts and community programmes and our environment are also incredibly important for our futures.

I wish nothing had

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Wage cuts. But only for those over a certain figure like \$100k or at a certain senior management level.

Don't be cutting the wages of those how actually have to work on the frontline and bear the brunt of public interaction.

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR - I support more investment in walkways and cycle ways.

I don't drive so greatly support public transport, but think you have the data to be able to back up any changes to bus/train/ferry routes. But do think you should have them.

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?

People are important. We need to focus on people's well-being and ability to support, feed, house and grow their families.

Our climate and protecting our land, waters and air.

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Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Vital to preserve all cultural, educational and recreational facilities in the city. E.g. grants to Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Art Gallery, Museum, all suburban arts centres, theatres, early childhood centres, CABs, funding for care for the homeless, all parks and reserves, water and sea protections

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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: This is a vital asset. We do NOT want foreign control (e.g. port at Darwin coming under Chinese control). Need some minimum shareholding to ensure ultimate NZ control or at least right of veto.

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: A total rates increase of 4.66% is ridiculous. That should match the rate of inflation, of around 7%, so existing services can continue to be funded.

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: With climate change upon us we will have more extreme weather events in the future, more often. We will fare better if better prepared.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I agree the priorities are important. But I do not agree lower priority activities should be cut to anything like the extents proposed. Maybe take off up to 5% max (after allowing 7% inflationary increase, i.e. net 2% increase instead of 7%) - there may be

If funding for local board 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 do not want ANY of these reduced. I'd rather pay more rates, and require everyone else to do that too.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? NO. I think they do a good job.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

I fully support the concept of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. Please do not hold back on co-governance initiatives.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Please do not vandalise our city's vibrancy and liveability in the name of saving a few bucks when it has been pointed out that the fiscal situation is not that bad and there are better options. Borrow more money, raise rates, sell off the golf courses an

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community groups and libraries are the heart of our city and this proposal would be a tragedy if it goes through.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? As above: golf courses. Loans. Rates. Let the rich carry done of the burden.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 1. Community Activities and services enable people to increase their developmental skills, whether it be in social, community, physical activities or getting the assistance they need from Organisations, like budgeting, CAB 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? Other

Tell us why: Don't let other companies and countries take over our Airport. Place a flat fee on those using the airport. Don't charge those who don't use it.

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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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Tell us why: Why have the rates that have been paid owing to multiple houses, on a once large section, farm increased dramatically and yet the clearance of creeks, streams, overflows and drainage not been efficiently done? The large amount of houses and the CONCRETE

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Community development, social skills enabling people to get out and to meet each other, community assistance groups, community houses etc are an important part. If there is a few close together closing their hours down or making just one in replacement o

If funding for local board 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: These areas can also teach them around the environment etc. Community houses have compost groups, worm farms etc. Keeping people locked in and not getting out in the community and meeting ours can lead to more crime. People furthering their skill, gett

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.	Other

What do you think of these proposals? People have to pay for what rubbish services they use. Even the food wastes collection. Encourage people to go back to Composts, their own gardens, or even veg boxes - this is a great skill, interaction and saves them money for vegs. If you use it - pa

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

Funding buses and having to put charges on major bridge/tunnel developments temporally like the Harbour Bridge and the Tauranga Bridge etc. this pays its self off. The tunnel going past Orewa is nothing but a massive profit to a PRIVATE company and shoul

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Cutting services is NOT the way to balance a budget. Taking away what little the poor have while the rich keep getting richer only diminishes us all. Raising rates, especially on large corporations and landlords with multiple properties is far more effective. 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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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.

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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.

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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

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't like being forced 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? Raise rates on large corporate businesses and landlords that own multiple dwellings

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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 inc

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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?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The services you are proposing to cut funding to are vital for our city.

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Tell us why: Auckland airport has made a profit this year post covid and will likely continue to do so.

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Tell us why: So that our city can continue to fund services you are looking at cutting.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Current Reduction in PT services has shown to increase traffic congestion. Many of these changes are inequitable and impact those who can least afford it. Reducing spending on tourism/ economic development will have negative long term impact on Aucklands economy

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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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.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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?) 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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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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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reductions in public transport. People clearly want to use public transport more and more. It is very short sighted to reduce it.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: The council doesn't need to own minority shares in 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: Take on more debt than is suggested and increase rates more than suggested. This entire budget is due to the mayor bringing rates down to satisfy his wealthy voters

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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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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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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposed rates increase is negligible compared to the benefit of the proposed services to be cut.

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: It's not a good idea to sell the shares off just as tourism is ramping up again.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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?** 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, 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?

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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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No cuts to community programmes or arts and cultural related activities.

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: Important to retain some shares in the city's airport but the sale of others provides an easy solution in a tricky time.

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Raising rates would have a minor impact on households whereas cutting arts and cultural services, early childhood services, and maintaining reduced public transport would have a detrimental impact on countless peoples wellbeing and livelihoods. I believe that community early childhood centres are incredibly important for their surrounding communities, that arts and culture, funding for LGBTQIA+ empowerment, and support for the homeless are essential to the life of the city and that residents have a right to access all of these. I refer to Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits."

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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 don't understand how this would impact the functioning of the airport so will choose not to comment. I'm more concerned about the cuts to other services.

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I think that funding and support for community housing should be a priority to protect the wellbeing of vulnerable people in the area, and funding for arts, culture and community events is also very important for the wellbeing of the 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?) 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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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce arts, culture, local, grants. They generate the social and political capital you need to govern this large and complex city. Increase rates instead. It's a small investment to maintain social cohesion as we enter a more challenging era in the future.

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

Tell us why: This decision requires financial expertise. What does the 10 year forecast look like for the value of our shares? Do not sell if we are giving up significant upside.

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: Ratepayers should be able to afford a larger increase. Your proposed increase is below the cost of living increase we have recently seen. Debt should be used only when we reach maximum capacity of 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: We will need even more in the future. That's why you can't cut arts, culture and local grants — people need to feel part of the same community to support the increased rescue and investments we will need to adapt to changing climate.

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?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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: Focus on youth and small groups to enhance social cohesion.

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 not proceed with if any: A lot of these items are relied upon by the public and our visitors. Impacting these services now will have long reaching impacts going forward including reputation.

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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 entity is under valued already, selling now doesn't make sense if you're expected higher volumes of visitors going forward after the covid impacts.

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: May as well pay now. The costs of materials is only going to increase going forward. We all live in the Auckland for its benefits including increasing property values, increasing rates is a tiny price to paying comparison.

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: Insurance should cover the costs of the storm events so there shouldn't be any need to increase open spending.

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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: A minority holding in AIA has no strategic value so only a financial decision. Capital has more appropriate use, esp given it is essentially a debt funded investment

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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: Fund these activities out of existing funding - this may require further reallocation or cuts in other areas

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The budget shortfall is not a problem. Stop trying to run local council like a business. Truly - debt is cheap and Auckland has low debt relative to the rest of the world. Invest in the city through public transport to save thousands of hours of lost time commuting rather than "one more road".

The cuts are unnecessary and it is an imprudent time to sell the airport shares.

Make the progressive changes needed now so it's not twice as hard in 10 years to do so.

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: No need to sell these shares. Instead sell the golf courses which represent massive areas of privately used local government subsidised land in some of the best parts of the isthmus. Open this up for housing and build functional neighbourhoods.

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? 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: All of these are important for heritage culture and environmental obligations.

There is no reason to be cutting 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, 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? Ridiculous question. Take more debt it is very cheap and our debt levels are low. Look to other successful cities - how much debt do they have? Much more than Auckland.

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.	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 not proceed with if any: I think that reductions in spending for areas such as public transport and early childhood education would be disadvantageous. These services support many individuals and are important to many of them, and would not provide a large amount of savings for the council.

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not think proceeding with the first point. Although I understand the need to reduce costs and there need to be drastic cuts in order for this to happen, I don't understand why neglecting an already dismal public transport service but continuing with projects to reduce the number of cars on the road makes any sense to this council. Create the infrastructure before removing the other options.

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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 council has a notoriously horrid habit of being short sighted and going for the quick wins.

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We only have one world and protecting it should be top priority.

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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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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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 am so glad the council is taking the budget situation seriously and taking as many practical steps as possible to reduce the impact their fiscal situation has on aucklanders through rates increases. But, I don't think a period of tightening the councils

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Homelessness in the CBD (particularly around Queen street) and along where I live on Beach Road (CBD) has increased in my opinion and the number of people hassling passerbys and causing general disruption has increased. This is definitely causing a change

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Cutting the NETR & WQTR is short sighted, neither of the costs associated with those are going to decrease, in fact they will get worse. Using the money in those funds to absorb a general rates increase is "robbing Peter to pay Paul"

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Tell us why: I notice that the boards getting the biggest funding cuts are lower income areas, how about give Orakei a bigger 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, 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:

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

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

Repair and maintenance to walking tracks around and in Auckland. Improved public transport, keeping going with CRL and light rail. Improve cycling safety, make Auckland a fantastic cycling city, accept that cycling is a viable way to commute not just an o

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Tell us why: Council does not need to own the airport and in any case an 18% stake does not give control or significant influence

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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 in this city are already too high. I am paying about \$120 a week for a small house (2 br, 95 sq m) and property (220 sq m).

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They have real impact on the future of the area.

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

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- Arts and culture programming (eg Pacific Arts, Proud Centres, and support for exhibitions in council arts facilities)
- Education services (including in-person research services at libraries and environmental education programmes)
- Regional events (including events like Music in Parks and CultureFest)
- Community and social innovation programmes (including the Southern and Western initiatives)
- Community programmes and social services (eg. ending Citizen's Advice Bureau funding)
- Outdoor experiences supporting young people
- Funding and staff for council's operational homelessness response

- Regional coordination or support of community focussed initiatives
- Climate action related behavioural change activities
- Defunding COMET, a council-controlled organisation that supports skills training

Do you want more youth crime? Do you really want more depression and suicide? Removing or decreasing funding to these things will surely lead to that.

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Do you really want to remove ways for people to find their way through issues exacerbated by recent events by reducing funding to CABs? This reduction of funding for minor administration costs, would deny Aucklanders access to the help they get from volunteers who use the government-funded underlying infrastructure of CAB which includes the IT system, intranet and knowledge base. Last year Auckland CABs helped 163,186 diverse people. Contrary to some people's misconception that CAB is old people helping old people, the biggest age cohort for CAB clients is people in their 30s (24%). CAB assists with a wide range of enquiries relating to Council and local community issues - like rubbish and recycling services, rates, local body elections, parking problems, water, sewerage, noise and nuisance, small business issues, and many more.

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Tell us why: I do not know how much the Council can borrow. If it has not reached its limit, then I would suggest setting a higher rates increase AND make greater use of debt (so the increase would be less steep . You do not offer this option.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not understand some of these. For example:

"Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size." Does this also apply if residents want to reduce their bin size? That should be free as it would presumably lead to less

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I realise times are difficult but these operational cost reductions apply to the things I hold dear and don't mind paying rates for. I think they will impact the things that make Auckland a more livable city.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increasing rates seems to be the most sensible, long term solution to combating budget shortfalls. Cutting public transport, arts funding, childcare and services to impoverished groups will only decrease the liveability of the city in the future. The city needs bold action to continue improving the services it offers. Increasing rates and debt to bet on the future prosperity of the cities future seems most appropriate. Auckland cannot hope to compete internationally with other large destination cities, for people considering moving here or visiting, if it lacks something as basic as adequate public transport.

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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: A total sale eliminates the potential upside of the shares rising in value in the future. Dividends are not the only thing to consider. A partial sale to reduce interest paid on current debt seems to make the most sense. That way, the remaining AIAL share

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

Tell us why: Rates increases are the only thing that seems likely to balance the books more reliably in the longterm. The proposed average 4.66 increase is below the rate of inflation and homeowners, who have benefitted considerably over the previous years and decades

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: Storms are going to increase in frequency and intensity, pre-emptive measures to help limit their impacts are the most sensible solution.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: The most vulnerable people in our society should be supported. Arts and culture are a huge part of what make a city appealing to live in.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Local and national government are notoriously bureaucratic and could benefit from more accountability for staff members.

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?

Raising rates seems the only viable longterm solution to make up for budget shortfalls. Auckland needs to aggressively invest in its future to ensure its desirability as a city.

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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? 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 lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Do not sell the Auckland airport shares.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community and arts group are the foundation of societies. They are accessible to everyone, unlike (for example) golf courses in the North Shore that will be completely unaffected although they are a profit black hole of decline. It's absolutely ridiculous to remove these key programmes and groups from society whilst keeping ones that alienate those under a certain socio-economic status.

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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: You are still able to borrow to almost 75 million dollars from the government. Its there for a reason. Use it. This has become, instead of a collective problem (including Auckland Council) to one that should be fronted by individual aucklanders.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 remember when so many Aucklanders took pay cuts to help support the shortfalls in profit faced by many government funded and controlled organisations. Im sure it could be viable to ask again that those earning considerably higher than those they are ask

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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: I wish I could have added more

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes, golf courses.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Please take into consideration the importance of community facilities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: public transport services are shocking, we need to increase funding in this space so we can have a reliable system instead of regular delays, cancelations, and no shows

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Tell us why: If the proceeds are actually used to pay down debt the reduction in interest can be used to fund actual services

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Tell us why: Does Capital expenditure include improving our rail network? You say roads pipes and buildings nothing on public transport infrastructure like rail or cycleways. Also if you're going to sell off the Airport shares to reduce debt it would follow to make le

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Tell us why: The response on Auckland Anniversary weekend was a joke the Mayor especially more interested in tennis than leading the city through the crisis. Front line worker did a wonderful job even being overworked and underpaid with rubbish leadership.

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What do you think of these proposals? Change which bus services funded by the CATR what services are you changing nothing is detailed

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

Climate change is important and by extension reliable frequent public transport system bus, rail, and ferry.

Once the bus and rail are reliable make it harder for cars to be in the city centre.

Prioritise cycleways and public transport make life better f

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any as cutting public transport will make current issue with Auckland traffic even worse. Cutting budget on a problem is not the solution it's just lazy and has pernicious affect.

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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 shares might seem like the best idea for current time but later on the council will need to gain cash boost from somewhere and will mean they will have to raise rates and interests for people anyway.

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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 do agree with raising rates for property owners, however with the rise of interest rate and recent flood, first home buyers are already struggling to meet their mortgage payments. If the council wants to raise the rates, council should be looking at rai

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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 agree with proposal to invest more into infrastructure however it is very sneaky to try and increase overall 2% on rates by doing so. This will make living for people way harder than it already is.

There are contractors by Auckland council that are get

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Pocket less for yourselves and give more back to the community

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: None of the reductions should proceed because Aucklanders need public transport, community services and supports more than ever in the recession, cost of living crisis, housing crisis and climate change crisis. Arts in particular get minimal funding as it stands but provide invaluable enrichment for the local marginalised communities, as embodied in Te Matatini, Pride month and the cultural hubs such as Te Whau. It is incredibly disappointing to see this approach taken in a time of high disillusionment and begs the question of whether Wayne Brown is the leader that we need at a time of high need such as this.

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

Tell us why: The proposal to increase the outgoings of each household via rates, at a time when households are facing a cost of living crisis, housing crisis, recession as well as 10,000+ more people looking for homes, facing increases in insurance and the loss of man

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

Tell us why: It is not clear why the increase in budget proposed must come solely from rates. When the government has reached out globally to call for support with the response to the storm, why would the cost of that be localised only to those who have already suffer

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: It is not clear from this proposal what community services and events funding will still be supported, which is concerning given the vulnerability of those rough sleeping, youth and those in the arts space reliant on grant and other funding. This is again

If funding for local board 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: Communities need to care for our most vulnerable, artists remain as some of our most vulnerable following the huge cuts during covid and we must act to combat climate change now in order to enjoy the fruits of the labours above in future.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Put in place a mayor that has the skills, experience and leadership qualities to make the right decisions with a mind to public responsibility for funding, which includes whether those at the highest tier of salary at Council should be valued at a higher

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What do you think of these proposals? I don't see how changes to the provision of public transport to align with the CATR can be effective given the current public transport issues including a shortage of drivers.

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 support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan and would like to see better communication and messaging around this authority to counteract the racism recently seen in response to the Three Waters proposal, the restoration of native bush on the ma

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Stop cutting services you gronks, borrow more money.

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Tell us why: Airport is increasing, very valuable asset

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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? Other

Tell us why: Not sure what to do this one

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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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? Do not make any useless road plans, do not waste too much money for advertising and change the new supplier without reason and consistency

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What do you think of these proposals? Traffic's and the roads

7. What else is important to you?

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

Public services and safety environment,

Focus and reduce crime rates and increases economic development

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No reductions in arts and social funding. This is the true life of 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? 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:

If funding for local board 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 ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

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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arts, social and climate funding above all else.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: We need more public transport!!

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Tell us why: Really concerning that anyone thought selling shares is a good idea

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

Health care and roads need more money

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services as it is the heart of a city to maintain its cultural activities and spaces

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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 can be repaid and a rates increase that is \$8 or so per week can be maintained if people chose not to drink two less coffees per week. It is expensive and harder to buy back 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: As above, debt can be repaid and the rates increase is less than a cup of coffee per week

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 deal with more weather events going forward and it is better to be prepared than dealing with an aftermath that could have been mitigated.

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Tell us why: A vibrant and well maintained community is important

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Several things that jump out are taking funding away from arts, tourism and homeless. I want a vibrant auckland, the sort of place I want to live in. I want local artists to have an opportunity to thrive. I don't want to have to pay \$150 a ticket to go to a theatre event because thats what it costs to get an overseas company in to do what a locals could do for \$40. I want free museums and art galleries to ALL Aucklanders, not just those who can afford it.

I want a city that tourists WANT to come to and one devoid of local art is not that city.

I notice canning Childcare is on the list. I presume thats the kindergartens. To save \$1 million? Really? Thats \$1 per aucklander. In a year. My children have just come through Kindergarten. Those are community building organisations that bond locals.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: All the above priorities (not so sure about the Leys Institute as I'm not familiar with the work being undertaken or cost involved so perhaps that could be delayed) lead to better civic health and a more liveable environment. Ceasing or reducing any of th

If funding for local board 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: They're all important to me.

1. Community programme delivery very important to keep us culturally alive and support artists who have both a significant economic effect creatively and a necessary positive effect on sanity and quality of life through enter

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tātaki Auckland Unlimited as it relates to tourism and homelessness 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? 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: Good decision. No need to have a shareholding.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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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
2	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
5	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
3	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?) Environmental restoration and pest control programmes e.g. Pest Free Urban South, Protection and restoration of local waterways, 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?

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need more policing. The CBD is becoming more unsafe by the day with no visible policing EVER

If funding for local board 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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No more busways and cycleways. White elephant and not a good use of funds in the current climate.

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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?

Auckland Council needs to implement flood prevention for the Mangere residents living next to the Tarata Stream (Te Ararata Creek). This has been in Council's planning for some years and needs to be prioritised urgently to prevent loss of life and property

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland is more than its roads sewerage pipes. The things that make the city a great place to live and work are its vibrant cultures, arts, parks, events, libraries, museums, social services and businesses. All these things are not just "nice to haves" or "extras" - they are core local government services.

Council's social, environmental, cultural and economic activities are invaluable for Aucklanders, as are the many smaller organisations that are normally funded by Council to deliver services and create connections across the city.

The level of reductions proposed would cause significant suffering - job losses, family hardship, business closures. Longer term it would also cause a breakdown in the social infrastructure of Auckland - infrastructure that may never be recovered.

In particular:

1. Te Hononga Akoranga COMET contributes significantly to equity in education, thus building the skills Auckland's economy needs and also improving social cohesion because young people who are well supported in their learning feel more connected, have better prospects and so are less likely to turn to crime. COMET also brings in significant investment to Auckland through their government and philanthropic funding; and they increase other education

organisations' effectiveness by sharing data and evidence and creating valuable connections between education and business, iwi, families and community. I support their request to move away from their CCO role so they can be less dependent on Council, and I also support their request for three years' transition funding to enable them to remain viable while they find other funding.

2. The TSI and WI are leading valuable work for these communities. Around 75% of their funding comes from non-Council sources, but because they are council employees, cutting their council funding will end their operations. I find it very hard to see any possible logic in doing that. I would like to see the TSI and WI continue, with sufficient council funding to enable them to still be effective in their work and to continue as a local-national government partnership.

3. Tataki Auckland Unlimited's economic development work also needs to continue. Again, economic development is core council business. Dismantling this team within Tataki Auckland Unlimited would be short-sighted and detrimental to Auckland's economy.

4. Experience venues like the museum, MOTAT, zoo, libraries, swimming pools and recreation centres are important for families and for young people's learning. I would like to see a much lesser reduction in their funding than is currently proposed in the draft budget.

5. Council funding for community organisations (at both the regional and local board levels) is a crucial support for families and communities. These organisations know their communities; they have expertise and relationships that enable them to deliver services to those most in need and to identify and deliver long-term solutions as well as immediate help. This is true at all times and is especially true in times of disaster such as we have seen recently. Council funding is a significant support for these organisations. If it was lost or drastically reduced, they would need to reduce their services; and some organisations would close. I ask for the proposed cuts to community funding to be reversed, or if that is not possible, then to be significantly reduced. I also ask that any remaining cuts should take equity into account, with lesser reductions for organisations working in low socio-economic areas.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase, and also make greater use of debt, to make it possible to eliminate or reduce the proposed cuts to social, economic, cultural and environmental services.

A rates increase that aligns with inflation makes sense. There

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Please don't increase the charges for community facilities - they are an essential support for communities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I support the proposed reductions but it's not enough.

There should be additional cuts:

1. Instruct Auckland Transport to find \$50 million of savings from its corporate office, without increasing fares or reducing public transport services.
2. Suspend Auckland Unlimited's activities in economic development and visitor attraction for the 2023/24 financial year.
3. Disband the urban regeneration arm of Panuku and transfer responsibility of outstanding projects to the Auckland Council parent.
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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: Please focus on basic things and reduce other expenses. "reduce emissions" part is not actual for New Zealand because it's close to zero if compare to larger countries, so stop spending rates money on 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?) Library opening hours and services, 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? 1. Instruct Auckland Transport to find \$50 million of savings from its corporate office, without increasing fares or reducing public transport services.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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?

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?

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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 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, 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: Firstly, I am not happy with the format of this feedback form. Only being able to select 3 items in the list above does not allow for an accurate representation of what is important to me as an Aucklanders.

Libraries are an essential services to so many

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?

I am horrified at the way the mayor has spoken about libraries. He clearly has no understanding of how libraries operate. This is alarming and gives me no faith in his leadership.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with a reduction in funding for the Arts; education (all ages) and community activities -

Why? 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.

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 diverse communities together for a hopeful future amidst a time of rapid change and challenges.

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

Tell us why:

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: Do not sell shares in the Airport - this is akin to selling off your land to pay down debt when you know that ROI is going to increase down the road. Another short term and short sighted option.

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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 council isn't badly indebted, besides which - borrowing to fund public services is a net positive.

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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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I find the framing of the need for a cut in services disingenuous. This appears to be an ideologically driven agenda rather than a fiscally prudent one.

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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: If there is a financial crisis why is there a proposal to defer expected rates for businesses - a tax cut. While gutting the service provision to residents to the city?

The options above do not include continue with both the proposed increases (resident

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 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? Savings are not necessary if you change the funding model and use the council's ability to borrow.

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?

I think the decision to cut the role of economic development (TAU) and Grid AKL is incredibly shortsighted.

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Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce regional services, increase public transport to standard levels

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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? 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: Dependent on market pricing of AIAL shares - time for best ROE

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: Future proof against impacts of climate change and other unforeseeable disasters

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

More support and investment into alternative transportation modes, increasing private car capacity is unsustainable and generates feedback loop of increased private car trips due to higher road capacity

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

- Reduced funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited
- Reduced Regional services
- Reducing regional contestable grants
- Reducing local board funding activities
- No longer providing early childhood education services

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming, helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy and create jobs. Some 50,000 Aucklanders work in creative industries.

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 service will shutter.

The savings of only 1m for stopping early childhood education would be devastating for low to middle income families whom are already struggling with inflation. I know of mothers who had to come to the hard decision to quit their jobs because the cost of childcare, while they are working, outweighed the amount they made.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Spending 87 million on interests alone is almost equivalent to the proposed spending reductions.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

'The arts, culture and creative sector was hard hit by COVID-19. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy.

- In the period from 2020 - 2022 I was

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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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.

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 work as an events producer in the community sector and have seen first hand what a positive impact these events have on the community. We need free community events to drive community building. In this day and age of screens there are few opportunities for neighbours to meet each others. Community events that are free build community. We NEED strong communities.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: Our free public events need to stay funded. Further to your point on increasing community connection - 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 fur

If funding for local board 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, 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 are most important to you: Our free public events and arts programmes need to stay funded. Further to your point on increasing community connection - We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not reduce funding for the Auckland Art Gallery, and please do not reduce its opening hours or charge for admission. It is vital for Auckland to have a world class art gallery, if it is to be a world class city and have a cultural centre. Access to the arts should be available to everyone. Art has always been an important part of human society and is an important tool for cultural exchange, education, and expression. Whenever I visit major cities around the world I visit their art gallery, and I would like Auckland to have an art gallery we can be proud of.

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

Tell us why: Please do not increase rates. Instead look at the number of council office employees and what they do. I think we could reduce council office staff and save costs. Rates have already increased markedly in recent years, due to the massive increase in pr

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 able to prepare for future flooding events so that we don't have the impact on properties that we saw in January or loss of life.

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 not proceed with if any: The vibrancy of the arts /cultural/creative scene generally is vital for the life of our city. Events, festivals, exhibitions, theatre, etc not only bring our own communities together, but attract visitors which flow on to supporting hospitality and other businesses.

Any increase in rates will pay dividends in multiples.

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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: As Aucklanders we must believe in and invest in our city in order to create prosperity. For everyone .

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 do all we can to prevent/minimise damage from extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

Waiheke Local Board

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

Tell us why: We must aim for maximum maintenance of services and protection of the island's environment (physical and cultural)

If funding for local board 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 contestable grants and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: difficulty restricted to ticking only 3. Community events are vital for the life and culture of Waiheke. Protection of the quality of water and health of the sea should be non negotiable.

Aiming for a pest free Waiheke should also be non negotiable.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to aim for maximum outcomes from investments across all these areas already 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, 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: Difficulty restricting to 3.

Community programme delivery for networks (wellbeing) youth (our future) arts (vital to bringing life to our community.)

Key word here is delivery.

Water ways protection, safety and quality etc should be a fundamental gi

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Be more discerning about the use of road cones

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What do you think of these proposals? Could not see the full page on iPad, therefore no comment

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

No .

Main driver for me commenting is a fear that cutting support to the arts/culture of Auckland will have serious far reaching negative consequences .

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All, why take money away from community events and helping people. These changes would be a backwards step.

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

Tell us why: Keeping investment in an asset is a long term strategy where as selling now is short term. I prefer if important assets are retained by the government rather than private bodies.

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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: Keep funding projects which are beneficial to New Zealanders, also use debt when needed. Also follow 3 Waters to help save money through an already planned scheme.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 react to impacts caused to climate change, and fix things which are broken as soon as possible to minimise cost and quality of life impacts on people in the long run.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Adopt 3 Waters policies. Use any money saved for climate change and public transport initiatives.

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arts, 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: Community knowledge and cultural growth can help improve engagement with politics, stimulate positive change within areas.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Adopt 3 waters.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not reduce funding to the Auckland Zoo -aside from the incredible conservation work they do, for which the Auckland Zoo is internationally renowned, it's an extremely popular venue for ALL Aucklanders.

If anything, increase funding to the Auckland Art Gallery. If we want Auckland to value all culture and have an art gallery similar to others in cities we compare ourselves to, cutting funding is incredibly short-sighted.

Please don't cut funding to social services like Libraries. Libraries are essential - make sure before you make decisions you visit libraries to see how busy and essential they are for social cohesion etc. It's not just about taking out books, but also as a safe, peaceful space for many.

Funding for homelessness too important.

Cutting funding or closing facilities like the above is short-sighted and will further diminish the appeal of Auckland for locals and visitors alike.

There are other ways of cutting funding - look at head office and duplication before reducing front-line services.

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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: BUT please use money appropriately on infrastructure etc.

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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Please add Citizens Advice Bureaus and DON'T close these. They are critical for the disadvantaged. We talk about equity etc. but increasingly, by closing services people have nowhere to go. And they are significantly supported by volunteers.

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 not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with the following:

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. Art students need funded art spaces after university - these reductions will be detrimental to our future careers as creative individuals.

The entire city benefits when Auckland's communities thrive and our arts and cultural sector prosper. These services directly improve social cohesion, well-being and 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 of 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 organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?) 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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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Decreasing services to reduce costs for council, will ultimately increase costs on households for things such as travel. Economic development and tourism and the things that Aucklanders and tourists enjoy about Auckland, need funding to ensure that there is money coming into and circulating through our local economy. Cutting the funding and removing these is very short sighted.

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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 strategic assets that produce revenue for the council is short sighted.

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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're only raising rates by 4.6%, you're giving yourself a revenue drop in real terms. The cost of everything is going up, and wage growth is partially driving this, so ensuring that council maintains its revenue base is important - putting rates up 7

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What do you think of these proposals? Targeted rates that focus ratepayers attention on the activities that cost the council a lot, and therefore reduce cost at the same time as reducing waste, are valuable. For example, charging more for larger bins, charging more for inspections associated

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Art and social services are the heart of 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? Other

Tell us why: Dispose of golf courses instead

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Tell us why: Time

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Tell us why: Obvious

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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What do you think of these proposals? Support arts social services public transport and climate improvements

7. What else is important to you?

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Pocket parks

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: The storm devastated Auckland, it only makes sense to be better prepared as I'm sure there are many more natural weather disasters to come.

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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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

A major catalyst that make Auckland feel welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds (queer people, people of colour, people with disability, immigrants and refugees, sex workers,...etc.) is the arts scene. A cut to the art funding will take away the vibrancy and the warmth that this city has been offering to me as a queer immigrant person of colour.

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.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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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?

Tell us why:

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5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 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. One of the primary obligations of a council is to fund those functions which the community wants but the the commercial market will not provide. The arts community is clearly one such function required by the community and needs funding from the rates paid by the community to local government. A greater and more thorough scrutiny of those functions currently undertaken by Council which should more properly be undertaken by the commercial market should yield sufficient funds to save many of these 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: Yet another commercial activity which should not be undertaken by Council

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: Too hard to answer this question given the issue of the sale of non core assets has not been addressed

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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 most priorities

Tell us why: water quality, Leys Institute, public spaces yes. Leave social engineering to central government, low mow, no mow areas are not acceptable - it severely compromises the function of the park (Tole Park in Ponsonby is a disgrace) and becomes a health and safety hazard.

If funding for local board 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: because these are core functions of the council (as are some others but you only allowed three....)

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? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery. 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Sell the Port, sell the Airport shares, close down Panuku and sell commercial land, close what was Ateed, rationalise regional parks, refuse to sell water assets to central government

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28 March 2023

Submission: Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery.

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 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 people, of access to and care of the art treasures and of the future creation of culture in New Zealand. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The people at the Auckland Art Gallery 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 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. 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 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 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

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:

If funding for local board 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: 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.

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?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the

Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

Look for alternate funding that aligns with long term goals eg. raising parking charges.

As a new Mum i use local community resources every week, and in turn my family gives back to this city financially and culturally.

Climate change is real and must be prioritised at all levels of society including government.

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Tell us why: the sale of shares like this ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large

shareholding lost.

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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, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid

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As a home owner I am ok with a rates rise.

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

Tell us why: Continued underinvestment in infrastructure was a concern even before these weather events. I want my children to be able to swim at the beach!

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Tell us why: I agree with the priorities, but do not support funding cuts.

As a new Mum I use community facilities every week.

Wayne Brown may not see value in what my daughter and I do every day and how such engagement contributes to society, but research shows the

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All are important to me

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No, we should be seeking alternative funding that aligns with long term goals, for example increasing parking costs. Many cities in the world do not have the expectation of cheap and plentiful parking.

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Tātaki Auckland Unlimited should not face extensive cuts, we must invest in the long-term economic development and vibrancy of our city, particularly tourism as the world beings to travel again post-covid.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why: Auckland Airport is integral to Auckland's economy and a democratic voice on the board is a vital measure to ensure the views of the city are represented.

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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 current proposal does not address the cost of running the Council's business equitably, and should rather be addressed progressively to ensure high-value asset owners pay their fair share.

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What is your preference on 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 these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: "Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services" may be within reasonable limits however this should absolutely not reduce much further and under no circumstances increase in price causing people to have less faith in the public transport system which is vital for reducing climate change and road congestion etc etc.

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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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Tell us why: As an Architectural graduate, I have had many-a-lecture on how to make our urban landscape more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. It is incredibly important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in lig

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What do you think of these proposals? "CATR" I am highly concerned with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which had overwhelming public support and thus should not be a part of this as we already know that the public support it! Ultimately it should be obvious that the g

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Do not raise the price of public transport. There are so many people who do not have any other option whether from a disability or impairment or because owning a car is an unsustainable option. I live in an apartment in the CBD and so cannot have a car bu

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Annual Budget 2023/2024

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shut. It is not only the organisations who receive this funding directly who will be impacted but all the organisations that are connected in the delicate ecosystem.

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? 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: My understanding is that the the Airport shares are costing us rather than making money for us. We should all be reducing the amount we fly around the world in light of our alarming climate change crisis.

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? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: I have 2 houses and it's already a struggle paying the 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: Although I'd prefer rates not to go up I feel strongly about the need to be prepared for future weather events by keeping culverts clean, creating water soaks, and a managed retreat for people who live in areas that have flooded before and shouldn't have

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: Our communities need further investment if they're going to grow. We are all still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing initiatives that support the arts and the communities that they reflect will further compound the pain our communities are

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: My sister runs a library, my family LOVE books, libraries are places of refuge for many people who do not have places to be where they can educate and inform themselves in a safe and friendly environment. Librarians give much support and guidance to people

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I don't see the need to spend so much on pouring more concrete to create cycle lanes, and thus reducing parking for elders and disabled people, you'd be better off educating motorists and cyclists about sharing the road, using reserves and quiet streets

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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?

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please don't reduce funding to the art gallery, libraries, or social services. If anything is reduced it should be tourism promotion, stadiums and events. We need the basics, but we don't want to be a cultural desert.

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

Tell us why: Once the city has sold it all they will never get it back. It is an asset.

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: If we want services (and we do) we must pay for them.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: It has to be done.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: They are all 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?) 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: Some of the others will hopefully get nationally funded. Waterways are vital, and libraries and Community funding make the city liveable.

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 basics - water, transport, cleaning, rubbish removal. Arts and community services are also important to make life worth living. Tell all staff to see the film "Living" which basically says that Council management should get on with it without faff

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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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
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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), 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? Cut Wayne Brown's salary.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This trash fire is only pandering to the rich and cynical and every item on the list attacks the less well off. Remove a golf course from Remuera by selling it to pay the debt and buy a proper mayor not this glove puppet.

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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 place will be underwater before too long. Sell it now.

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

Tell us why: There's no way around climate change. We need to bite the bullet on this.

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? You get the food scraps and make compost and sell the compost. You also farm worms and sell the worm castings and worm liquor. You also get your butt into gear and recycle everything else you possibly can, which should be everything except we've gone soft

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 is of vital importance to working class and poor people. Removing it is cynical nasty politics and nobody will forget what you're trying to do.

Don't cancel it, don't cut their funds. Grow a pair and realise the world is not the pl

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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 rates and make greater use of debt. I think local government matters and I value public services including but not limited to libraries and sanitation. I don't think debt is inherently bad.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce regional services. These services are sometimes all anyone has or has to look forward to. Unlike those of us with the money and time for alternatives, these people do not have any.

Do not reduce public transport spending. It's incredible that this is even being considered. Auckland transport is famously unreliable compared to similar sized cities all over the world. If anything there should be more money going into it than there is. We need less people on the roads in private vehicles to reduce the emissions, to reduce traffic and travel times, and to make the roads safer to bring the death count down.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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 weather isn't going anywhere. We either continue to keep trying to protect the people of the city from the flooding or more people will lose their homes and die every year from now on until the end of time.

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), 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?

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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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 not proceed with if any: I believe we have to keep climate change at the core of decision-making. A reduction in spending on things like public transport now will backfire and become larger costs in the future. I would not proceed with public transport cuts to services. Those services need to be regular for more people to use them and would encourage more people to use those services by either keeping fares low or offering a free day a week (free Fridays?!).

Additionally, I would not cut funding to regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres. These are services which enrich the lives of Aucklanders and support those that need it.

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

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

Tell us why: Once an asset is gone it can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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: Increasing rates and spreading the budget costs across all home/property owners means the increases have only a small impact on households individually - that's the point of rates. Again, in relation to climate change preparation, inaction now will lead to

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

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are important community hubs. Protection and restoration of local waterways is beneficial right now and in the future in climate adaptation.

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.	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? A reduction in public transport services now will, in the future, become larger costs to us all. I would not proceed with public transport cuts to 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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- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

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

I use all modes of transport and support continuing work on the network of bike routes/paths throughout the city.

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Your local board: Waitematā

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 **not** 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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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?

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We need to reinstate public transport services back to what they were as its essential to encourage residents to use public transport and with train services heavily reduced for the next year it does not make sense to maintain reduced services.

Yes to raising pricing at venues such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland but not so much that you scare people away and stop people attending those venues.

I totally disagree 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. Taking away social services that help our most vulnerable without guaranteeing that another agency will take over where Council left off, is abhorrent and will only serve to disenfranchise further, our most vulnerable. Funding for events and economic development should be kept the same where possible because if you take away these things the essence of a place is lost. A city becomes a lack lustre boring and very 'grey' place to be without these diverse and colourful regional events. Collect Koha or charge a very small entry fee so that it is not prohibitive to those who can afford it the least.

Rates should be increased more than the proposed amount set out in this draft annual budget.

Early childhood education services should be kept but maybe an increase in fees is applicable. This is a valuable service to communities and the knock on effect of removing funding will have an adverse affect on the children, teachers, parents who use this service.

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: Is this the right time to be selling shares?

Once this asset has gone its has gone for good and can no longer be leveraged or used to support future revenue raising for Council.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Council should 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: I am fed up with the lack of investment in infrastructure and in the face the huge weather events of early 2023, its super critical that we bite the bullet and invest in infrastructure to make Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extr

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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

Tell us why: Advocating for increased funding to make our local community and roading infrastructure resilient in the face of increasing severe weather events in the Waitakere Ranges - our west coast suffered huge damage during the Feb 2023 cyclone - now is not the ti

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: please go ahead with the Meola Road works that have been on and off, on and off and on and off again for years. Meola Road is an absolute nightmare. At the very least remove all parking off meola road and open up the motat parking for Meolooa reef and sedd

If funding for local board 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:

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
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What do you think of these proposals? Climate Action Targeted Rate should be used for what it was originally intended for and overwhelmingly voted for in last years budget.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Transport, arts, events and early childcare all make this

City a great place to live.

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

Tell us why:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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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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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any reductions. Instead, unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. An increase of parking charges would also make a large difference to the city's revenue.

Rather than reducing, we should be increasing the monetary support provided to services such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, community education, Auckland Zoo, Homelessness coordination & initiatives, etc.

By maintaining the reduced capacity of public transport across the city, you are making it more difficult for public transport to be a viable means of transport for a large number of citizens. This means that fewer people would use the existing services, which would mean further cuts to services due to low patronage, and thus would begin a downward spiral.

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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 sale of the existing AIA shares is a one-off return with no regard to the future of our city. All future possible opportunities for income from a large shareholding are lost, as is any ability for us to have a say in how the airport develops.

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

Tell us why: With Watercare committing to a review & upgrade of their water network, and the Three Waters Reform coming in, now is not the time to freeze funding for water quality. And with the effects of climate change becoming ever stronger, now is not the time

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 absolutely should be spending more money on improving the aged water infrastructure across Auckland. This focus needs to be on stormwater, wastewater, and potable water networks. Watercare has already committed to a 10-year project to review their curr

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the reduction of funding across local boards. We should be increasing funding to help support our communities. The Waitematā district in particular is considered the face of Auckland for many tourists, so we should be doing more work to e

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are a vital service to communities, and we should be increasing the funding provided to the library network across Auckland. Look to Helsinki and the Helsinki Public Library (Oodi) where they promote the central library as “a meeting place, a ho

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Perhaps the salaries of mayoral leadership needs to be investigated. The job of the mayor is to support the city, it isn't meant to be a job you get rich from, especially when the median working salary for New Zealanders is less than \$62,000 per year! The

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Spend the money to improve our public transport - by doing this you'll encoura

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Arts and Homeless funding -these should stay.

Why - Arts are fundamental for all towns and cities to have cultural representation expressed so a character of a place is defined. This also attracts others to come and experience and spend within the catchment and hopefully share with others the special nature of that city. Most people I know talk about Cities in cultural terms..." I went to Melbourne to see the show/ Arts/ event/ food and people etc. "

Homelessness - Keeping the streets free of sleepers ,beggars and the sometimes persons in need of mental health help shows humanity towards others and what we as citizens of our place treat the lower end. Again, I often hear " Went to X City and didnt feel comfortable as I was confronted with much homelessness and I didnt feel the city was looking after people".

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5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These Climate initiatives are imperative to why we are having flooding issues. I still see too much mowing of parks when they are left to re-wild. Aucklanders are obsessed in my opinion with lawns!

Also where are these new plantings? I don't see much of 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?) 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

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 agree with the lessening of the local traffic services and cones. It seems over the top in many places. We can manage without over zealous sign posting.

Weed spraying. Why do we need to clear plants? Apart from needless poison leaching into waterways,

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 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. Additionally, the groups most affected from these cuts represent some of our most marginalised and discriminated against communities. In particular, from working across queer and disabled events spaces in Tāmaki, I can personally and confidently say the majority of events organised to create safe, inclusive, and prioritised spaces for these groups would not exist without local funding.

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. From my work within poetry and theatre organisations, I can confidently say that we will permanently lose artists if these cuts are made. For many of our artists, smaller scale contracts from local funding fill gaps in income that allows them to continue working between large scale, national, or private contracts. Without this smaller scale income, we are creating a stressful environment that will see many artists leave. We have already begun to see this mass exodus in our communities. If we want to keep our artists, and preserve our arts and cultural scene, we need to prioritise the work they do for what it is worth. Now is not the time to cut money from arts and culture. If anything, arts and culture is what has made the stress of living over the past few years bearable.

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:

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

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Tell us why: While I am not opposed to a restructuring and reallocating of resources, particularly in areas least affected by covid and flood / cyclone damage, I believe this response should be targeted specifically so that our low economic areas are not further disen

If funding for local board 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, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: I work primarily in arts events spaces delivered to youth, including targeted events for queer and disabled audiences. These activities are most important to me, not only because they represent a large portion of my own work, but also because they support

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

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

'I work as a freelance arts practitioner across multiple contracts and spaces. Many of the organisations I work for/with would either be severely impacted by the proposed contestable grants cuts, and limited in their future scale or output, or in some case

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Oppose any reduction in community services, which are more important in the city's current economic and social circumstances than before.

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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: Infrastructure properly managed is a sound investment. In this case, the airport, it is especially closely bound up with the city's future. We should retain a holding, no less than 8%.

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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 believe there is more scope for levying user charges. For example on currently free roadside parking which is widespread for single dwellings while the growing number of apartment dwelling ratepayers have to meet their own costs.

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

Tell us why: Defer proposed increase for one year to enable more thorough consideration of projects, to avoid exacerbating current demands on building materials etc and to recognise ratepayers' current financial pressures.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Hard to choose from above. As stated, the options are not supported by hard data and somewhat disingenuous. My dealings with our local board officials have strongly suggested duplication of function with ACC officials and room for reduction of head-count

If funding for local board 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: Beyond its valuable dedicated functions the City Centre library delivers much community support as a 'turangawaewae', source of stimulus and haven for inner-city residents particularly less fortunate and homeless.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Ask each of the Local Boards for an 'efficiency dividend', particularly head count.

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

'-ACC should audit Ventia's activities for efficiency and value for money in what they charge Council.

-I never cease to be surprised by the large idle number of ACC vehicles through a day, almost every day. Execute a reduction in their number, particula

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not like to see libraries reduced because it's a great service and I use it a lot.

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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's a good way to get some cash.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: I don't think it would prevent future disasters as the world is doomed because of planet warming.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Water quality is important as is low mow/ no mow.

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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? I use the library a lot, the natural environment needs support and mowing some areas in parks and reserves is unnecessary and polluting.

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Tell us why: Lots of things are starting to deteriorate. Would rather pay more as a homeowner to ensure services and assets are well run

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: Priority on improving public spaces including improving streetscapes throughout cbd. Victoria linear park is going to be amazing. Hopefully parts of queen street moving to a Cuba street set up will be done in the next decade. New park at end of Wynyard

If funding for local board 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:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would increase funding for public transport services, instead of decreasing them, otherwise the services will continue to decline and then no one will use public transport, creating a self fulfilling prophecy of it failing.

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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: As Auckland Council doesn't actually have any representation or power on the board, I would sell these shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: There is a cost of living crisis and people can't afford a rates increase. Particularly a rates increase when public services are being proposed to be cut at the same time, so basically paying more for less in return.

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

Tell us why: Use the money for public transport instead, something that is needed every day instead of weather events that insurance should be covering.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support "adopt the final design for Leys Institute Library and progress towards physical restoration of the building and associated outdoor space" and that is all

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I use the library all the time and the city needs events, otherwise no one will want to live here.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

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

The proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural we

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Auckland Council

Re. Proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 ("Budget")

Date

Kia ora koutou

I am a music industry employee and rate payer and I am writing, as part of the music sector, to voice my deep concern at Auckland Council's recently proposed Budget.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people are still recovering from the lasting impacts of COVID restrictions and recent severe flood and cyclone damage - including many people like me working in our music, arts & cultural sectors who have suffered through two years of job losses and cancelled events.

Now is not the time to undo the hard work of our sector and Auckland Council's previous investment by taking away the things that give 'colour' and joy to the city, and which keep people wanting to work, learn and visit here, and thereby keep our economy pumping.

Submission

I submit that Auckland Council's proposed Budget poses an immense and imminent risk to prosperity and opportunities for Aucklanders and their businesses, which will have a consequent economic effect nationally, and on Aotearoa's talent pipeline and international reputation.

The proposed cuts to arts & culture funding would stifle the music ecosystem and the benefits that music provides; and threaten the cultural well-being of our communities and the overall liveability, vibrancy, social cohesion and identity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Of particular concern to me are:

- **the reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited;**
- **the reduction to Regional Services** such as music programmes, community development groups, regional events, social services and local board funding and to Eke Panuku Development Auckland Limited; and
- **the negative impacts this will have on under-represented groups** such as Māori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant and rainbow communities who benefit greatly from the Regional Services' cultural initiatives which will suffer from the proposed cuts.

These proposed cuts will inevitably result in:

- **Fewer music events.**
- **Job and income loss.**
- **Reduced Tourism.**
- **Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being.**

Response to Auckland Council's Request for proposed solutions

I understand and appreciate the enormity of the task Council faces. However, it is difficult to propose detailed solutions/options to overcome the Budget shortfall due to the lack of detailed financial information, and especially economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed cuts on Auckland's economy and employment prospects in the Consultation Documents.

When faced with making difficult decisions – either in expenditure or in policy – it is my understanding that best practice is to start with an evidence base. I don't see an evidence base for the proposed budget and am very concerned that the Budget has been prepared without due diligence, and the impact on current and future generations of Aucklanders has not been properly considered and understood.

Request of Council

We urge Councillors to:

- **Reject this current Budget proposal** – specifically, the cuts proposed to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Regional Services, Eke Panuku, Local Board Initiatives and Contestable Grants.
- **Reconsider the proposed approach to addressing the current shortfall.** I request that Council considers a different mix of financial levers other than decimating community investment (such as targeted rates increases, borrowing and/or asset sales) when preparing a revised budget.
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A city is more than its infrastructure – and now is the time to invest in the recovery, and future resilience and prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people.

As is reflected in Council's own *Toi Whikiti - Auckland's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan* - 88% of Aucklanders believe that the arts are good for you, 86% agree the arts help to improve society and 90% agree that they learn about different cultures through the arts. Music is the most accessible of all artforms, able to be enjoyed almost anywhere by anyone at any time - and it plays a vital part in nearly all arts & cultural events and initiatives.

- **Music Boosts the local economy.**
- **Music Supports education and creativity.**
- **Music Enhances Auckland's identity.**
- **Music Fosters community.**
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Music helps make a city live, and be liveable.



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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:

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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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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why: They all seem very important and will have incredible outcomes for Aucklanders in this local board area.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community programmes/events are vital for society and connection - again essential for moving through/out of the pandemic, and climate action is vital, especially with the weather events that Auckland has just barely made it through recently.

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?

Please consider arts and community events! I know many people find it easy to see these as not essential budget items, but as someone whose life has been enriched, improved and in some ways saved by the arts, I know first hand how important they are for me

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Arts cultural and community programmes are the glue for society ..easy to cut and impossible to get back ... DO NOT cut arts 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? 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

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: makes sense in the long term

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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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)

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

With submissions for the annual budget due this week the Auckland bus system is in the worst shape I've seen it since moving here in 2020 in terms of cancelled services. It is making life difficult for people who rely on public transport to get around and causing frustration and confusion for visitors to our city. The prospect of bus services being reduced still further and having to pay increased fares for an even worse public transport system feels like a bad joke. In the face of climate emergency and the notorious congestion on Auckland roads we must ensure that public transport is funded and incentivised as radically as possible.

Also of great concern to me are the proposed cuts to our cultural and arts sectors which rely on Council funding to operate. Workers in these industries have been some of the worst-hit by the pandemic's economic impact and we risk losing some of our most talented if they are not supported here. The public and international appetite for cultural events

and a humming, vibrant Tāmaki Makaurau has been clear to see, in recent months especially. The economic and social benefits of this should not be understated.

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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 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 services are irresponsible in the midst of a climate and inequality crisis. Reducing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is e

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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: I can not choose just three as all of these activities are important. Council should increase rates and/or debt to ensure they can be delivered.

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: I reliaise we have to find the funds somewhere - if selling these shares will help us to not make the community cuts, then proceed

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Tell us why: Funding to Local Boards should not be reduced - you do great work and I would hate to see any cuts, particularly in the areas of community connection/empowerment, 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: I think its terrible you've asked us to select only 3 - this is not valid consultation.

Community and the environment are critically important to me

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I think that libraries could close 1-day a week without too much impact on the community.

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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 - CAB

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Auckland Council

Re. Proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 (“Budget”)

23 March 2023

From: Auckland City of Music

Kia ora koutou

In late 2017, Tāmaki Makaurau was designated a City of Music within the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, supported by the Prime Minister, the Mayor, the city’s Governing Body and a vast array of music stakeholders. The designation acknowledged the long, rich musical history of the region and the city’s commitment to further strengthening all aspects of music culturally, institutionally and from an industry standpoint.

The status has provided a mechanism for Council and the music sector to work together to solve challenges and maximise opportunities for the region’s music industry and culture. As a regional music office, Auckland City of Music acts a connector. It is the glue across Auckland’s musical cultures, ecologies, organisations, people and policy makers and a critical function of the office is to connect our musical whānau to each other, and to the world.

Introduction

We are writing, as part of the music sector, to voice our deep concern at Auckland Council’s recently proposed Budget.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people are still recovering from the lasting impacts of COVID restrictions and recent severe flood and cyclone damage - including many people working in our music, arts & cultural sectors such as artists, performers, promoters, production crews and other industry professionals who have suffered through two years of job losses and cancelled events.

Now is not the time to undo the hard work of our sector and Auckland Council’s previous investment by taking away the things that give ‘colour’ and joy to the city, and which keep people wanting to work, learn and visit here, and thereby keep our economy pumping.

About the Music Sector

Music and the arts are highly valued by Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's communities and bring many cultural and economic benefits to the city (as we have summarised in the annex to this letter).

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland is the engine room of our national music industry and the arts & cultural hub of Aotearoa. In 2020, PWC estimated that the music industry alone contributed approximately \$300 million to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's local economy, and it is estimated that for every dollar invested in live music, over three is returned to the economy.¹

As noted above, Auckland is a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a designated City of Music and it takes a leadership role amongst the global cohort of music cities. It was awarded Best Global Music City in 2022, and Best Global Music Office on 2021 – the only city in the world to receive two successive awards recognising the outstanding application of music for economic, social environmental, and cultural development. Our city has a rich and storied heritage that has produced world-class musicians, producers, organisations, and events but the ecosystem that supports this success is fragile. It requires concerted effort and ongoing investment from both the sector and Auckland Council to ensure that our music ecosystem is resilient, sustainable and future-proof.

Our Submission

The fundamental purpose of local government (as enshrined by statute) is *“to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”* and the Council's Auckland Plan 2050 states the aim that *“Auckland is prosperous with many opportunities and delivers a better standard of living for everyone”*.

In our view this Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, simply does not achieve this fundamental purpose or support this stated aim.

We submit that Auckland Council's proposed Budget poses an immense and imminent risk to prosperity and opportunities for Aucklanders and their businesses, which will have a consequent economic effect nationally, and on the talent pipeline and international reputation of Aotearoa. The proposed cuts to arts & culture funding would stifle the music ecosystem and the benefits that music provides; and threaten the cultural well-being of our communities and the overall liveability, vibrancy, social cohesion and identity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Of particular concern to us are:

¹ [The Economic & Cultural Value of Live Music In Australia 2014](#) - p. 52

- **the reduction in funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (TAU)** which impact economic development, major event attraction, tourist and business event attraction, workforce pipeline development, and investment;
- **the reduction in funding to Regional Services** such as music programmes, community development groups, regional events, social services and local board funding and to Eke Panuku Development Auckland Limited. This affects planned urban regeneration investment in waterfront including events, activation planning, and design for future development activities as well as public realm projects and local events in town centres such as Matariki festivals, weekend workshops for kids, Christmas and cultural new year celebrations; and
- **the negative impacts this will have on under-represented groups** such as Māori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant and rainbow communities who benefit greatly from the Regional Services' cultural initiatives which will suffer from the proposed cuts.

We submit that these proposed cuts will inevitably result in:

- **Fewer music events.** Without funding, many of Auckland's music events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back; and commercial events will be severely impacted by not being able to leverage the support of TAU (including Auckland Live and Auckland Stadiums). This will lead to reduced engagement between our communities and the many types of businesses that benefit from live events; a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's music scene; and will take away vital opportunities for young people to immerse themselves in or connect with their cultures.
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- **Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being.** Music events are a source of social connection, community engagement, and personal growth and serve a vital role in preserving and expressing our arts, history, heritage and traditions. Cutting funding will negatively impact community well-being, particularly for vulnerable or under-represented groups. There will also be a further negative impact specifically on the music community who are already over-represented amongst those suffering with mental health issues.

Our Response to Auckland Council's Request for proposed solutions

We understand and appreciate the enormity of the task Council faces. However, it is difficult to propose detailed solutions/options to overcome the Budget shortfall due to the lack of detailed financial information, and especially economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed cuts on Auckland's economy and employment prospects in the Consultation Documents.

When faced with making difficult decisions – either in expenditure or in policy – best practice is to start with an evidence base. We don't see an evidence base for the proposed budget. We are very concerned that the Budget has been prepared without due diligence, and the impact on current and future generations of Aucklanders has not been properly considered and understood.

Our Requests of Auckland Council

We urge Councillors to:

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A city is more than its infrastructure – and now is the time to invest in the recovery, and future resilience and prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and its people.

As a representative music organisation, and established music partner of Council, we welcome the opportunity to provide further feedback on the Budget and note that we are willing and able to discuss with Auckland Council how music can play a vital part in achieving Council's long-term aspirations.

Annexure**A Brief Summary of The Economic & Cultural Value of Music and the Arts
for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland**

As is reflected in Council's own *Toi Whikiti - Auckland's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan* - 88% of Aucklanders believe that the arts are good for you, 86% agree the arts help to improve society and 90% agree that they learn about different cultures through the arts.

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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 not proceed with if any: Rates should go up, don't cut services the public rely on.

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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 for a short term gain ignores the long term benefits of keeping them. Increase rates instead.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why: Rates have not kept up with inflation. Homeowners can afford more than a \$3 increase.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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: Increase rates so no cuts are needed. We shouldn't be prioritising which public services get funding, we should raise more funds.

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

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? All. Please increase rates to cover the shortfall in the budget and do not cut services.

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

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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 not proceed with if any: I believe that both the community and many individuals benefit immensely from arts funds within the creative sector. I work at a trust as a music recording tutor within the mental health sector. We have people come through every week and consistently say it is the highlight of their week. They plan all week what they are going to prepare and bring to the trust session to work on. They build strong, stabilising relationships with others in the community, and they strengthen their personal wairua. Toi Ora arts trust relies on this funding.

Second to that, I also help facilitate music community sessions at Te Karanga Trust. Countless lives would be less rich, less connected, and ultimately less optimistic without this funding. This has implications for not only well being but crime, truancy etc. This is the foundational level before the tangible "issues" that surface later.

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Tell us why: Benefit New Zealanders

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Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

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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: Start to enforce property use across the city to stop land banking. This would help with homelessness and bring down rental prices.

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: Any response to upcoming weather events will be hit and miss at best. More money and better consultation around new and old developments across the city needs more focus.

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 do not support any priorities

Tell us why: We need to get back to the basics first. Too much is spent on distractions instead of real long lasting solutions for 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?) Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer

activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: Better focus is needed on the environment.

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?** Other

Tell us why: I support the parks and environmental plans.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Parks maintenance level of service, Open space low / no mow areas

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to maintain the environment while focusing on future plans.

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Local parks and facilities maintenance

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to stick to the basics.

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?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Most of the matters set out take services away from vulnerable communities or from cultural services. I consider that Council should support communities and the most vulnerable, and want cultural services to be supported by Council through active engagement and investment

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

Tell us why: Selling an asset that provides a return is short term thinking and this would take away Council's right to have a say in the future development of the airport.

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

Tell us why: Firstly, is this as well as the 120million cut or instead of? This is not clear. It is also not clear how this interfaces with the proposed Storm response sum that follows, surely these are part of the same need to maintain and upgrade our 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: It is a real problem. The sum seems a pittance relative to the problem as recently demonstrated in the deluge

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Without knowing more detail it would be wrong to say that I support all board 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I have more than three, this is a brutal question. The board priorities address a range of important matters, each of which contributes to the well-being and sustainability of our community. Council support for the community through engagement, the prov

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? look at management layers in Council and the contracted out processes used by Council that are not productive or useful... leave the services provided alone

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What do you think of these proposals? Less waste is good. I have no idea how the questions asked address this. Where does the rubbish go? What happens to the recycling? How does this system get sorted out and administered? Is it all contracted out to other parties?

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

Council should look at reductions in processes that involve unnecessary layers of management and consider getting out of relationships with international organisations that have captured Council processes such as Ariba... what does this cost Council each

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with reducing funding for social services. The benefits of these activities far outstrip their cost. I used to volunteer at the CAB and help people who did not know how to access the internet, people who had language barriers, and people who just needed someone to talk to. Further, there is a benefit as we could keep a record of common themes of problems that were vexing more than a few people. The vast majority of the people who were there were volunteers, those who were paid were underpaid part-time employees and the space we occupied was not large. I imagine this will be common among any services where people organise to help others. I don't see how the small savings made by cutting social services could be worth the cost to Auckland.

I am also against cutting funding for public transport. Doing so would not benefit those who take public transport nor those who use private vehicles.

I'm against cutting funding to arts and culture. Those are activities that are done without expectation of profit but there is still a benefit. Auckland without art would be a depressing place to live. If the council does not fund this, who will? Similarly, libraries.

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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: My impression is that keeping capital to allow it to grow in value and take dividends is better in the long run than selling off the shares. But what do I know, I'm no investor.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: I don't really care about the leys institute or the low-mow programme.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Because there should be a focus on improving environmental protection.

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 not proceed with if any: The budget suggestion is pulling funding from already underfunded and/or broken areas rather than those which are thriving and could survive without cuts.

Public transport at the current number is already not enough to keep up for demand, and makes navigating the city challenging for the vast majority. A major complaint from most aucklanders is traffic, and this move will only push more people to use private vehicles, further contributing to the problem.

Regional services like community, arts and cultural programmes make our city worth living in. We are supposedly a UNESCO city of music, which was widely publicised by council even though it had no real world impact on the ground. Further cuts will decimate an industry that has already suffered significantly during covid and has yet to bounce back. Council loves to celebrate artists when it suits them, but the support is already not there and its frankly embarrassing that we will go as far as labeling a whole area of the city an arts quarter while simultaneously cutting services that support artists.

Homeless services, community empowerment and youth services seem like a ridiculous thing to look at cutting. There is a massive homeless problem in our community. Our communities are already disconnected and a lot are disenfranchised. The youth are already struggling.

It seems we are leaving everything that makes our city enjoyable to live in on the cutting room floor, all to save rate payers a few hundred dollars a year. Seems to be a fair price to pay to live in a major city, especially considering our rates have nowhere near kept up with inflation.

The cost to rebuild these services will far outweigh the savings now, and it's only going to further contribute to the mass exodus of Aucklanders to centres overseas.

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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're selling a revenue stream for a quick buck now, it's a very short sighted approach. What happens when the money from the sale is spent? We cant go back and sell it again, so there will be more debt and more cuts down the line when we run into the sam

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Tell us why: Rates have not kept up with inflation for a start. They are already incredibly low for a city of our size. There is a habit to try and keep them down to satisfy the voter base, but we cant keep pretending that this can go on for ever. Unfortunately we hav

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 were not prepared for a significant weather event in the city so any spending that can be done to better prepare ourselves is money worth spending.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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and cutting funding for other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres???? come on!!!! this is, AGAIN, a VITAL operation of our community, supporting so many struggling civilians. And with an up and coming recession, instead of supporting them, you want to cut funding!!!! its understandable that funding has to be reconsidered but not supporting the most vulnerable members of society and reducing funding for a fundamental part of our transport system is ridiculous! Auckland council appears to have thrown its morals out the window with its reasonableness.

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half price fares for AT - needs to be indefinite to support public in cost of living crisis.

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing funding to Tataki Auckland, regional services, and local board funded activities.

I agree to reduced funding to some niche events which do not serve the wider community. I support withdrawal of the early childhood education services.

I do not support the above reductions.

I do not support continued reduced bus services. I do not support reduced fund to support the homeless.

Auckland's communities and services have been severely impacted in the past few years which is evidenced by increased disconnection, business failure, crime and increased levels of mental-deterioration. This can be most clearly seen in our central business district which is also the key touch place for tourists.

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However, I do support a sliding scale for any rates incre

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Tell us why: Works to improve Auckland's infrastructure is desperately needed to mitigate the risk from such storm events.

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they are going to prosper and thrive.

If funding for local board 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: We must continue to enhance and protect our natural resources. If these are allowed to deteriorate, it is enormously difficult and expensive to reverse that process.

Our natural environment is our wealth - it sets us apart from many other cities in world

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Some of the more niche activities and programmes can be postponed in order to make budget savings. However, any that serve our most vulnerable members shouldn't be.

I do not support the reduction to library opening hours. Our library is always busy and

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

The city is abundant in assets (such as the golf courses) and these present additional revenue streams. It just needs someone to identify the opportunity these present.

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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 not proceed with if any: AT is already awful, we need more services and consistency to get more people to use public transport. Reducing services is a large step backward - please look into future options i.e. electric buses, auckland car tax(?) to account for our infrastructure system in the long term with pop/n growth and sustainability as well as ways to decrease people using their cars for pointless trips.

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

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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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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: Dont reduce funding

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Its important to have nice things to do around the community to get people out and about and make it feel like our area is actually a nice place to live as well as open facilities and green spaces

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Could earn money by charging households with more than 1 car? Reducing cars on road, carparking and emissions as well as encouraging more people to take public transport.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Transport! Train and bus services are awful - we need more train lines available and something to make it easier to get between north shore and auckland city i.e. underwater train or seperate train bridge. The harbour bridge also needs to be revised as it

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Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with arts program funding cuts and community programs. These programs are essential to maintaining the cultural advancement and heritage of our diverse communities. The arts are essential to fostering wellbeing for people of all age groups and for the transmission of critical thought and collective advancement.

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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? 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 is a fair way of collecting finance to pay for community 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: Nobody should be left to fend for themselves without proper assistance simply because they live in more isolated areas or areas prone to destruction by climate change. Everybody is responsible in a fair society to help those at risk.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The central city area including the domain and museum and art gallery and hospital are the most significant concerns for me.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are critically important spaces for learning and need to be accessible so that people can find real channels of information and focus on learning and development.

The arts centres are important for the reasons I've stated above in a previous re

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Drastically reduce the Mayor's remuneration and make it commensurate with their tangible achievements and how well they relate to their citizens based on public opinion.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services - 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

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

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Tell us why: It's important to maintain some stake in significant Auckland services and infrastructure.

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

Tell us why: Aucklanders have experience significant events in the past three years, from COVID to weather-related events. Trying to maintain lower general rates increases, to offset the impact of the cost of living crisis, by increasing debt is justified.

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: Future climate-related events can be expected, therefore focus on planning and preparation is prudent.

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.

If funding for local board 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: It is important to support our local communities while continuing with environmental-related initiatives - for now and the future.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the council's 13 golf courses, which have a combined value of well over \$2.9 billion. This would build tens of thousands of much-needed new homes and open up the courses' green spaces to the public.

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

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

Regarding the sale of Auckland Airport shares specifically

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

Plus increase general rates, request for central government support, introduce new targeted rates, and a lift in parking charges as alternative funding mechanisms.

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.

Our cultural, creative, art and community are what makes Auckland one of the worlds most livable cities. It is the cultural events, Art installations and performances, and the community access to joy that make this city great.

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.

Surprisingly not every human is suited to work as an engineer or a doctor. Many many people great joy and empathy and understanding in community. This is what creates a happy and forward moving city. This is what our rates fund. I pay rates for services and amenities like roads but first and foremost I use the services that are under threat by your funding cuts. My children grew up able to access the Zoo, the art gallery and the free concerts, events and art every single year. Attending these events shaped them as now fully contributing members of this community (and yes one of them is an engineer). I have been making community based art with some arts funding that has created real connection with other people and with the physical environment we live in - our rivers and forest spaces, that many people had never even heard of, and now use and enjoy as a direct result of the ARTS FUNDED pieces I have made.

Cutting creativity and inclusion and participation will only hurt everyone 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: Selling what is left of the Auckland Council's airport shares will have irreversible consequences.

While selling the shares now brings in a chunk of revenue, all future revenue from dividends is lost along with a share in the extensive land airport holdin

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? Other

Tell us why: Rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts.

Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated to raise over \$

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: The lack of investment in infrastructure was recently shown to be dangerous. Not just foolhardy but dangerous. We need to invest in stormwater and retention to make this city habitable in the future. Just as other cities have done after realising huge

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), 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 value the community, as well as the environment. They have the most wide reaching effects.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Berm mowing and weed spraying. Sell the public golf course.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? I am strongly opposed to the cutting of planned increase in bus frequency funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate. We need MORE public transport as soon as possible.

The council could continue to investigate small additional charges on tourists to ra

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 should be investing now – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social

services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back. Making it easier for people to get around the city. Restoring our natural waterways and enhancin

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am strongly opposed to any reduction in funding for the buses, as people all over the city rely upon these services and if we are to have any chance of meeting our emission reduction targets we need to incentivise public transport use in every way possible. Reduction of public services will do irreparable harm to the cultural fabric of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, and not project the culturally rich experience we are seeking to engender in this city and crucially to international visitors, who will bring in many international dollars. This goes for the Art Gallery and Zoo, but specifically council funded arts and culture initiatives are what makes this city worth living in, and despite what boomer may think, are a fantastic example of the type of activity that could birth the next Neil Finn, Lorde or Pauly Fuemana, contributing to the allure of the city and country as a desirable tourist destination.

Furthermore why are the sale golf clubs not being proposed? This would bring in a lot more money and would also free up land for building more houses which would ease other problems - or does the mayor prefer golf to libraries, buses and public culture?

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Tell us why: Don't sell - sell loss-making golf courses instead.

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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?

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? 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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduction in arts and regional events, homelessness 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? 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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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 wages of bureaucratic staff in council, including the mayor

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: None, cut funding to golf courses 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 should be held on, not sell off at a low point at the market and cement our losses

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Our council has good credit rating, if the desire is to make a profit, then leverage debt and grow the "business" better like all other companies! This is good 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: Auckland infrastructure continues to lag behind its growth, improve it to better suit the current population and prevent further disasters which will inevitably happen! Planning and prevention is the best way forward!

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Particularly ecological and low mow/no mow programs for improved soil quality, we need this to future proof our city and neighbourhoods!

If funding for local board 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), Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: ALL OF THEM ARE IMPORTANT! CUT FUNDING TO GOLF COURSES INSTEAD!!!

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? STOP FUNDING THE GOLF COURSES!!!

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals? Propose funding cuts to golf courses in Auckland! This service only serves a very small minority of Aucklanders and the people that use this service can definitely afford to pay the additional costs associated with this leisure activity.

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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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 not proceed with if any: I would not like to see public transport service reduction (in order to deliver on climate change and emissions reduction targets) and would not like to see wholesale reductions in community-focussed programming. There is however scope for some reduction in the latter area, so greater rigour should be applied to they type of programmes, where they are focussed and meeting the needs of those that need them most.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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: Environmental restoration programmes that see the restoration of areas like Cocks Creek and pest control programmes are essential. Spending millions (or tens of millions) on the restoration of old buildings like Leys is not. The Ponsonby/Grey Lynn/Westmer

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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? Discontinue events to mark openings and simply tell a story.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This is baffling - cutting services to already underserved communities is totally unfair, pulling investment from places that make our city vibrant and enjoyable to live in seems short-sighted and the most ludicrous point is cutting public transport services in a climate crisis.

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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: Short-term thinking.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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? I find this thinking lacks intergenerational consideration and passes issues to future councils and generations by not investing in things that make cities livable, vibrant and climate ready. Everything is getting more expensive, I don't think it's unreas

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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 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:

If funding for local board 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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Because our rates are too bloody high already

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

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?) 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?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Because my family and I are supported and deeply engaged with marae, community gardens, pest control and regional environment activities alike, climate broker programs, community halls for affordable activities, we depend on public transport and rubbish services, and know that the rest of the neighborhood benefits from initiatives for kaumatua and homeless people.

I basically align with community strength and ties and am against impacting Tāmaki Makaurau's sports/arts/leisure identity and resilience. This may well be the time to invest instead of selling off, e.g. selling Airport shares.

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an asset for Auckland citizens, especially after Covid-19 troubles where there's a new incoming flow of flights and visitors.

Selling it away is dangerous in respect of the Waitangi Tribunal unless sold to the national government.

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: Make greater use of debt by increasing rate to save services and avoid the cost of increased crime.

Unfreeze targeted rates, and review their differential policies prior to 2000.

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: Please see how wise would be to fund communities enabling resilience in any emergency response

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe that community initiatives, environment-related projects, and climate response are long-term answers to the budget issue and produces advantageous results for the near and far future

If funding for local board 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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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? CATR should be kept established and not stopped or used to fund public transport. Please no cuts to public transport funding.

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?

consider the Alternative Budget proposed by Auckland communities, A Better Budget for Auckland. Local boards should have more autonomy and power in this process. In my opinion the proposed budget is commercially oriented and not inclusive at all. For exam

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support the cutting of regional community services, local board funding, community grants, early childhood education, events, or public transportation. These initiatives provide quantifiable benefits to disabled, low income and marginalised communities who are in need of equitable support. Our rates are considered low as compared to other OECD countries, also Auckland also pays lower rates than all other NZ cities. Low rates come at a cost to the public services that we receive and rely on. Cutting these services at this time will negatively impact communities, adding extra financial burden to those who are already struggling. Supporting our communities is crucial, we rely on this funding, and it is especially important for underserved communities.

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: I suggest selling the shares to central government instead of private investors. The airport should remain as public asset.

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 recommend setting a higher general rate increase and making greater use of debt. The highest proposed rate increase for a household is roughly the price of a cup of coffee per week. I also believe that the benefits of rate increases to maintain critical

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: I support investing in long-term climate resilience rather than reactionary solutions. I also emphasise that other climate and community resiliency initiatives funded through the Auckland Council budget cannot be cut. With cuts this would inhibit an Auckl

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I stress that community activities, initiatives and services funded through the Auckland Council budget cannot be cut to my local area. Cuts could mean a permanent end to the services and institutions that help to make my local area a community. Furthermo

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR should remain as established and not paused or stopped as proposed in Question 1. I strongly oppose the cutting of the planned increase in bus frequency funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

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 support investing in long-term climate resilience rather than reactionary solutions.

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I stress the importance of comprehens

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Organisation (if applicable): West Auckland Boxing

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Take money from other places.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Most of the things you are proposing to cut are what makes life bearable in this horrible city. Cut some vanity projects and take some pay cuts.

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

Tell us why:

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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: Cut your vanity projects and stop using Aucklanders as a endless wallet.

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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:

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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 vanity projects and take salary cuts

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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 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: Rates need to atleast keep up with CPI. Rates should be levied more on the land value component and less on capital value to encourage more efficient use of land.

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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These organisations can apply for funding elsewhere, why do ratepayers have to support these groups,

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Tell us why: would selling these shares mean children do not get free access to swimming pools across Auckland

Definitely rich families do not need free access to Auckland swimming pools and should pay, so entry fees to swimming pools is for each pool to decide. Pool

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Tell us why: As a low-income earner (Paye not a beneficiary and no govt support) it already cost me \$203 to run my house per week, I can not afford a rates increase due to being a low-income earner.

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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: Shouldn't the cost of storm damage be covered in people insurance and I assume the council also has insurance for things like storm damage to infrastructure.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I use the local parks and swimming pool so support most of these. I think the Leys building should be torn down and turned into a green area this project is a waste of \$\$\$\$\$. Low mow is a great idea and much better for the environment and as a home owner I

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: 1. Libraries are important places for people to access books, the internet, and a warm place in winter. I use them.

2. Low mow/no mow is great for the environment and ecosystems

3. supporting swimming pools, not sure what one this comes under.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce workers and salaries at the Council, no council worker should be paid more than \$ 100,000. Reducing your wages budget would be a great place to start.

the median wage in NZ is around \$ 61,000 so no reason for any council worker to get more than \$

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I suspect this will not be read and nobody will take any notice anyway.

reduce spending money on new cycle ways in Auckland central.

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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: Any areas which are not suitable for housing needs to be converted to park or recreation area. We can't afford to putting plasters over real problems, and make sure the future is better and safer.

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 think in general trying to save money at a ward level leads to less effective local government. The needs of the community are high and I am sure money is not being wasted at present so it should continue to be spent. For example keeping libraries and

If funding for local board 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: All of the listed services are important, but I think continuity of services is best long term investment.

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

What do you think of these proposals? I think that waste management is important but we should encourage recycling and reduction as much as possible. All retailers should allow packaging and waste to be returned so they find solutions to buy/use less in the first place.

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?

Auckland need a plan to convert golf courses to community recreation and or housing

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Childcare, out of all of these this will have an impact on working parents.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why: With cost of living and interest rates rising, rates are already excessive. Increasing these in times of financial hardship for many will result in needs not being met in other areas to pay rates as sacrifices are already made at rates time.

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: Clear drains, don't build on wetlands. The situation is worsened due to lack of general maintenance.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Some of these are great, however restoring a library/outdoor doesn't seem like 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?) 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. Waitemata 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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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why: The estimated year saving is equivalent to 4.6% of current AIA stock value. Judging by the last 5 yr share price movement, it is hard to believe the share price would increase as per the same rate annually if council later decides to acquire the AIA share

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: Propose to set a higher general rate by further increase the rate collected from property with CV value higher than 1.7M, making a U shape relationship on % increase vs CV value, instead of a declining relationship. This is because owner of higher value p

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

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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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? Significant rate increase across all infringement notice to reflect the operating cost pressure

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?

Encourage public transport providers to reinstall and provide frequent express service between transportation hubs during peak hour.

Investigate co-operation partnership to prosecute T2+ lane violation on motorway on-ramps

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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?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: You are taking from the workers the unemployed and creatives you are taking from what helps bring this diverse city together public transport should be encourage not stripped creativeness should be a given and why would you want to strip money from places that educate and care for the community. rates always have to increase like everything food living costs etc but please don't take the smiles off strangers supporting learning crying and impacting from each other - These events won't survive without not the council but the community that give this money for the council to support all that you want to put in other areas this on what makes this city great the money that I earn and the money I give towards this city I accept but not for the council to take away the pleasure or care or the freedom to do something that I couldn't do if they weren't there - life is not fair but that is why we have councils to support this side of life being a community that can come together - please don't cut that from us or NZ even the world

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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 are a place where people want to come in the long term this is a financially good decision to own our assets

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why: This is what is living in a city all around the world is feeling the same crunch - and to add why would you take from the homeless in the proposed cuts nothing about that makes sense - you obviously do not work at the mission or walk around the streets of

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

Tell us why: This is a given if money needs to be borrowed to do this safety is first but don't take away the events and places what helps us deal with all the bad this that happen. We need human interaction

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: Because this bring support happiness education and employment and care and a reason to come to the city it makes no sense to take from the community I. This way

If funding for local board 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, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above is important what should be in this section what is not important - no money should be scrapped from all of the above I do not agree

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes the councils pay checks so disgusted the way everything with the new council has felt with and a trying no to distribute what are things that help the community - do council members take public transport as this should be a must if your employed - hav

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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What is your preference on 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: Still 10% holding and reduces borrowing or rate increase.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Too high an increase in rates will impact rental which is high already.

If the borrowing capacity is there then it should be leveraged at this point after all that Auckland has to deal with.

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 has experienced unprecedented disasters so an increase not decrease in operating funds is required now.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Continuing with funds for community arts and well being is crucial to rebuild communities impacted on by pandemic, floods etc - these are generally funds for more vulnerable communities who have really worked hard to come through the challenging years and

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reducing funding to Economic Development at Tataki Auckland Unlimited. The city needs an EDA and the work the ED teams do across the city is vital in driving prosperity within our communities. The city needs GridAKL as a Startup hub as well as the sister hubs of GridManukau, CLICK Studios and the hub in Glen Innes. These spaces support StartUps and small businesses and drive entrepreneurship which is vital to developing a sustainable and prosperous future for our city, vital for attracting top international skills talent and attracting investment.

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

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

Tell us why: The Airport shares will be very valuable in the future- to sell the shares is such a short term, knee-jerk reaction. We need to be considering the future of our city 50 -100 years out!

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: There is no reason that the Council cannot hold more debt! This whole process is a sham

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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, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: These 3 areas focus on education and look after youth and other minority groups, building community and looking after the future health of land and people

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Check we are not paying rent on warehouses or other buildings that are no longer in use

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: you are devastating our Arts community and the flow on effect will impact hospitality

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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 you are selling the airport shares at a market low

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: i don't want to pay more rates to a council intent on slashing all our arts

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Tell us why: global warming - we need to improve storm response. Wayne Brown needs to improve his own storm response.

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 hours are essential as they act as community centres as much as library resources.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? to be honest getting rid of Wayne Brown would be a great way.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing funds means reducing funds to the Auckland Art Gallery which will reduce opening hours, running costs, programming and staff cuts. I do not agree to entry fees to General collection as past experience has shown it reduces visitors to the Gallery significantly. A great, healthy, livable city is not just made up of housing but of parks, green spaces, access to leisure AND a healthy Cultural and Arts sector.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The old infrastructure has shown how unprepared we are and shows that intensification of many of these areas reeks of stupidity!

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: Water Quality, poor infrastructure and poor maintenance of drains, parks added to the destruction after the floods.

Libraries are a very important part of a city's life, its community bonds, learning, education of children and adults, a place for all. P

If funding for local board 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: Climate control also includes not cutting green spaces and trees, clean water, drains.

Arts and youth programs importance to health, wellbeing of a community, leads to better outcomes in all areas.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop putting expensive, carbon inducing speed bumps everywhere and destroying community, walkable suburb shopping centres by putting in bike lanes in front of them. Use small minibuses instead of the huge pollution inducing empty buses.

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Cutting down trees because they are not native is stupidity at its extreme in a time of Climate emergency when trees reduce pollution and keep temperatures down. They are nature's air conditioner. They also support major biodiversity, birds, insect, fungi.

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28 March 2023

Submission: Do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, (TAU) as it affects the operating budget of the Auckland Art Gallery. Do not proceed with reduced opening hours or introduction of entry charges at the Auckland Art Gallery.

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 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 people, of access to and care of the art treasures and of the future creation of culture in New Zealand. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The people at the Auckland Art Gallery 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 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. 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 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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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed in the withdrawal of some funding from early childhood education and the lack of regional community funding especially arts programmes, the lack of funding for the art gallery and lack of homelessness funding (which is becoming a much bigger problem and is increasing rates of crime especially around central Auckland as people become more desperate). Homeless without support means further spending in departments such as police management and drug management down the line. Early childhood support is also needed to help support communities and have the potential to make income, and will directly impact the people in our society who needs it most.

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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 shares in Auckland Airport is a short-term plan to reduce debt, and will likely have long-term implications and cause future problem. It is short-sighted to remove Auckland Council's stake in our regional airport, and one of the biggest internatio

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 likely have more intense and more regular impacts on our society and country, and it's important that we have the budget to both deal with these outcomes and look at beginning to adapt as well.

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Tell us why: I think these are important to our community and deserve to be upheld

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental restoration and community climate action go hand in hand together, and to cut costs to environmental restoration will result in further problems down the line, this funding deserves to be maintained and continued at a regular rate. I just re

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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

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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: Support a partial sale of the AIAL shares but maintaining 10per cent to block any takeovers. No support for increases in Rates - instead reduce overheads further

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Tell us why: Council need to concentrate on reducing wasteful and un justified spending before thinking of increasing Debt or Rates. Sale of the Ports of Auckland business but retaining ownership of the land would be another way of paying down debt.

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Tell us why:Avoid inefficient projects and better manage them eg CRL. Cease work on the extension of the Central Inceptor to Pt Erin until there is a commitment to separate the drainage systems in St Marys Bay and Herne Bay

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What do you think of these proposals? Stop adding more types of Rating fees. The Targeted Rates have created more overhead costs and the often monies raised have not been spent on the designated purpose.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 'We don't want the reductions to the following:

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- Reducing regional services such as community + education programmes + community empowerment + funding for youth centres: We are concerned this would have adverse effects on wellbeing + mental health of Auckland residents, in particular at risk young people. Community events encourage liveability + vibrancy of Auckland.

- Reducing local board funded activities: We are concerned that this would result in reduced hours in the Grey Lynn Library which would adversely affect us. We see full maintenance of library services as being very important for community education + recreation. We are concerned that reduction in funding events, eg Grey Lynn Park Festival, would have adverse impact on a wide range of people e.g. artisans.

- No longer providing early childhood education services: we consider this to be very short sighted as these services are very important for education of young children and economic assistance to working families.

Our view is that council needs to consider other options for the budget. We do not want the council to proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain or increase the general rates package.

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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 believe that selling Auckland Airport shares will have adverse consequences as all future revenue from dividends is lost along with a share in the land airport holdings. It would also have implications for future climate + other emergencies as it is im

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

Tell us why: We consider that rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimate

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

Tell us why: Investment in stormwater infrastructure is necessary to reduce future financial costs and ecological and human costs as extreme weather events are expected to occur more often.

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Tell us why: All the key priorities are important for assisting and maintaining liveability, wellbeing and mental health, in particular after recent flooding and disruption due to COVID.

If funding for local board 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: We do not consider requesting us to nominate only 3 activities not to be reduced is appropriate for this feedback as we do not think any of these should be reduced.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? We note that in local board information for the Waitemata the proposed spending priorities for the 2023-2024 financial year include planning services of \$9.2million. This appears excessive to us and perhaps could be reduced.

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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 another poorly thought through, short sighted proposal. There are other (non strategic) assets that should be sold off before this. This is a terrible time to sell shares - who is advising these people? Very suspect.

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Tell us why: This is a crucial focus for the city.

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Tell us why: This is an area where the proposed cuts (\$840,000.00) will have an adverse impact on the community far beyond any impact these savings would make on the City's overall financial situation. Again, the most vulnerable Aucklanders would pay the highest price

If funding for local board 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: This really is Sophie's Choice. We should not have to choose between the well being of our people and the well being of our environment. I pushed I go with the priorities helping our most vulnerable - the library, for example, is a safe space for many Auc

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What do you think of these proposals? CATR was introduced with overwhelming support from Aucklanders. I would be extremely angry if this was tinkered with. Aucklanders want a greener, more sustainable city.

7. What else is important to you?

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

This is a crucial budget for Auckland following Covid, flooding and other extreme weather events. Investment is needed not austerity. Public transport needs to be supported not undermined.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Central Auckland Branch of the Citizen's Advice Bureau

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?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do NOT proceed with reductions to ANY of the services above. All these services are the glue of our community, they promote community wellbeing, connectedness, resilience which the council has an obligation to support with the rates we pay. Do NOT reduce funding to free volunteer run community services including the CAB, do NOT reduce funding for our community centers, libraries where our citizens can go as a safe, warm, dry place to do activities as well as find belonging. CAB provides a valuable service of letting people know their rights, which is the very fabric of a democratic society. Do NOT cut funding for the arts, music and cultural events and services which give colour, life and hope to our community.

Instead of cutting funding for these services that give people hope, please cut the 2.9 billion dollars to golf courses, which would fund all the the arts and community activities in the city.

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? Other

Tell us why: Do not sell our shares for the Auckland Airport - how can we service our debt with no assets? How can we improve a service if we have no shares in it? Our bus service is a total joke and now council wants the airport to be equally dysfunctional? Have we I

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Increase rates for the top 20% of wealthiest companies and land owners, helicopter pad owners.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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 especially support the local board's priority to support programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing and empowerment. These are their Citizen Advice Bureaus, Libraries, community centres, art centres, art galleries and free events li

If funding for local board 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: All of these should be a priority. Nothing should be cut from this. All the money spent on this is an INVESTMENT in our community, our children, our environment. To even suggest cutting funding here is an insult to our citizens. Why is the council not sug

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop funding 2.9 billion on golf courses, stop using preferred contractors at council, review how much Auckland Transport spends, more modest cycleways.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	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?

The Citizens Advice Bureau should continue to receive funding for the following reasons:

- Citizens Advice Bureau throughout Auckland provide an essential service. Staffed by over 900 fully-trained volunteers in 32 locations, we provide free help to anyone

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Your local board: Waitematā

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Propose not to proceed with reduction for regional services such as social services activities as this might contribute to higher crime rate among the society with more theft and bullying cases.

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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: Could not think of any benefit of holding the AIAL shares in Council's book.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: The options are required to ensure the environment is livable for community.

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

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

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? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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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 are feeling.

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.

7. What else is important to you?

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My name is _____ and _____, a fan of the Auckland arts and culture scene and a Waitematā Local Board resident. A huge part of the draw to living in Central Auckland is the vibrant arts and culture scene that enriches the city's nightlife and recreational offerings, creates opportunities to meet new people and form connections, and positions the city as an international destination to visit.

If the Council was to cut the funding to these arts and cultural organisations and activities, the city's entertainment sector would be crippled, and the recovery would see Auckland set back years in this space.

I am requesting the Council does not proceed with:

- Reducing regional contestable grants.
- Reducing regional services,
- Reducing local board funded activities
- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

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. The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tātaki Auckland, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector.

This is a time to invest, not a time to cut.

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.

Central government COVID-19 funding reduced the impact from 2020 to 2022. That funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is getting back on its feet. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are coming back to our city.

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.

This is a time to keep the lights on and the life in our city.

I am happy to be contacted for further information.



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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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), 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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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?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

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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?

I don't know

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not decrease any funding that will impact our environment or movements we have in place to help with climate change.

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

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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: Please do not decrease any funding that will impact our environment or movements we have in place to help with climate change.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? Please do not decrease any funding that will impact our environment or movements we have in place to help with climate change.

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 consider our environment as our first priority.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We don't want the reductions to the following:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited: This would affect the Zoo, Art Gallery + stadiums which are of great importance to us + our grandchildren. - Reducing regional services such as community + education programmes + community empowerment + funding for youth centres: We are concerned this would have adverse effects on wellbeing + mental health of Auckland residents, in particular at risk young people. Community events encourage liveability + vibrancy of Auckland. - Reducing local board funded activities: We are concerned that this would result in reduced hours in the Grey Lynn Library which would adversely affect us. We see full maintenance of library services as being very important for community education + recreation. We are concerned that reduction in funding events, eg Grey Lynn Park Festival, would have adverse impact on a wide range of people e.g. artisans. - No longer providing early childhood education services: we consider this to be very short sighted as these services are very important for education of young children and economic assistance to working families. Our view is that council needs to consider other options for the budget. We do not want the council to proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain or increase the general rates package.

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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 believe that selling Auckland Airport shares will have adverse consequences as all future revenue from dividends is lost along with a share in the land airport holdings. It would also have implications for future climate + other emergencies as it is im

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: We consider that rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid the proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates for the coming year is estimated

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

Tell us why: Investment in stormwater infrastructure is necessary to reduce future financial costs and ecological and human costs as extreme weather events are expected to occur more often.

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 the key priorities are important for assisting and maintaining liveability, wellbeing and mental health, in particular after recent flooding and disruption due to COVID.

If funding for local board 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: We do not consider requesting us to nominate only 3 activities not to be reduced is appropriate for this feedback as we do not think any of these should be reduced.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? We note that in local board information for the Waitemata the proposed spending priorities for the 2023-2024 financial year include planning services of \$9.2million. This appears excessive to us and perhaps could be reduced.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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How can you be so senseless.

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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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1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing our funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

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Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: Adjust rates in alignment 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.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 Climate change is an extinction level event.

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 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?

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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 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:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding arts and culture groups, Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: I would select all if I could. DO NOT reduce funding for local boards. If anything they need more funding

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 business support

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: There needs to be life in the city. This means it needs to be vibrant and attractive, with arts and events happening to support the businesses around our civic hubs. Low-carbon lifestyles are also important as the central city has too many cars and will b

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Add a toll to the Harbour bridge for non-commercial vehicles + Congestion charge for the central city.

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What do you think of these proposals? We need more busses & bus drivers. Pay bus drivers better and give busses priority on more roads and we'll have a functioning PT system.

7. What else is important to you?

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

More cycleways. Put light rail on the surface; if not on the surface, make a London Underground-style system near Manukau Road to the airport - more direct.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

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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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1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt. A higher general rates increase would not make much of a difference in affordability for households but at scale would help fix long term underinvestment.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: From a pure economics standpoint - note that any form of council reduction actually is antithetical to the purpose of a publicly funded agency i.e., local council.

Cutting PT services is insane, and speaks to legitimately questionable leadership. Don't maintain, we don't have low enough growth for that. You need to grow the public transit system to further facilitate growth (see: network effects + positive externalities of accessible transport).

If you want to cut funding to the arts, you need to re-evaluate your entire understanding of what arts contributes to a city. A thriving culture allows people to be happy and enjoy a city - happier citizens spend more money, consumption driven economies see higher growth. Cutting funding achieves the antithesis - saving a couple of bucks isn't worth the loss is growth.

Reducing regional services is also insane - why would you purposely starve your citizens like this. I do not understand.

Stop this madness - spend the money to make AKL a good place to be.

Public govt. debt is not bad debt - you are investing in AKL's future, which is critical. You can either deprive the city now and wonder where the potential gains have gone, or be willing to spend the money, increase rates, and have a thriving city.

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Tell us why: Keep shares - see: literally every time a government owned company has gone private / become more beholden to shareholders - services drop, quality drops, disaster.

Again, your job is to ensure that the citizens can actually live life - raise rates.

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Tell us why: Higher rates - mild outcry but for long term financial stability it's the best move.

You will have lots of young professionals with greater than average income owning houses in the near future. Take advantage of the fact that they will have consistently

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What do you think of these proposals? Increasing rates is literally good for the economy + the country + AKL.

Make sure you distinguish between bus service availability and funding / climate change impacts - these are two differing metrics.

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Jesus christ stop cutting funding - support and increase current services - increase rates - take on govt. debt if needed - debt is not a bad thing for the council.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reductions on funding for arts and community events will dull the culture of this city which makes us a place that people want to live and work. We need to create and foster a vibrant and exciting city where people want to be. Where there are events to go to, shows, gigs, galleries, events in parks. Vibrancy and culture in the city mean that young people will want to stay here and contribute to the economy.

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Tell us why: There are no competitors for Airports in Auckland and the largest in NZ so we should keep our shares as it's a long term asset. Instead of selling the airport shares, sell the shares for the port.

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Tell us why: Higher rate for unoccupied homes, homes which are occupied less than 70% of the year have a higher rate. The less time spend occupied, the less they should be charged. If they are secondary they should be charged more. All properties owned by Churches an

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

Tell us why: Needs to happen, obviously we need to be better 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?) 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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemātā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate change needs to be the forefront of what we are doing and arts create a great city to live in.

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of these cuts are to important services that will impact people and culture more than an equivalent rates increase.

The only cuts I would personally be comfortable with are to venues and events and the art gallery, as bearing those costs through ticket price increases for example doesn't cause significant enough social harm to be worth council protection. Auckland zoo does incredible work for conservation that is crucial for te mana o te taiao.

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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 justification for holding those shares anymore, especially when important social services are on the line. It would be deeply unethical to hold the shares and cut homelessness programmes, for example.

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Tell us why: Not spending on future proofing storm infrastructure now will only cost ratepayers more in future. It's worth spending now even if it requires additional debt.

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Tell us why: Very very happy to see low and no-mow being considered. Would love to see alternatives like clover which require less mowing than traditional grass lawns, and planting of berms and other spaces where possible as this will also bring climate and storm resi

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I really truly care about effective environmental interventions. Te Taiao is too important to be put on the back burner. I believe funding direct action is more important than community engagement since it brings greater immediate rewards.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Things like the maker space at the central library are probably less important to maintain.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Deal with your debt in other ways. The airport is a valuable asset to the council.

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

Tell us why: Little difference to an individual, more difference to the great interest of the country.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: There is public information and maps showing where Auckland is vulnerable. The council has access to this information. They should have never had people living in those places and more infrastructure could have been in place, lessening the blow of the storm

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: 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: Focus on the future, the youth and 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?

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Tell us why: The council in my opinion should own more of Auckland International Airport Limited, so a reduction in holding is counter to what direction I believe the council should be taking. Once those shares are sold, it'll probably be more expensive to buy back in

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

Protect special character overlays from central government overreach. Following the Auckland floods, it should be obvious to anyone that the infrastructure of this city can only support a certain level of growth. Growth for the sake of growth and change f

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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- Reducing regional contestable grants

I am an actor, originally from Wellington. I moved to Auckland because I heard the Arts scene here was really thriving. When I moved here I was so impressed by how much was being *made* and how much was going on in Auckland. It felt like a place that, as a creative, I wanted to live. I loved my community and I loved being surrounded by makers. But hearing about these proposed cuts to Arts funding disturbs me deeply. These are services and events and funding that are so deeply treasured by this sector, and if they are lost now, it will be near impossible to get them back. I urge the Council to do whatever it can to keep this funding going. Now is not the time to be slashing and burning the soul of Auckland, it is the time to invest and nourish it.

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Tell us why:

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The arts and music and culture is important, don't cut 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 not proceed with if any: Don't reduce any of our public services, reducing funding to social and youth services during this time is short sighted. All of the cuts will only increase disparities and cause more social issues

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

Tell us why: We need to stop selling our assets, short sighted again.

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: Increase rates on investment properties (owners of more than 3 houses)

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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 Community centres and CAB were the only ones Pulling their weight during the storm. Better equip our current services don't remove them...

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.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

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

If we reduce this spending we will feel the flow on effects for years. Many of these services are aimed at helping our most vulnerable people. Disappointing budget cuts.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think some savings could be made through Auckland Unlimited and community programmes, but I'd rather see fewer savings and increased rates by 1 - 2%. Also, unfreeze the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and borrow more. We could also sell off some of the golf courses, particularly those close to transport hubs and charge more for parking. I think the community and education programmes, including cultural events, are integral to Auckland being a great city to live and work in and contribute to our social connectedness and thriving economy.

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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: Prior to COVID the shares brought in significant income. The Airport is a strategic asset that is crucial to Auckland's economy. The council having a voice at the table is important for ensuring it is well managed for all eg. social outcomes as part of th

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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 think we can borrow a bit more. Also, I don't agree with freezing the Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate. We could also sell off some of the golf courses, particularly those close to transport hubs and charge more for parkin

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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?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: Prefer reduction rather than complete 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?) 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:

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?

I don't believe there are not alternatives to cutting cultural and community events and programmes.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: As an apartment owner occupier (Eden Terrace), rate payer, and someone who has lived in walkable high-amenity cities, I am concerned about the proposed operating cost reductions in Auckland. I believe that reducing funding for public transport services, community and social services, and regional events would have a negative impact on the livability and vibrancy of my city.

Instead, I suggest exploring alternative revenue sources such as congestion charges and converting all free street parking into cycleways or paid parking, introduce gamified parking ticketing (anyone with a smartphone can win rates reductions or tickets to the art gallery, zoo etc with points earned reporting illegal parking), along with increasing rates and/or debt, to maintain current levels of operational spending.

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

Tell us why: From what I understand the shares don't pay a substantial dividend nor allow any control over the airport decisions, if that is the case then I don't see why the council owns them. Sell them to central government, not to the private market.

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

Tell us why: As a property owner and rate payer, my preference for managing rates and debt is that the Auckland Council set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

Maintaining collective investment in our city and neighborhoods is crucial, and c

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Tell us why:

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Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not agree with any cuts, particularly cutting or even reducing funding to protect wildlife on west coast beaches. We need MORE money spent on biodiversity, parks, cycling and walking, public transport and cultural facilities so people stay in their 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?) Community programme delivery, Environmental programmes and volunteers, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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

We need better street lighting in the Eden Terrace, K-road, Grafton areas (and the roads connecting them), more police WALKING the beat in these areas and TALKING to residents and shop owners to make our peripheral city apartment areas safe for residents

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The proposal to maintain reduced public transport services shows how little the council uses, or values, public transport. The reduced number of public services has been a source of great frustration to users, and has deterred potential users and ensure the service does not succeed. Unless the public transport service is as convenient as driving a private car, there will not be the uptake needed to reduce congestion and the associated economic and environmental costs. This proposal is ill-informed and counter-productive.

The proposal to reduce services to libraries, art galleries, the zoo, and other council venues shows how out of touch the council is with the disproportionate 'well-being' that these services provide. This benefit is not accounted in dollars; I do not support cutting these services.

The proposal to reduce support to social services such as community empowerment, homelessness, and early childhood care is difficult to believe - really? Who is Auckland for? I do not support these proposals.

I suggest you do not proceed with any reductions and instead 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: Selling the Airport shares would be a very poor business decision. The medium term market price is low, and the shares cannot be recovered. They also cannot be used as leverage for future revenue raising. In addition this puts us, as an isolated island na

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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: These cuts are irresponsible, especially in the current climate crisis. Recent events - and predicted future events- show we need to increase our investment in water quality and the natural environment.

There is no reason to pause the shift to higher ge

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: Recent events have only highlighted the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure. Auckland is a city of the Waitemata, and the harbour which we all identify with has been degraded by underinvestment in stormwater management.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support prioritising water quality and stream restoration projects, as well as ecological contracts; these are not 'optional' but vital to functioning communities.

I also support low mow/ no mow programming, as long as it is done in a way that prevents

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental education and protection are underlying benefits that are key to delivering general community function.

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? I am greatly concerned by the Councils preparedness to reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted Rate to reduce costs to the same entity (AT) who will be reducing service, instead of using it to improve and increase services. This shows a lack of understand

7. What else is important to you?

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

I would like to reiterate my support for Council investment in public transport, environmental protection, and arts and culture.

Reducing funding in these areas will not fix anything - it will only make it worse.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport and cultural life are the glue that holds everything else in a city together. Cutting them is like trying to make a car go faster by taking out the engine.

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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: Handing over control of a critical piece of infrastructure like this from public ownership to private hands concerned only with return on investment is a terrible idea.

An airport is a natural monopoly, you can't exactly build a competing one next door.

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: Rates should be increased, with a particular focus on property investors, speculators and traders, while ensuring increases in rates are not passed on to renters, but footed solely by landlords.

Targeted rate increases on those owning multiple properties

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

Tell us why: It will get more expensive the longer we leave it.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I am supportive of the low/no mowing initiative

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Youth arts funding is beyond essential for making future generations feel like they have any kind of a stake in this place.

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 not proceed with if any: Auckland needs MORE public transport options, not less. It is already shocking how little accessibility there is to reliable public transport in our countries biggest city.

I believe the services Auckland Unlimited provide are what make a city lively and exciting, especially as more tourists are coming back into NZ.

Community programmes and social services are ESSENTIAL to the welfare of all our people.

Community and arts funding are incredibly important to any city and are what create fun, vibrant and interesting places.

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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: These priorities help ensure Auckland is a safe and liveable city for all.

If funding for local board 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:

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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?

Reducing funding and access to community services should not be the answer to fulfilling this "budget hole". These are things that make our city a better place and somewhere that people want to live. Auckland is already severely lacking in public transport

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I think it important to maintain funding support for services that would otherwise become critically compromised, with likely prolonged recovery of staffing, facilities and service. for example, I imagine that contestable funding for certain developmental projects could be cut in the interim where a proposed project can be delayed (the status quo prolonged).

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Tell us why: My perception is that the AIAL share value and dividend has not shown a lot of growth over past years, but that it may be important to retain some shareholder leverage.

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Tell us why: This is a more socially responsible option given the financial stress on many people/families.

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Tell us why: In the context of global warming the problem is likely to become more frequent with increasing impact. This needs to be mitigated in advance.

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Tell us why: They all matter, and will help mitigate environmental issues that are becoming increasingly problematic. The libraries are a key community resource - educationally, socially and recreationally.

If funding for local board 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. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: I consider their continuity to be essential, where compromise would resent difficulties for future recovery.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Areas of community activity that could be organised simply by the interested public, even if on a smaller scale of enterprise.

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What do you think of these proposals? I would defer to the outcomes of research that has gone into these matters, in terms of balance of incentive, environmental protection, and social equity.

7. What else is important to you?

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I am in favour of continued support of facilities that need to be active in maintaining high expertise and current resources - such as the Auckland Art Gallery and Public Libraries. Staffing expertise, in particular, needs protecting.

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28 March 2023

Submission: 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.

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?"

ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,



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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? Other

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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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:

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Tell us why:

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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 not proceed with if any: Reducing public transport services (when we already don't have enough) would be detrimental to our city. As the mother of two teens, how else are they meant to get around? Bus services are currently too irregular and do not service enough popular routes, which means young adults are forced into buying cars. Most families in our neighbourhood with teenaged kids have 2 or 3 cars per family, which is doing nothing to avert the climate crisis. Our area (Coxs Bay) has narrow streets and has been earmarked for more intensive development. Where will the cars be parked? Our streets will become crowded and dangerous. Cutting funding for arts and events is also unthinkable. We want to live in a culturally vibrant city. One of the highlights of our year is the Diwali festival, which I have been taking my children to since they were tiny. It is a link to their heritage and hugely important to thousands of Aucklanders. And how can you even think about cutting early childhood education? Our house prices and wages are hugely out of whack and you are making it MORE difficult for families to feed and house their children.

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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: Low confidence in timing of this sale and could be a lost opportunity to passively decrease debt

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

Tell us why: Why not set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt? They are not mutually exclusive.

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

Tell us why: These events will escalate in frequency and severity and we need to make sure our infrastructure is up to it. Currently I am still looking out of my house at the back of West End Road and Jervois Road, where slips are glaringly evident and the safety of p

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 only priority I agree with is "low or no mow" areas in parks. Could there also be wildflower or bee-friendly areas introduced as per the UK. These are low maintenance areas that are bird and bee-friendly. I especially do not support a reduction in rip

If funding for local board 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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our waterway in Coxs Bay (Coxs Creek) is already polluted and makes our Bay unusable for swimming and watersports. We should not be cutting funding but doing more to change this. Community arts programmes are hugely important to people who either choose t

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Select contractors more carefully and be more mindful and efficient about work undertaken, timeframes and priorities. The upgrade of the walkway on the hill in Coxs Bay Park is a great example of a job gone horribly wrong. Non-slip strips that are now tri

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

What do you think of these proposals? The last point seems like political spin. Are you "reducing" which bus services are funded or "changing" them. Swimming pools and spas are luxuries as opposed to necessities, so I support covering the costs of compliance by the user. I am really excited a

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable): The New Zealand Dance Company

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 not proceed with if any: The New Zealand Dance Company (NZDC) does not support the proposed cost reductions of local board funded activities or a reduction in regional contestable grants and appeals to Auckland Council to proceed with an alternative solution to remedy the budget deficit. The cumulative outcome of the proposed cuts to funding will devastate the heart and soul of Tāmaki Makaurau - Auckland's culture, art and community sectors with ruinous consequences to the local economy.

NZDC is an Auckland based dance company, which is home to a community of dancers, creative collaborators, arts administrators and technicians dedicated to producing and presenting inspiring new dance for Tāmaki Makaurau, Aotearoa and the world. NZDC is committed to fostering and supporting a world-class Auckland home for dance that tangibly contributes to the city's rich cultural fabric through performances and multi-generational community engagements.

Creative industries are the cornerstone and the beating heart of a forward-thinking city and post COVID-19, more than ever, arts events and cultural activities are key to reinvigorating the city. A vital cultural city not only allows for direct creation of employment opportunities for artists but ensures the legacy of artistic excellence is continued. An investment reduction of this size will send our city backwards and see a mass exodus of local talent depart Aotearoa for job opportunities overseas.

The New Zealand Dance Company is in the fortunate position of receiving funding from other sources but the breadth of scope of the Company's output in the Auckland community and our ability to collaborate with other companies and independent practitioners, creating regular employment opportunities, is reliant on local board funds and regional contestable grants.

These funding sources also contribute to our ability to hire and present in a range of Auckland venues, from which the economy benefits through increased visitation and spend in hospitality, advertising, technology and tourism on top of the essential social benefits that the arts provide to the community, underlining the importance of continuing to grow the arts to grow the vibrancy of the city.

World class contemporary dance performances, community engagements and classes/workshops across our city ensure an evermore connected and healthy community. Auckland Council's local board funds and regional contestable grants play a significant part in the rich cultural experiences and developments NZDC and companies like us commission and present each year in the city.

Post COVID-19, we need to design effective strategies that will allow our arts and cultural industries to contribute to the resurgence of the local economy – to invest in skills, industry and audience development through a variety of strategic initiatives and position Tāmaki Makaurau as a flourishing creative city now and into the future.

This is not a time to cut back these funding sources. This is a time to invest in the essential arts and creative sectors. Should the decision be made to reduce funding in these areas, the loss will be both tangible and permanent and the ripples of consequence will be felt for generations. Tāmaki Makaurau is a brilliant city and it is imperative that the city is nourished and that arts and culture are areas of priority for Auckland Council to invest in. To countenance otherwise is untenable.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Chair

The New Zealand Dance Company

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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

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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: Climate change is coming whether we prepare for it or not - I see climate adaption as a key Council activity

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I 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: The dividends returned over future years will far outweigh the short term benefits of the asset sale.

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

Tell us why: Maybe also consider alternative revenue sources vs pinning everything on the ratepayer e.g a residents levy. Residents of Auckland benefit from the services but its the property owning ratepayer that carries the funding burden.

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Waitematā Local Board

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: In my humble opinion, maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million is the wrong option.

Moreover, I am kindly asking you to consider the implementation of a free public transport scheme.

There are several benefits of free public transport:

Increased accessibility: Free public transport allows people who cannot afford transportation costs to have access to reliable transportation. This can make it easier for people to access employment, education, healthcare, and other services.

Reduced traffic congestion: By encouraging more people to use public transport, free public transport can help reduce traffic congestion on roads, leading to less air pollution, less time spent in traffic, and lower infrastructure costs for road maintenance.

Reduced carbon emissions: As fewer people use private cars, free public transport can help reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Improved public health: With more people using public transport, there may be a reduction in air pollution, which can lead to improved public health outcomes. Additionally, people who use public transport may be more physically active, leading to better health outcomes.

Economic benefits: Free public transport can provide economic benefits by reducing transportation costs for individuals and families, leading to increased disposable income. Additionally, it can also lead to increased tourism, as visitors may be more likely to use public transport if it is free.

Overall, free public transport can improve accessibility, reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions, improve public health, and provide economic benefits.

To finance free public transport, additional fees could be charged to drivers who enter certain areas during peak times, also increasing parking fares and fuel charges.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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?) Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance, Local waste minimisation programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control 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? Yes

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 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?) 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:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	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 grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: To not proceed with any reductions and instead unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package. Withdrawing funds from the community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services across Auckland Council and Council-Controlled Organisations will have a long-term negative impact on our communities, widening social inequality and fragmenting our diverse city.

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: It will be very difficult to return the land and future value of the shares to the public once these shares are sold, which has major implications for mana whenua and Māori land interests (the Waitangi Tribunal cannot recommend the return of private land)

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: Rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, 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

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

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:

If funding for local board 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, Local community grants fund, Support and capacity building for community-led activities (Strategic Partnerships Programme)

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, Local community events, 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?

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?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland needs more bus services to meet needs

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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

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 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:

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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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 bus services and better reliability

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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 not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. Many of the initiatives that are threatened by these cuts support emerging and grassroots cultural practitioners. Cutting funds will force many to stop practising. The city will face a cultural decline and losses in revenue for the local economy. Cutting arts homogenises cities, making them less attractive to outside investors.

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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why: 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:

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, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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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?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Community facilities, services and activities, Climate action and sustainability initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose the idea of cuts to any of these crucial public and community services.

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: These services are all really important in terms of creating a city that people want to live in and want to visit. By removing funding to these services we risk reducing Auckland's ability to act as a vibrant, inviting, culturally rich destination.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: The city needs income from those of us who live here - if we cannot provide a sustainable income stream then we end up just cutting services that enrich our city, making Auckland a less desirable place to live, which will result in less people coming here

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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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Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because each of them play a role in enabling a more sustainable, lower cost future

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 'I do NOT support the cutting or reducing of funding of:

- public transport services
- Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
- Regional services
- local board funded activities
- regional contestable grants

I believe that this (a cost of living crisis, recovering from a pandemic) is not the right time to cut back on services but instead it is a time to invest into the opportunities and communities that make Tāmaki Makaurau a great place to live. The proposed cuts would negatively impact our economy and our culture, art and community sectors; and make it a less attractive place to live and visit.

However, when our communities and our cultural sector is thriving, all of Auckland will thrive. We need to keep providing events and cultural offerings, and make sure they are accessible to everyone. I do not support the cutting of services that support our most vulnerable communities, as they are needed more than ever. We should keep investing in homelessness funding, community empowerment and youth centres.

Some of the services facing cuts - libraries, literacy programmes, CABs, etc. - are ones that make our communities resilient and connected. For examples, libraries are places that offer so much more than books - they bring communities together, they are hubs to access information and education, participate in programming and events, a safe space for people from different backgrounds, and so much more. They have stepped up in emergencies such as the flooding and Covid, to support our communities. These kind of places and offers are what we need in such emergencies and we need to support the staff and the amazing work they do, rather than cutting their funding and efforts.

In addition, Council workers are part of our local community and the wages we invest in them ultimately come back into our communities.

In 2019, Auckland Council declared a climate emergency and recent events have proven that it is here. We need to invest more money in responding to this and keep investing in public transport, rather than cutting 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: We would be selling these shares at a low point in the market and lock in our losses. Once they are gone, we can no longer leverage them or use to support future revenue raising, and will cut off any future income Aucklanders could receive from this income

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

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

The current proposed rate increase is below inflation. I believe we should consider raising general rates beyond this proposed amount, in order to help avoid cutting service

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 has arrived and events such as storms and flooding will happen more frequently. This spending is absolutely necessary to help us prepare and respond to emergencies such as these.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: 'I oppose the idea of cuts to the crucial public and community services in the Waitematā local board area.

I oppose the proposal to reduce opening hours and services at libraries, and reducing the opening hours of the Central Library to six days a week.

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are the heart of our communities - they provide a safe space, lots of services and programmes, and are a hub of community and creativity - and we need to maintain or increase their current offerings and services.

Arts and community programmes/ev

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the changes to the Climate Action Targeted Rate. I support more investment in public transport, walking and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

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

It should be a priority to not cut any funding to libraries, as they provide so many important services to our communities.

We should also make sure Auckland remains a vibrant, exciting city, which tourists love come to visit and residents love to call th

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I wouldn't proceed with any of these. They're all important as part of Auckland being a welcoming tourist destination and a decent place to live.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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Have you taken this into account?

<https://betterbudgetauckland.co.nz/> (I've attached the budget pdf for your records. Note, I'm in no way affiliated with this or the people who put it together. I just think that it needs to be looked at as an alternativ

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A Better Budget for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

The Council – led by Mayor Wayne Brown – has put forward a 2023-2024 draft budget for public consultation. The Council says a \$295m financial hole needs to be filled. It proposes: general spending cuts, selling the Council's shares in Auckland International Airport, an average 4.66% rates increase, up to \$75 million in borrowing.

How did we get here?

The Council proposal says the financial pressures come from an expansion in services and assets that has brought higher maintenance costs, worsened by high interest rates and inflation. Cyclone Gabrielle and recent flooding events have added further financial strain.

Recent years have seen increased inflation and interest rates. **But some of the pressures on Council are temporary and others have been overstated.** A major reason for revenue being lower than it otherwise would be is COVID-19, a pandemic experienced by thousands of councils and governments worldwide. Non-rates revenue has remained steady, as the table on the left shows. Revenue from Council venues, services, and public transport is likely to grow over time as Auckland recovers from COVID-19.

2018	\$2,836
2019	\$3,089
2020	\$3,291
2021	\$3,339
2022	\$3,554

Non-Rates Revenue (\$m)
Source: Auckland Council Financial statements
2021/2022, 2020/2021, 2018/2019

Interest rates are projected to fall over time,¹ and Council acknowledges that 80-100% of its borrowing is at fixed rates – which means only a small part of its borrowing is affected by short-term increases in interest rates.² The budget was prepared before floods and Cyclone Gabrielle; these events will require reconstruction, but central government has partnered for that.

“Signs that inflation will ease meaningfully over 2023 are becoming increasing clear.”³

Auckland Council is not facing a debt crisis: Auckland's debt is at 250% of its revenue, well below the 290% debt ceiling. Total debt as a ratio to revenue has been relatively stable (see graph on the right). The cost of servicing interest increased in 2022 as a proportion of total revenues, but the overall trend is declining.

Why can we do better?

The proposed cuts will have irreversible long-term impacts.

The axing of operational spending could mean a permanent end to the services and institutions that help to make Auckland a community.

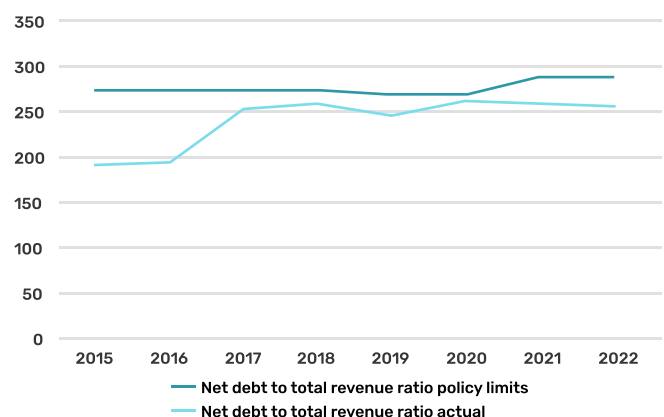
The cuts could affect – among other things – cultural events, library services (including services that support community safety), Māori and Pasifika employment (through reduced support of The Southern Initiative and The Western Initiative), Early Childhood Education services, and organisations like the Citizens Advice Bureau that allow people to access their minimum legal rights. Events and organisations may disappear due to the cuts.

Selling the airport shares does not add up. The loss of the 18% shareholding in Auckland International Airport would make the city permanently poorer and would remove people's level of control over a strategic asset. The Council proposal does not consider the loss of a stake in the airport's extensive landholding. It will be very difficult to return the land and future value of the shares to the public once these shares are sold. This has implications for:

1. **Māori land interests: the Waitangi Tribunal cannot recommend return of private land, so airport land will be permanently alienated from Māori.**
2. **Future climate and other emergencies: we need coordinated transport hubs, which is harder when airports are privatised.**

Our communities are more important than ever. Cyclone Gabrielle and the recent floods show that community organisations (such as Visionwest Community Trust, which will be affected by the cuts) are essential as a source of food, shelter, and social support in times of emergency. These organisations make a community resilient. Eliminating these organisations makes individuals and communities more vulnerable and precarious.

Net debt to total revenue



Source: Auckland Council annual reports for 2018/19 and 2020/21

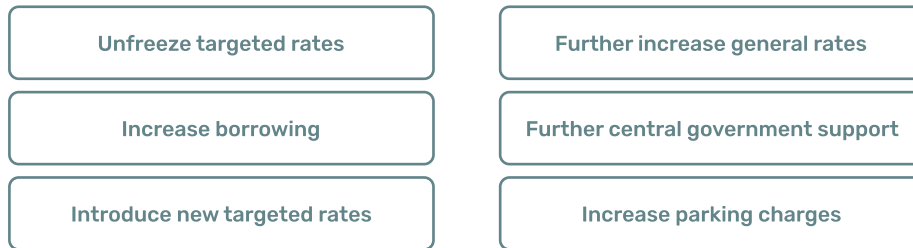
[1] See eg <https://www.opespartners.co.nz/mortgage/interest-rates/interest-rate-predictions>.

[2] Council Budget consultation document, online at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/externalcontentdelivery/consultations/budgets/annual-budget-2023-2024/annual-budget-2023-2024-consultation-document.pdf>, at page 47.

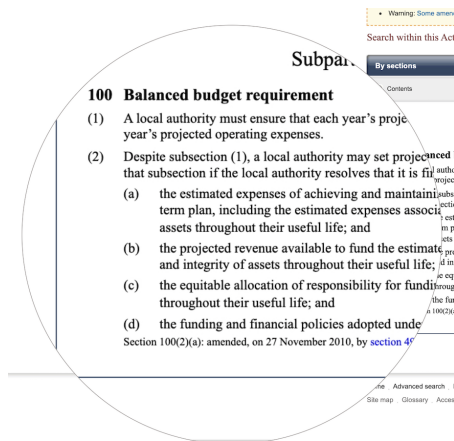
[3] ANZ research note, reported in January 2023: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/131057053/anz-trims-interest-rate-forecast-after-inflation-comes-in-unchanged>.

Citizens Advice Bureaus face closure as a result of proposed cuts. Going by 2022 figures, this is estimated to impact 163,000 people seeking access to assistance concerning their legal rights, including in relation to immigration, MSD, and KiwiSaver.

There are many more options available than what the Budget Proposal suggests. The proposal suggests the public will have to accept the budget, or face a 13.5% increase in rates, or increased borrowing. But many other combinations of rates, borrowing, charges, and central government support are possible, such as:



How can we do better?



Local Government Act 2002

When considering alternative options, a starting point is that the Council does not have to run a 'balanced budget'. The law says councils have a Balanced budget requirement but that they only have to 'balance the books' if it would not be "financially prudent" to do so (for example, if cutting services creates its own financial costs), factoring in the need to maintain services set out in a long-term plan. **But if the Council is intent on 'balancing the books', another budget is possible.** The Council has not made it easy to construct another budget by imposing a very short (one month) timeframe on the consultation process, but a budget does not need to be finalised until June and it is still feasible to develop alternative proposals.

Council is opting to pause two important targeted rates and they don't have to do that. The Council says its reserves from the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate are not spent, and that these rates can be suspended for a year. Now is not the time to freeze funding for water quality or the natural environment.

\$50.9m

Annual revenues from unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate

\$150.9m

Increasing borrowing avoids the need for community cuts and sale of airport shares

Council can borrow more. The Council is proposing to borrow \$75 million. Council says that it cannot borrow more than \$140m without breaching internal policy, but as the Council these policies can be adjusted (as the Council has recognised by acknowledging it would need to amend its airport shareholding policy to sell off its shares). Combining borrowing with a strong revenue plan, ensures Auckland's strong credit rating is not impacted.

The existing rates proposal will provide necessary revenue. This general rates increase, along with increased borrowing and unfreezing targeted rates, can provide \$295m in revenue.⁴ This alternative budget plan will address the shortfall and provide the foundation for a budget that is more flexible, fairer, and better for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland over the long-term. Building on this foundation, **Auckland Council should be investing now** – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back. That investment can be funded through the same mix of borrowing and rates set out here. This plan demonstrates that the budget shortfall can be addressed, if necessary. Cutting and selling are no way to bring Auckland back on its feet – and back to its best.

Unfreeze targeted rates ⁵	\$50.9
Existing Council rates package ⁶	\$93.2
Extend borrowing	\$150.9
Alternative Budget Revenues	\$295.0

[4] The figures used in the table are rounded to one decimal place. Unrounded calculations add up to \$295m.

[5] To reach this figure, we take the 2018–2028 10-year Budget's projections for the Water Quality Targeted Rate (\$452 million over 10 years) and Natural Environment Targeted Rate (\$311 million over 10 years), take an annual figure for each targeted rate from this ten year projection ($452/10=45.2$ for the WQTR and $311/10=31.1$ for the NETR), and then calculate what an annual two-thirds reduction would be in light of what is said in the Budget consultation document at page 52, rounding to one decimal place ($76.3*(2/3)=50.87$).

[6] We adopt the Council's own assumption that "a 1 per cent change in general rates is equivalent to around \$20 million of revenue for the council" ($20*4.66=93.2$): <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/budget-reductions-operational-spending>

We have assumed that the proposed Council rates package can be directed to addressing the Budget shortfall. Nowhere in the Budget consultation document does it say that any of the rates package has already been accounted for. If some of the rates package has already been 'banked' (for example, 3.5% under the LTP) then some further revenues may have to be secured from additional increases in general rates, additional borrowing, or any other options listed on the previous page.



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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of the services are important to people in different ways and add value to people. For example, having better public transport makes getting to work more efficient for people. Childcare helps parents go back to work or look after their mental health. Getting further debt and increasing rates to service these important services is prudent as it will be repaid in different ways which will help our society generally be a lot better. Debt is not bad as long as it is being used towards something productive.

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Tell us why: Selling shares in a profitable business is not good long term. It is prudent to keep the shares and get more debt and raise 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: It is important work that needs to be done. However, other infrastructure should still be worked on by getting further debt to pay for 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: We should be planting out more grass areas with trees and shrubs.

If funding for local board 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, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Education and the environment are very important.

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, 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?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't support the reduced funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board activities or regional contestable grants. Auckland's city centre is only just coming back to life with tourists, students and workers returning. Smaller activities like those funded by local boards are important to the buzz and life in the city and its suburbs. Having events and attractions like the Art Gallery, Zoo and stadiums draws visitors from around NZ who in turn spend money at hotels and hospitality venues.

There is a huge problem with homelessness in the city centre and it is crazy to cut any funding of this right now, just as more and more people are struggling to buy food and afford rent. In between taking away free/cheap events and places to visit, taking away homelessness funding, stopping funding of the CAB the city centre will end up returning to the dire state it was in during the 2021 lockdowns. It is especially cruel to cut regional grants when those in the creative industries have just suffered through several years of severely reduced work opportunities. What will be the point of living in Auckland if the artists, actors, musicians and other creatives have no support to continue?

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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: There is no debt crisis and no need to sell these shares. Standard and Poor have just affirmed council's AA long-term and A-1+ short-term issuer credit ratings. Council doesn't need to sell these shares, as it has a stable credit rating. Furthermore, coun

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 makes sense to be better prepared for future storm events, as these are likely to be more frequent.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: This is rather unfair and stupid to only allow people to choose three priorities. Our waterways are polluted and uncared for and as seen by recent floods, are important as a way to drain flood waters. Community programmes, especially for the arts are vita

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop paying contractors to maintain public parks and facilities. It would be cheaper to have staff on the payroll rather than to pay a private company that is there to make a profit. Stop using so many PR, media and engagement consultants. Stop printing o

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing public transport funding is ridiculous - this just encourages everyone to drive everywhere worsening the city's congestion, not to mention the climate!! AT service has been terrible for ages with busses being cancelled constantly, with budget cuts it will never improve and transport will never get any better in Auckland.

Community and Educational programmes should also not be cut, these are integral to a city and help those less fortunate. When homelessness funding is cut what will happen to all the homeless people?? People living on the streets is not a good look for Auckland! People deserve to have a home.

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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 seems a better alternative than cutting so many social and community services

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Infrastructure definitely needs to be improved to cope with extreme weather events caused by climate change!!

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 restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries and community centres and programmes are integral to the community. A city needs to have culture.

Environmental restoration and pest control are important if we want to protect nature for future generations and see native birds coming back to t

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?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited;

Reducing regional services;

Reducing local board funded activities; and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

These cuts will have a destructive effect on the arts and culture of Auckland, making it less liveable for residents and less appealing to visitors.

As a person on a low-income living in the Auckland CBD, my ability to enjoy the city and participate in the community is dependent on council's funding of arts and culture institutions like art galleries (both small and large), libraries and theatres (the Basement theatre in particular). Living in the city with a limited income is challenging, but the presence of these free or affordable institutions provide me with access to enriching experiences despite my limited means.

These cuts risk further shutting poor and low-income people out of the life of the city.

Beyond my personal interest in the preservation of these services and institutions, there will be wider economic consequences from these cuts. The cultural life of a city is key to attracting visitors. The dramatic contraction of the arts sector as a result of these cuts will make Auckland a less appealing destination, impacting hospitality, accommodation and retail.

In addition to cuts that will impact the arts and culture sectors, I oppose the proposal to cut funding of Citizens Advice Bureau. CABs provide easy access in convenient locations to knowledge that is necessary for people to exercise their rights as citizens. The cost of CABs is minimal in comparison to the value that they deliver. For example, ImpactLab analysis found that for every \$1 spent on CAB North Shore, it provided measurable social good of \$13.20. Cutting CABs will leave a gap in services that cannot be met through other means.

The proposed cuts in all areas will have serious and irreversible impacts that will undermine the Auckland Council's responsibility under the Local Government Act 2002, s 10(1)(b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

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

Tell us why: Selling these assets under current market conditions will provide comparatively poor returns and will deprive us of the value of these assets in the future.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Make use of BOTH higher rates and a greater use of debt.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These responses are given with the caveat that none of these services should be cut.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing 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.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why: Higher general rates increase & make greater use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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

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: In light of the recent storms and flooding in Auckland - it is clear we need to invest in the resilience of our infrastructure. Just down the road from our Grey Lynn flat cars were submerged and homes surrounded in water.

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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. The proposed cuts will be devastating. What is not watered, will not grow. They will be especially devastating to low income earners.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and culture are the heart of society, and engaging with them promotes respect and understanding of others, and is positive for our mental health.

The quality of our water is something not to be compromised !

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? I support investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

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?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The loss of social service activities and programmes will throttle our recovering community. It is morally imperative to ensure that there are social services for all.

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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

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Tell us why: Auckland is a patchwork of sins handed down by the fathers. From low quality public transport to fragile climate resilient infrastructure. Let us not repeat history. The best time to start was yesterday, and the next best time is now.

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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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 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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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. This will cause irreversible damage to an already-struggling arts and culture sector reeling from the aftermath of the pandemic & natural disasters.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

Regional contestable grants are also essential for the arts ecosystem, allowing venues like the Basement Theatre to provide a home for independent performing artists. This venue has played a crucial role in my own artistic development and practice, and that of my artistic peers. I am concerned about the future of the independent arts community and the impact of losing funding for key arts organizations on new graduates.

Auckland's arts, culture and creative sector helps make Auckland an enjoyable place to live and to visit. Our arts events, cultural festivals, and our lively theatre, dance, music, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, and bring Auckland communities together. The proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tataki Auckland, while small in terms of the Council's overall budget, will have a significant impact on our arts, culture and creative sector.

As a professional dancer, choreographer and dance teacher I have been involved in numerous festivals and events across Auckland over the past 6 years. During these events, I have experienced some of the most positive experiences that have made me feel uplifted, inspired, reflective and helped me grapple with my own mental health. Local funding has supported my dance collective to facilitate community dance classes which have been accessibly priced to bring movement and joy to locals who would otherwise not be able to access these classes.

The arts, culture and creative sector was hard hit by COVID-19. Lockdowns and audience hesitancy knocked out many of Auckland's festivals, events, and many performing arts events - theatre, dance, music and comedy. My contemporary dance show STRUCTURE with Dance Plant Collective has been postponed 4 times due to Covid-19 outbreaks, which has been absolutely devastating for our whole team. The loss of income and inability to work in live events during the pandemic has driven many of my peers out of the industry, or overseas. NZ produces some world-class art, and the loss of local talent is saddening.

Central government COVID-19 funding reduced the impact from 2020 to 2022. That funding is now coming to an end, and our arts community is getting back on its feet. A range of festivals, arts events and performing arts are coming back to our city. For example, over the weekend I attended some of the most outstanding performances and shows at the Auckland Arts Festival, Auckland Art Gallery and Beacon Festival. These events brought the city to life and make Auckland the vibrant place it can be. It is crucial for the wellbeing of Aucklanders that these events can proceed.

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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 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.

I would be happy to pay the price of a cup of coffee a week to solve the chronic underinvestment in council services. It's not a significant rates increase in the long

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

Tell us why: After witnessing the devastating destruction across Auckland due to the floods and cyclones, I am absolutely in support of this budget increase. Lives have been lost, some people have lost everything they own and many of those badly impacted are vulnerabl

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The services provided by the Waitemata local board that are proposed to have cuts would seriously impact the well-being of locals in our area. I do not support any of these funding reductions to these crucial services that make Auckland city liveable. 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), 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: I am concerned about all of these issues, not just the 3 I have selected.

Cutting funding from arts and events makes it near impossible to get these important programmes and events back once they are gone. These services and events make Auckland city liv

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What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable): Sustainable Business Network

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport services are an efficient way of tackling climate change. They enable those without cars to get around safely and affordably. Reducing the frequency and increasing the cost of public transport makes it harder to tackle pollution and climate change, and places the burden on people who can least afford it.

We have seen the impact of reduced train and bus services recently, with massive cost to the public in terms of extra time getting around the city and increased congestion as people are forced to drive. This is an increase in cost to all rate payers. Further to this, the harder it is to get into the city centre, the less people will make the journey, which will impact on the vitality of our city and the businesses trying to operate there. Investing in alternative modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport will solve these issues.

Adopting a more sustainable approach to transport in Auckland would also bring economic benefits. The Sustainable Business Network commissioned a study by Sapere Research Group in 2018 which showed Auckland could be \$8.8 billion better off by 2030 if it installed the circular economy, with much lower carbon emissions. Transport was one of the sectors studied. The research showed that encouraging ride sharing, refurbishing commercial vehicles and reducing congestion could yield \$1.8 million for Auckland by 2030.

We recommend that Council picks up the pace of decarbonising transport and rethinks its assets to maximise their use. For example, looking at rental options for public assets like its own vehicle fleet to reduce the number and convert to electric. Council should work in partnership with suppliers to innovate and increase efficiency.

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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: Aucklanders have made it clear they want to see investment in both a higher rates increase and make greater use of debt. Auckland Council should follow the lead of Wellington City Council, which has announced a 12.3-12.8% increase in rates. This ensures i

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council needs to invest in the emergency preparedness of its people. The increase in extreme weather events should motivate us to make changes that allow our rural and urban communities to be prepared and adaptive to future environmental degradation.

5. Local Boards

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.	
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 established last year with overwhelming public support. We do not agree with using this fund to reduce costs to Auckland Transport, rather than using it to improve and increase public transport services. We support more

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

The Sustainable Business Network (SBN) has been calling for action on sustainability since its inception in 2002. We are now in a climate emergency, evidenced by the damage to land, waterways, property, infrastructure and people across Tāmaki Makaurau.

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Increasing prices for venues, stadiums, zoos etc would mean that they would not be utilised due to cost and then Auckland would not have any such venues.

Holt all upcoming projects. i.e. new stadiums etc and take time to recoup. Reduce regional services slightly and amalgamate offices and sell others.

Reduce grants, adjust staff levels, more user pay options.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Good investment. Would hate to see these shares get in overseas hands.

Maybe rate payers can have first option of purchasing a small portion of shares sold but Council should hold onto at least 10%

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? 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? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why:

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

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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?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Waiheke Local Board

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

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support reductions in any of the proposed cuts. Public transport needs more, not less spend, zoo and art gallery should not be priced beyond the ability of ordinary families, reduction of regional services including homelessness funding would be barbaric, local board activities are important and shouldn't be reduced, neither should early childhood subsidies be reduced. this is expensive enough for many and council subsidized funding is very helpful for young families.

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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: This is likely to be a good investment but it may be a way of saving funds without impact on those who can least afford it.

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: this is appropriate to manage 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: Essential to help prevent devastating impacts in the future

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: local boards expenditure contributes significantly to the well being of residents and provides good value for money

If funding for local board 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: environmental restoration and programme delivery are all essential investments for our residents.

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? I do not support changing bins. this would have a colossal impact on the environment by wasting tonnes of plastic.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I support the Tupunga Maunga Authority Operational Plan including co-governance of the maunga of Tamaki Makarau

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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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: While it hasn't produced a dividend recently it will at some point in the future. It seems silly to sell now while its down.

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:

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?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport desperately needs to be increased - it is not fit for purpose, and it's hurting the people's trust in public transport and therefore future viability.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: And make greater use of debt. Sell a golf course.

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What is your preference on 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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5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't think funding to local boards should 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: Don't reduce funding to these areas.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell a golf course.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please DO NOT CUT arts/culture infrastructure, climate action initiatives, community empowerment programmes, cycling provision, early childhood education centres, homelessness prevention, the Citizens Advice Bureau, public transport funding, stormwater in

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Decreasing the public transport services is an actively backwards step for Auckland. We need to make travel to work, school and other activities more accessible for everyone across our far-stretched city, not less. Current transport states mean that some of my colleagues take hours to get to work, and cancellations make it impossible to plan travel. This is an untenable long-term state.

\$20 million is a very small proportion of your budget gap and your proposed cut to regional services will have catastrophic impact, far outweighing the costs saved. Auckland is already facing a huge task in flood recovery, on top of increased poverty and hardship due to cost of living and inflation rises. Reducing regional services directly contravenes Aucklanders' best interests; these are the services we turn to in times of need and those all of us benefit from to make Auckland liveable. It would be devastating to lose initiatives like Sunday Blessings which support unhoused whanau & by doing so improve the safety of everyone in the central city, youth centres and community programmes which provide safe, educational spaces for young people.

The same goes for all of these community proposals. Proposed operating spending reductions target services which are critical for Auckland's most vulnerable. These are not in our people's or our city's best interests. Auckland's attraction lies in its vibrancy, its arts events cycles, its liveableness - these cuts will be catastrophic and unconscionable.

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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 are you selling these shares at a low point in the market. It's not a logical time. Have some forward thinking; sell them when shares are high. Sell some golf courses instead - find other assets!

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Tell us why: You should increase rates and also increase use of debt. Based on your modelling, the highest possible rates increase (>13%) still falls within the boundaries of 'affordable', e.g. less than 5% the median annual household income. The difference in affo

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 absolutely critical to invest in stormwater infrastructure and other work which will enable us to shoulder future disastrous weather events - because there will be.

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

Tell us why: The proposals for Waitemata are almost unbelievable even by the standards of the rest of this budget and frankly egregious. Discontinuing already-scarce community funding & grants will devastate organisations who provide unglamorous, foundational supp

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community grants and community funding are foundational for the safety, diversity and quality of our communities. Environmental efforts are equally foundational for our future, but I see rats the size of my forearm in the Domain already in the evening, so

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Re-examine internal staffing & remuneration for auckland council. Adjust services provided to wealthy communities and demographics instead of de-funding community support for our most vulnerable (find things to cut in Parnell and Ponsonby.)

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why: No more debt to continue overspending on operations.

Make further operational cuts until no debt increase is required.

First all managemrn at Auckland Transport, and cut all spending on surveillance systems.

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

Tell us why: It will all be wasted on wanky consultants, and the ratepayers can't keep taking increases. If it's really important, cut something that is less important to pay for it. This is called "living within your means", try it.

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Tell us why: Woolly waste. "Maximise our capital renewals"...? "Investigate"?

Wait until you have the money, meanwhile just do the bare essentials.

And put the bloody names of the wards in English next time you survey us, 96% of us speak ENGLISH.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Something useful will get done, instead of make-work wastage

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes, that is an understatement. Fire The Maunga racists, AT, ATEED, Panuku, and all the other no-hopers who are ruining the city and making us pay for it.

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What do you think of these proposals? Charge the same, no rate or charge increases, cut costs to match

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

Fire and de-fund the TPA

These ridiculous racists want to ruin OUR hills and for us to pay ridiculous amounts of money that we haven't got

Let's just leave the trees and we can all get along

BTW I am a maori and these racists don't speak for me

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

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Would rather pay more in rates for a city that is worth living in, then have cheaper rates by a few dollars while cuts to services and arts ruin the quality-of-living for millions of constituents.

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Tell us why: If previous public councils had not shirked their responsibilities to maintain proper piping and sewerage systems, we might not have so much to fix. So do it right this time.

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Tell us why: Contradiction/ falsehood of information where public services such as Citizens Advice Bureau and homelessness while claiming to prioritise programmes that support community connection and safety.

How can you prioritise community connection or empowerment

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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? reducing tax cuts for the wealthiest, selling golf courses, Wayne Brown employing PR agencies to manage his image after failing to do his job in a national emergency.

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Historically kiwi's have created international spectacles around lesser outrages which have gained media attention overseas - after failing so publicly

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is essential to the functions of the city being equitably accessed, and the necessity to reduce carbon outputs is pressing. Without the Citizens Advice Bureau many people could not understand or access their rights. Early childhood education services are becoming increasingly monetised and removing publicly provided options would remove alternatives to this, reducing options for parents with a variety of values with respect to the development of their children.

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

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

Tell us why: Sell golf courses instead, with covenants for them to remain as undeveloped land.

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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: We need to evenly distribute the costs of living in a city across generations and not stack them all up on the future generations so increasing current rates is important. Reducing critical services restricts the capacity of many city dwellers to live a f

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Tell us why: Preparation will improve response. Ideally this will extend to investment in Auckland becoming a 'spongy' city instead of highly paved one.

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What do you think of these proposals? Food scraps not going in the landfill is a bonus for the climate, and so should be incentivised, not charged for. This can be funded by an increase in cost for landfill bound waste.

7. What else is important to you?

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Buses, CABs, community gardens and climate action are all essential. Cutting back services that allow the less well off city residents to make the most of their options is weird and unfair. If you can save money by selling golf courses, that would affect

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing the Tātaki Auckland budget will impact arts and culture in Auckland which is a key part of what will make Auckland great. In tough times people need outlets to enjoy things. There may be some opportunity to streamline some events but not in relation to our major institutions and some key events

In particular, writers festival, Auckland arts Festival, libraries, Objectspace, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland art fair, Pacifica festival, Te Tuhi, Auckland Museum, Latern Festival

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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?** I do not support most priorities

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?) 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?

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

Reducing funding for Tataki will have a major negative impact on our city. In particular the Auckland art gallery and other key events like writers festival, film festival, Object space,. Whilst there may be room for streamlining some events, combining li

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024

28 March 2023

Submission: 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.

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.

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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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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.

Yours sincerely,



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Tell us why: the cost of living is affecting everyone

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

Tell us why: stop town houses and all the concrete driveways that are being built.

Ensure no building in areas that have streams (eg. 40d konini rd, tirirangi)

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Tell us why: environment needs to be addressed

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 adapt and respond appropriately I would expect more than 20 million would be required per annum but it is necessary.

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 priorities but do not support local board funding reductions outlined in question 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 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: Think you need to allow for more than three. Questions seems

Posed to allow for council to say we did three so all ok.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? You could increase the rates charged for facilities.

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? Support increase charge only if bin is not for recycling, in that bigger bin is for general waste.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower 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? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Improve wages of frontline staff, decrease wages of council staff and reduce the amount of admin and extra council staff. Have everyone on minimum wage and then you'll see who is actually necessary

5. Local Boards

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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?

Improve the wages of frontline staff. Have the council on minimum wage. Fire Wayne brown

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support these cost reductions. The effect of such a sizeable reduction in funding will have immense ramifications on the cultural ecosystem and devastate Auckland's art and community sectors.

2023 is most certainly not the time to be cutting back in funding for the arts and we have a real opportunity to invest in Auckland's future. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative practices bring vibrancy to our city, bring communities together, and make our city so attractive to tourists. These proposed cuts would likely present destructive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport systems and other sectors across the city.

Auckland's communities are thriving most when our arts and cultural sector is prospering, it is through arts in which the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and 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 many sectors to generate revenue. It must be stressed that the proposed cuts would most certainly impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

Culture and arts are not “nice-to-haves” that can be defunded due to political ambitions. 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 be stripping back decades of cultural developments. A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

Auckland Council's A++ rating ensures that the borrowing of money will not be as devastating as it has been proposed in media. This boost in the cities fiscal strength can continue to deliver for all communities across the isthmus without compromise, as is expected for a city of our cultural standing.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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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), 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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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?

Council owned buildings should not be increasing rent for tenants. These groups are the heart of the community and ensure that the vibrancy of the city continues to run. To add further financial burden on these vulnerable community groups (often made of v

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of the services that cuts are being proposed to are critical for the health and culture of Auckland. Particularly, the public transport services, and arts funding.

Our public transport system is already woefully inadequate, forcing many Aucklanders to use cars when they'd prefer not to. It requires a huge increase in investment to get services to the level Aucklanders desire, a decrease is the wrong direction.

Auckland's art scene continues to struggle after Covid-19 lockdowns. Arts is the single most important part of fostering and building Auckland's culture. Eliminating funding to the arts will be a death sentence for much of the arts sector.

All of these reductions can be avoided by selling our golf courses, which are enjoyed by far fewer Aucklanders, are a huge cost to the council, and could be developed into high-quality, high-density housing to help solve our housing supply issues.

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

Tell us why: Sell any golf courses that the council owns. The airport shares are a sound investment in the long term, both financially and in terms of public interest (Auckland should have some control over its airport) and the golf courses are a poor investment. They

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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 Auckland council sells the golf courses, it won't need to take on debt. But the city will still direly need infrastructure improvements (particularly around water) which higher rates will help fund.

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

Tell us why: The budget should be increases by a far larger number than \$20 million - make it whatever is required to get our water infrastructure up to the levels required.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No. Sell the golf courses so you don't have to.

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What do you think of these proposals? Sell the golf courses. Develop them. Make money from the sale. Make money from the rates that the new residents pay.

It is by far the most prudent economic decision the council can make.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of the above, borrow more money or sell shares

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

Tell us why:

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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

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?) Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways, Local parks and facilities maintenance

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining and improving public transport services is important to me personally, and is also very important from a climate change perspective.

I also prioritise services like CAB very highly.

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

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

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

Tell us why: Although I'm not a fan of selling public assets, reducing public debt is more important in this case.

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 higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: A higher general rates increase is simpler to understand and communicate, and our debt levels are already high.

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: Storms will only get worse on average over time, due to climate change.

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:

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

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

Do not increase rates and/or debt

Cut on high salaries of managers and equivalent including elected officials

Stop pet projects and contracts to

Cut support on pricing at stadium

Stop spending on offices, design, consultants and engineering plan fees for projects that are not completed such as the \$51 million on the bridge.

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

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

Tell us why: Do not sell the shares

Use Auckland Council's shares to pressure the Airport on reducing cost passed to the travellers

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: Reduce expenses especially cut on Auckland councils.

Do not increase rates, do not increase the debt.

Cut all future events which did not bring any return to the city.

Reduce salaries of top 30% at Auckland council

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: Produce a detailed plan of how these \$20M will be spent.

\$ must be spent on practical actions and not some further consultancy, office and hires blowout.

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: Additionally You should not reduce funding on Library, Arts and community centre programme as well as community programme delivery.

Reducing costs: Why cleaning upper Parnell road 3 times at night, 12am, 1am, 2am??

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing regional services, local board grants and early childhood education services.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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Tell us why: Because it produces the best outcome of reduction of debt.

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Tell us why: This isn't relevant to me.

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

Tell us why: Peoples homes are important and need to be saved via better waterways and infrastructure.

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: 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?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: I support a higher level of debt and also a slightly higher level of rates, to support the services and amenities I identified previously.

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

Tell us why: In principle I support increasing the operating budget to improve infrastructure resilience. My biggest problem is that since the formation of Metrowater in the 1990's, price increases have been justified by saying they were needed for upgrading infrastru

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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.

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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.

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

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

Tell us why:

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?) 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: 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,

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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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 not proceed with if any: Do not reduce spending for arts and culture, community groups, community empowerment and funding for youth centres, early childhood support and homelessness.

Arts and culture offers so much to our city through shows, tourism, and growing our country's next generation of artists. Cutting this will remove the platform that these artist desperately need to get a foot in the door.

Removing funding from the other areas will impact vulnerable people. We don't need to do that. Raise debt instead.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why: Raising debt is not a bad thing. The council is far from its debt ceiling. We can use more and not hurt vulnerable people in doing 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:

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 not proceed with if any: Absolutely disgusting that all the things that make the city great are being cut.

Community, arts, culture and economic development bring people together promote social cohesion and generate a lot for the economy. Cutting things like this will make the city a bleak, depressing back water which people and companies do not want to invest in and send the economy backwards. Once trust is lost with the community and infrastructure cut, it will take years to get it back.

Cutting public transport is a complete abhorrent! We are in the middle of a climate crisis and MORE dedicated public transport needs to go in to give people the choice to get out of cars.

Cuts to local boards are unfair, they know their communities and support them. This is particularly awful that all local boards are getting cuts. Why not make cuts to the richer areas and maintain funding to the poorer areas to level the playing field? it's making people lose trust in government and democracy.

Reducing homelessness efforts is awful - these are the poorest and most vulnerable people and more are at risk of homelessness if they can't afford their rent in this cost of living crisis. With no one helping or supporting these people or the organisations trying to help them, there will be more desperate people out there which will increase crime, particularly

in the CBD where there are already issues. More businesses and people will stay away and the will further undermine Auckland's future.

Reducing funding to Council facilities is not thought through. They provide an amazing service to many and give Aucklanders a love of their city, especially in a high cost environment where families look for cost effective things to do. My 4 year daughter loves the art gallery and facilities like this help parents to show the children all about the world and its discussing that they are not valued. Its things like this that make a city a good place to live. When I was a new parent, on a single income while I was at home I made full use of libraries, community centres, art galleries and the zoo and really valued them and the events that happen. Cutting economic development is a short sighted move, they bring in investment and support businesses. With economic development and international promotion to bring in businesses and events, they generate so much for the economy, their value is way more significant and loss will last much longer than an arbitrary cut which will hurt the economy long run and see Auckland fall as a tourist destination and place to live.

I am more than happy to pay more in rates to ensure that the city remains a fun and vibrant place to be and not a hellish, culturally void wasteland which international visitors just pass through because it is so bleak and local people hate.

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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: Asset sales aren't the solution, Auckland will have a bit less debt and left with nothing long term.

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: Council is critical to the future of Auckland, I'm sure people would want to pay to live in a safe and vibrant city. Increasing rates adds little on a weekly basis and is should be done to maintain standards. Auckland's infrastructure and transport are al

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 infrastructure, better planning and more emphasis on planning for the future.

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:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: As a city centre resident with young children, we visit the library all the time, take advantage of all the local events and use the Ellen Melville Centre, they have great events and playgroups that we used to go to all the time when my child was little a

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?

'To raise money, don't cut everything that makes a city liveable.

Instead:

- Raise rates
- Introduce a congestion charge: make sure more money is put into transport first to make sure the public transport offer is good, then do a congestion charge to ra

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the following proposed reductions: funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited; reducing regional services; reducing local board funded activities; and reducing regional contestable grants.

These cost reductions will decimate Auckland's cultural economy and community, and have a knock-on effect throughout the local economy (retail, hospitality, job creation, and so on) and in education. All aspects of the city will suffer. People will lose jobs. This is incredibly short-sighted on the part of the Council, and will have a bad long-term economic consequences.

I have been involved with arts education programmes at community centres and schools, and know the positive impact for both our youth and adults, including immigrants and refugees. These programmes support literacy and citizenship. They are vital to the future of our 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: Selling all shares is ludicrously short-sighted.

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: Higher rates are the obvious way to support our city in times of financial need. The proposed rent increase is too low. A family member owns a house that is valued at almost \$2 million, and the proposed rent increase will add only around \$250 to their ann

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

Tell us why: Before the recent cyclones, the mayor seemed oblivious to the importance of funding our storm drainage system. It is essential that Auckland looks ahead and prepares rather than scrambles to deal with damage.

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: The cuts proposed by this Local Board will have a negative impact on this community. Libraries need to be open as they are essential community hubs, whether people are using the resources at the location itself or taking books out. Community facilities an

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Library hours, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is Sophie's Choice, really. I could select any three here.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: This is not a question of supporting or not supporting priorities: it's a question of how severe an impact all these cuts will have to our community in the central city.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Again, this is Sophie's Choice. But the library is the heart of the city, used for family and local research, access to archives and papers only held here, a place to study and meet, to read and access computers, to hear public performances and talks – as

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What do you think of these proposals? Please increase rates in a meaningful way to avoid cuts to community services. The proposed rate increase is too low.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Our cultural and arts events are vital to the life, spirit and resilience of our city. They attract tourists as well as locals, and therefore support businesses. Auckland is a city of social inequity: please don't make it worse.

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not 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 reductions. The net effect 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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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: To lose an asset like this would be short-sighted and incredibly damaging in the long-term. The existing rates proposal, along with increased borrowing and unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, could provide

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? Other

Tell us why: Increase borrowing significantly with a strong revenue plan to support it, and unfreeze the aforementioned targeted rates.

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: This is a worthwhile investment and a sensible number to start with. I understand that it's early in the process and that the figure may change, but good to start strong.

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.	

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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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? Other

Tell us why: Council should set higher general rates increase & 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

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?) Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, 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:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Grow the bus and public transport .

FIS all the stormwater issues that turned up Anniversary Day - add sponge parks and swales to parks and gardens . Ban plastic lawns and impervious development. Plant more trees instead of grass lawns .

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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).

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing social services, especially funding which affects homelessness, would have a drastic effect on those who most need help, for a mere saving of \$20m, a fraction of say, the transport budget. The same applies for ending childcare funding, a service relied on by those who otherwise would not be able to work but would have to cut back hours or give up jobs, likely falling back on benefits. That is counterproductive for a mere saving of \$1m. Instead of such cuts, I would prefer a rise in rates. (Or alternatively a cut to the money wasted digging up and repairing roads each year, which usually occurs to justify next year's budget for road repairs.) But a cut to essential services for some of the most vulnerable in society is unnecessary and counterproductive, as it simply costs society 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? 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 would prefer this to the proposed cuts in essential services such as homelessness and childcare, as set out above.

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: Rates do not necessarily equate to income levels but are the better tool to ensure the vulnerable in society do not end up paying for the need to reduce debt. I would prefer higher rates to a cut in services such as education, homelessness and childcare.

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: I support the priorities expressed above and would pay more rates to ensure they remain.

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are incredibly important to communities allowing the spread of education, as well as centres for community events. Local grants help the more vulnerable. And local waterways are often polluted and in a poor state. However many of these activities

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? I oppose reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Targeted Rate. This could be used to reduce debt and increase water standards.

7. What else is important to you?

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

Council should not reduce funding for citizens advice bureaus or climate change initiatives. The CAB is a fundamental service for those who cannot afford legal or other support. Further it saves money in the long run by having better informed individuals.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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:

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:

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

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:

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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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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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: the proposed budget cuts will tear the heart out of the communities, further delay important infrastructure work which is required to keep a city moving. it will contribute to further inequality within the city with public transport becoming infrequent. it may result in an increase in crime - a legacy this council will have to live with. this is not why you were voted 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: this is an asset that will increase in value. It does not make economic sense to do that. this is what previous central governments did and now there is regret.

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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: Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. Once the cuts are made there will be no revival o

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: I oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services. Once they are gone they will never come back. Community is essential to the wellbeing of our community. it prevent mental health issues, it prevents crime.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all important to me, the community, the environment and education. none should be cut

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I suggest that the golf courses are changed to provide public access to all. This will retain green space and promote more community participation. People will be able to use them for walking, running, having picnics, flying kites, playing sport and man

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?

The proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural we

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Organisation (if applicable):

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 not proceed with if any: The role of council is to provide for its citizens. The plans gut services that are most heavily relied on by those who can least afford to not have the services.

This is a budget prepared with pressure from those who do not use council services but pay more rates (because they have the most valuable properties) to take away from those who can't afford to pay privately for the same services.

The city will miss its climate goals, become less vibrant, take a step backwards from progress made in recent years.

I urge you to reject the proposed cuts to services.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is critical to Auckland City's infrastructure. Selling the family silver which will pay dividends post the covid recovery period is crazy.

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: It is a disgrace that council could even consider to reduce NETR and WQTR. These are critical to funding the work required for a living city. Money already collected should have been spent. Using it to reduce further charges means the work planned to be c

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: To be honest, the proposed increase is likely to be nowhere near enough. But should definitely not be reduced.

5. Local Boards

Waiheke Local Board

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

Tell us why: Local boards are terribly underfunded. They need more money not less. Local decision making for local issues and priorities.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: All are important. This choice is like asking which sick child to withhold medication from.

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?) 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: All are important. This choice is like asking which sick child to withhold medication from.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Perhaps cut the Mayor's office budget to zero. He's just another councillor. Pay him the same and give him the same support as they do.

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 not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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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:

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?) 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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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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